

We are going to meet God. Now suppose in that moment of ultimate reckoning God should say to you, **What right do you have to come into My heaven?** What would be your answer?

What are the only possible three answers?

1.

2.

3.

How would you respond to those who answer other than *my right to heaven is the Lord Jesus Christ. He died for me. He took the punishment for my sin. He is my right to heaven, because He has become my righteousness?*

If we truly understand the depth of our sin, we should never cease to give thanks to God and we should never stop telling others of the Good News of Jesus Christ. What do you have to be thankful for?

How can we pray for you this week?

#### Notable Quotes

*The depravity of man is at once the most empirically verifiable reality but at the same time the most intellectually resisted fact.*

Malcolm Muggeridge

*There are only two kinds of men: The righteous who think they are sinners and the sinners who think they are righteous.*

Blaise Pascal

*One leak will sink a ship: and one sin will destroy a sinner.*

John Bunyan



Message #20: Case Closed! You're A Sinner!  
Romans 3:19-20

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#### 1. God's Standard is Absolute Righteousness

A. \_\_\_\_\_ *Matthew 22:37-40*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ *Exodus 20:1-17*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ *Matthew 5-7*

#### 2. We Are All Guilty Before Him

A. \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 3:19b*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 3:19c*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 3:20*

Whenever someone reads God's law, however kind, caring, generous, or moral they are, their response can only be: *I am a sinner. I have nothing to say to God—no defense and no excuses. I am in desperate trouble.*

Why do rebels against God need the gospel? How would you explain this to someone who rejects the existence of God?

Why do *good* people need the gospel? How would you explain this to someone who thinks they are good enough for God?

Why do you need the gospel? How do you remind yourself of this when you're tempted to feel pride about your *goodness* or despair about your sin?

What do these verses teach about our sinfulness?

*1 Samuel 2:2* —

*Psalms 95:10* —

*Isaiah 53:6* —

*Mark 10:18* —

*Romans 3:9* —

*Romans 3:23* —

*Galatians 3:22* —

To whom does the Law speak (*Romans 3:19*)? Who was *under the Law* (literally, *in the Law*) that Paul has been quoting?

What conclusion should Jews (and all people including us) understand at this point?

Could the Law justify anyone? Why?

How do you explain Paul's apparent contradiction in these two verses?

*Romans 2:13* —

*Romans 3:20* —

What does Paul mean by the phrase, *for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin (Romans 3:20)*?

What is the main message of *Romans 1:18-3:20*?

If someone were to ask you, *Is God fair to punish sincere, relatively good people forever in hell?* how would you answer?

Is it enough to explain in general terms that we all have sinned?

How can we properly use God's Law to show lost people their true guilt before God?

Can a person be saved by believing in Jesus as One who'll give them a better life without realizing their guilt and repenting of their sin? Why or why not?

An atheist tells you, *I don't believe in God and so I don't believe that I will face Him in judgment.* How would you answer him?

Donald Grey Barnhouse asks, *Suppose that you and I should go out of this building and a swerving automobile should come up on the sidewalk and kill the two of us. In the next moment we would be what men call 'dead.'*

