

None of us are good enough!

Romans 3:23

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

V1-2: The Jews are still _____ to God! They will always be the people of the _____ (the very words of God). Paul never forgot his people. He may have been called the Apostle to the Gentiles but he loved the Jews until the end of his life. Even today we should never be anti Semitic and should always pray for the salvation of the Jews. The main reason they had and still have such tremendous value is that they faithfully passed down the words of God to us in scripture. Just like us today they were many times rebellious and did not live by the scripture. However, God still has plans for his people and has not forgotten them. Revelation 7 (144,000) Romans chapter 11

V3-19 The lack of _____ of the Jews or even we Christians today is certainly not commendable, but it does not _____ God’s faithfulness. Not even a little bit! Paul refers back to Psalms 116:11 and says what is maybe even more appropriate in our egotistical society today, “Let God be _____, and every man a _____” Just who can we trust, and where do we go to find the answers in life? We cannot even trust _____. Sometimes we even lie to ourselves. In such a complicated convoluted world we can still go to God to find the truth. His truths are _____! If you do not believe it, ask yourself how are you doing when you attempt to find the truth by yourself without God? How do you think our society is doing without God? That is another reason why we know God judges us _____. Because he is Holy he cannot lie nor can he be fooled by lies. Numbers 23:19 Titus 1:2

Satan on the other hand is the _____ who tells you what you want to hear. That is why our society is like the old time sailors who listen to the siren song of the mermaids who lured them to smash themselves upon the rocks. When God tells us the truth it is not always easy to take, or even to understand, but it is always because he _____ us. Even in our churches today we have preachers who twist the word of God so people are _____ and not offended. Just as in verses 5-8 some teachers taught that since our _____ brings out the _____ of God more clearly then we should sin more so that God’s love will abound even more. Ridiculous, but It continues today as teachers try to appeal to what we want to hear and not the truth. 2 Timothy 4:1-5. Jeremiah 14:13-14

But... I’m different, I really have good intentions and I want to do the right thing. I know I’m not perfect but I am going to try and clean up my life. Good luck! Verses 9-20 make it clear as well as other places in scripture that no one really clean up their life and live right. Jeremiah 17:9-10 Roman 7: 18-25

In fact, verse 20 is one of the most startling truths in all of scripture. There was never a way that anyone could have lived up to the standards of the Law. The true purpose of the law was to show us our own sin and how lost we really are! What ! Is God some kind of cruel prankster asking us to live up to a standard that he knew we could never meet? Then punishing us because we are not “perfect”? No indeed! Our loving Father wanted to point us to the only one who could save us from the consequences of trying to measure up to the law or be religious and clean up our life. Our righteousness comes only through our _____. It does not come through being good, or belonging to any particular church or even going through religious rituals no matter how sincere we are.

V 21-31 Justice and boasting: That is also why no one can boast or be self-righteous. None of us have done or can do anything to make ourselves “right” in God’s sight. This same truth is the same for both the Jew and the gentile. In fact it is a universal truth for every race on the face of the earth; for every generation both past, present, and future, and you and I today. That is why God can administer his justice and still save us. That is also why we can only boast in God’s love and mercy and not in anything we have or have not done.

God is a loving heavenly Father who administers both perfect _____, and _____ . Wouldn't you like to live under his perfect love, justice and mercy today? Are you tired of living a defeated life on your own never measuring up to what you know you should? Well place your trust in Christ today!

Answers: special, book, faith, nullify, true, liar, ourselves, eternal, fairly, father of lies, loves, comfortable, unrighteousness, mercy, faith in Jesus Christ, justice mercy