



LETTERS TO THE CHURCH [ROMANS 3]

Romans 3 reveals that the ground is level for everyone. Paul confronts both religious pride and moral failure to show that no one stands right before God on their own. All are under sin, and even good things like the Law cannot fix that. Instead, the Law exposes God's character and helps people recognize their need for Him.

Into that shared condition, God acts. Through Jesus, righteousness is made available to everyone, not based on effort, background, or identity, but through trust in what Jesus has done. The cross becomes the place where God's justice and mercy meet, dealing with sin while also restoring people.

This removes any basis for comparison or boasting. No one is above another, and no one is excluded. The result is a new kind of family formed entirely by grace, where unity replaces division.

That unity is not just personal or internal. It is essential to God's mission. A divided people misrepresent the gospel, while a unified people demonstrate its truth. The invitation is to stop building identity on anything other than Jesus and to take a place within this shared, grace-filled family.

Discussion Questions:

1. Where are you relying on something other than Jesus for your identity or sense of standing with God?
2. How have you seen grace treated as something to take advantage of, and what does that do to a real relationship with God?
3. Who do you struggle to see as equal with you before God, and what would it look like to move toward unity with them?