

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea:
We are sinners.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

These scripture readings provide the context for the phrases that Paul uses in constructing Romans 3:9-20

Psalm 14	Psalm 5	Psalm 140
Psalm 10	Isaiah 59:1-9	Psalm 36
John 3:16-21		

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Romans 3:1-31

Paul uses a Jewish teach style called “remez” when he makes his case for the evil of man.

What do you learn about mankind from Romans 3 and the other scripture readings?

What have you learned about God that may not be obvious from Romans 3 alone?

Why does Paul choose to put so much emphasis on how evil we all are?

William Barclay points out that we can view a relationship through the eyes of responsibility or privilege. How did the Jews view their relationship with God? What role did the law play in shaping their view?

What similarities are there between the attitudes of the Jews of Paul’s day and American Christians today?

What message do you think Paul is attempting to communicate to us now?

What is the solution to the problem of evil regardless of time or place?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Thank you, Father, for giving me hope
when I am confronted with my sinfulness.

Father, I place my confidence in you
and in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Help me to respond to You with gratitude and obedience.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ ROMANS 3:1-2

Why was Paul happy that he was a Jew?

Name a job that you were picked for.

Why did you like or hate the job?

READ ROMANS 3:3

How do your thoughts and behavior change God?

How does your choice of bedtime change the sunrise?

READ ROMANS 3:5-8

How do you make God look good or bad?

Stand in several comparison lineups -

youngest to oldest; tallest to shortest, etc.

Do others change because of where you are in the line?

READ ROMANS 3:19-20

Make a list of laws that you know.

Do you always obey the laws that you know?

Does knowing about a law make you worried or confident?

READ ROMANS 3:21-26

Who can be good without Jesus?

Look up the word “righteous” in the dictionary.

READ ROMANS 3:27-30

Look at the list of laws that you made.

How do these laws help you?

Draw a line through each law that you have broken.

Should these laws be done away with? Why or why not?

MEMORY VERSE:

_____, then, shall we _____ in response to _____?

If _____ is for us, _____ can be against us?

He who did not spare his own _____,

but _____ Him up for us all—how will He not also,

along with Him, graciously _____ us all _____?

_____ 8:31-32

CRYPTOGRAM

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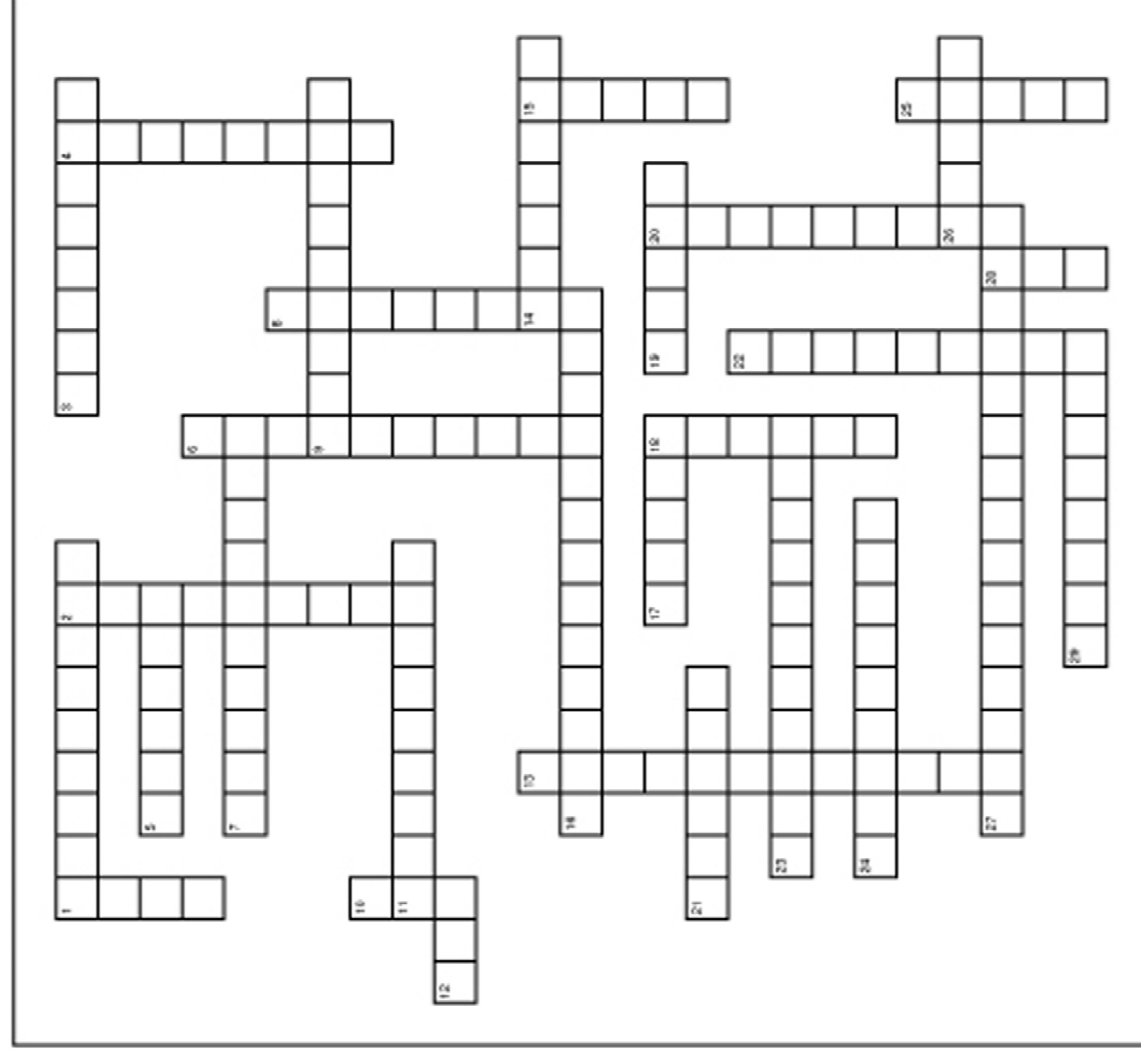
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Romans 3:1-31

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Across

1. lie (Romans 3:7)
3. called (Romans 3:20)
5. poisonous snakes (Romans 3:13)
7. bias or partiality (Romans 3:22)
9. given (Romans 3:2)
11. benefit (Romans 3:1)
12. chosen people of God (Romans 3:1)
14. witness (Romans 3:21)
16. holiness (Romans 3:21)
17. the earth and the people in it (Romans 3:6)
19. gift (Romans 3:24)
21. not fair (Romans 3:5)
23. responsible (Romans 3:19)
24. made right (Romans 3:24)
26. obligated to obey (Romans 3:19)
27. ungodly behavior (Romans 3:5)
29. quieted (Romans 3:19)

Down

1. awesome respect (Romans 3:18)
2. obeying (Romans 3:20)
4. left out (Romans 3:27)
6. buying back, price paid for (Romans 3:24)
8. spokesmen for God (Romans 3:21)
10. rules of God (Romans 3:19)
13. a physical definition of a Jew (Romans 3:1)
15. belief that is active (Romans 3:22)
18. the telling of lies (Romans 3:13)
20. aware (Romans 3:20)
22. guilty (Romans 3:7)
25. looks for (Romans 3:11)
28. the breaking of God's law (Romans 3:9)

Romans 3:1-31

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faith

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law

declared

Jew

redemption

world

unrighteousness

under

testify

accountable

prophets

difference

observing

seeks

justified

unjust

circumcision

vipers

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3. LWA -----
4. NIELCSDE -----
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6. TNTUEEDSR -----
7. EIDUJFTIS -----
8. SCUOCIOSN -----
9. EADOSOHLF -----
10. CDDEELXU -----
11. WRLDO -----
12. UUNSJ -----
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14. EANAUGATD -----
15. PEPTSRHO -----
16. GTESUSNHESRIO -----
17. UORCCIIMSIGN -----
18. SNI -----
19. IRSVPE -----
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21. ESTYFIT -----
22. RDEUN -----
23. ECRA -----
24. FREA -----
25. HIRSUOSNNTSUEGE -----
26. DICTEE -----
27. TIAHF -----
28. ESORBNIVG -----
29. WEJ -----
30. DEIRCFENE -----