

## **Romans 2:19–3:26**

### **From Rags to Riches**

Paul is telling us how about the law and how it will judge people. No one will go unscathed. We are victims of sin and Satan. Then along comes Jesus and everything is changed.

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.



Photo: Christ shed his blood for us so that we may have a new day.

### **Every Day with God**

Paul doesn't pull his punches. He tells us that the whole world is held accountable to God. All of us fall short. The wages of sin are death.

Then along comes Jesus to tell us that he has a gift for us. His gift is his blood. Jesus tells that he shed his blood for us and all who believe in him shall be saved and have eternal life. Once we had nothing, but through Jesus Christ we have everything.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank you for shedding your blood so that I may live.