Our Sin

Ken Chapman · Romans 3:23–26

INTRODUCTION

- Even a cursory reading of the book of Romans will tell you that the emphasis in Romans is on faith.
- The Apostle Paul, puts before us two different systems. The ancient system, the system of the law, that required perfect obedience.
- Versus Jesus Christ system, the new covenant. It's a system of faith that did include forgiveness and a provision for our sin.

1 The Depravity of Sin

Romans 1:16; Romans 1:18–20; Romans 1:22–32

- He introduces us not just to sin, but to the depravity of sin, the horror of sin, of just how repugnant and ungodlike sin is.
- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.
- His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.
- God has revealed himself to even to the Gentiles through creation, the creation of the outside world and the creation of our inside world, the inner man.
- We have become our own God. I decide what I want to do. I decide what is right and wrong. I decide my standard of morality.
- In his role as creator alone, he has every right to number one, be worshipped, and number two, to dictate our moral conduct.

2 The Reality of Sin

Romans 2:1–3; Romans 2:21–23; Romans 3:23

- You're inexcusable, you who judge another, because in whatever you judge another, you condemn yourself.
- It's wrong to applaud when somebody else is getting condemned and fail to make an application to yourself and to see the beam that's in your own eye.
- You therefore who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?
- What Paul is talking about here is there is a double, a religious double standard.
- The reality of sin is that we don't have to be in the depths of the depravity of sin to have sinned and to incur the wrath of God.

3 There Is a Remedy: Jesus Christ and Our Faith

Romans 3:23–26; Romans 4:1–3

- Verse 23 doesn't end with a period. That's not the end of the story.
- Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by his blood through faith.
- The word propitiation just really means the idea of appeasing the wrath of God.
- A price had to be paid to appease the wrath of God. And God set that price himself. And that price was the blood of his only begotten Son.
- The remedy to the reality and the depravity of sin is Jesus Christ. And our faith in him.
- Abraham believed God. And it was accounted to him for righteousness.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you come to that remedy this morning? Would you believe, have that faith that Abraham had in God, the faith in Jesus Christ? Would you believe in him, repent of your sins, confess your faith, and to be baptized this very morning?**

MY NOTES