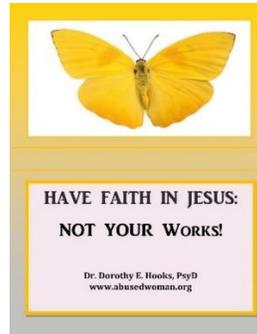




Have Faith In Jesus: NOT YOUR Works!



In this message, we are going to study [Romans 3:19-31](#); verse by verse. I will write the verses out and give a commentary on them, as Holy Spirit leads. **There are 13 verses in [Romans 3:19-31](#); therefore, I will separate this message into two parts: [Part A – Romans 3:19-25](#) and [Part B – Romans 3:26-31](#).** Part A & B will be further broken down into smaller parts, so you can digest the Word; take your time and study the Word – not rush through it.

The purpose of this message is to remind us (myself first – I am the first partaker of this message) that our works CANNOT save us; ONLY Jesus can – we are saved by God’s grace, through faith, in Jesus’ finished work, not our works ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#)). When we pray, we are to have faith in Jesus, not our capabilities; it is Holy Spirit that empowers us to do what we do anyway. We have faith in Jesus when we pray because God’s grace to us comes from us having faith in Jesus’ finished work.

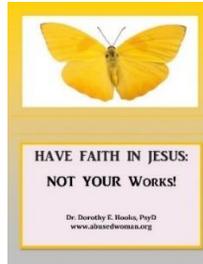
I suggest before you start studying this message, pray and ask Holy Spirit to give you His interpretation, of the Scriptures, so you can read the Word of God with understanding; the Word must get inside of you before you can be changed. [Romans 12:2](#) says, “**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**”

Also, ask Holy Spirit to show you any area in your life, that needs to be healed, delivered, and restored; It is the Word of God, that will cut out **ALL** things, that should not be in us ([Hebrews 4:12-13](#)).

Okay, let’s begin with [Part A – Romans 3:19-25](#). God bless you and give you His revelation, as you study! Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks



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Part A-1 – Romans 3:19-22 – I will give my commentary, as Holy Spirit gives it to me; if there is no commentary on the Scriptures below, ask Holy Spirit and He will give you the interpretation of the Scriptures. As you study each verse of Scripture, don't just rush through the verse; ponder on it and allow the Word to get into your heart – again, asking Holy Spirit for the interpretation. Even on the verses where there are commentaries, ask Holy Spirit for YOUR interpretation; we can read the Scripture and God will show us more sometimes, than when we first read it.

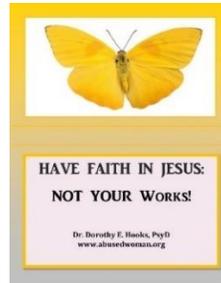
Scripture: Romans 3:19 – “Now we know that whatever the Law [of Moses] says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that [the excuses of] every mouth may be silenced [from protesting] and that all the world may be held accountable to God [and subject to His judgment].”

Scripture: Romans 3:20 – “For no person^[a] will be justified [freed of guilt and declared righteous] in His sight by [trying to do] the works of the Law. For through the Law we become conscious of sin [and the recognition of sin directs us toward repentance, but provides no remedy for sin].”

My Commentary – We [see here](#) that the Law of Moses, makes us conscious of our sin but does not give us a solution to get rid of the sin. The Law causes us to feel more wretched because we want to be free but don't know how; which causes us to spend more time beating ourselves up and becoming more depressed! But thank God for Jesus!! Jesus took our sins and gave us His righteousness!



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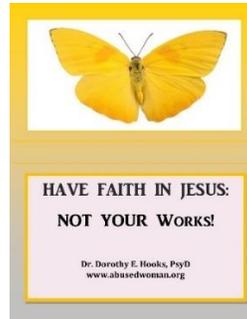
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Scripture: Romans 3:20 (continued) – “For no person^[a] will be justified [freed of guilt and declared righteous] in His sight by [trying to do] the works of the Law. For through the Law we become conscious of sin [and the recognition of sin directs us toward repentance, but provides no remedy for sin].”

My Commentary (continued) – Thank God for His revelations, that set us free from years of wrong thinking; thinking we had to work to earn our salvation – NOT SO! [This verse of Scripture](#) clearly shows us, “For no person (flesh) will be justified [freed of guilt and declared righteous] in His sight by [trying to do] the works of the Law...” This truth takes the responsibility off of us, and puts it on Jesus; He has completed the task – salvation comes through Jesus, not our works! Praise God! Praise God! I am elated about what God is doing in my life and the lives of His people; causing the scales to fall from our eyes, so we can see and hear Him clearly!



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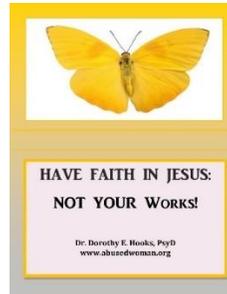
Scripture: Romans 3:21 – “But now the righteousness of God has been clearly revealed [independently and completely] apart from the Law, though it is [actually] confirmed by the Law and the [words and writings of the] Prophets.”

Scripture: Romans 3:22 – “This righteousness of God comes through faith in Jesus Christ for all those [Jew or Gentile] who believe [and trust in Him and acknowledge Him as God's Son]. There is no distinction,”

My Commentary – God's righteousness comes through us having faith in Jesus Christ and it is for all who believe; who trust in God and acknowledge Jesus as God's Son. There is no work we could EVER do, to deserve God's grace; His unmerited, undeserving, favor towards us! That is why Jesus had to come, take our sin, and give us the righteousness of God, so we could be restored to the Father; come in right fellowship with Him again.



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Part A-2 – Romans 3:23-25 – I will give my commentary, as Holy Spirit gives it to me; if there is no commentary on the Scriptures below, ask Holy Spirit and He will give you the interpretation of the Scriptures. As you study each verse of Scripture, don't just rush through the verse; ponder on it and allow the Word to get into your heart – again, asking Holy Spirit for the interpretation. Even on the verses where there are commentaries, ask Holy Spirit for YOUR interpretation; we can read the Scripture and God will show us more sometimes, than when we first read it.

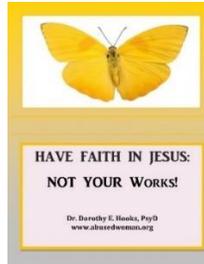
Scripture: Romans 3:23 – “since all have sinned and *continually* fall short of the glory of God,”

My Commentary – **This verse** tells us plainly, why our works could not and cannot save us; “since all have sinned and continually fall short of the glory of God.” Not only have we sinned and still sinning, in one way or another, we CONTINUALLY fall short of the glory of God. Are you seeing that your works cannot save you and you don't have to strive to go to Heaven, through your works? I pray you are asking Holy Spirit for His revelation, while studying these Scriptures, as I suggested earlier; otherwise, the devil will make you wear yourselves out, “working” for God or “working” for salvation, when Jesus has ALREADY completed EVERY REQUIREMENT, of the Law!

Scripture: Romans 3:24 – “and are being justified [declared free of the guilt of sin, made acceptable to God, and granted eternal life] as a gift by His [precious, undeserved] [a] grace, through the redemption [the payment for our sin] which is [provided] in Christ Jesus,”



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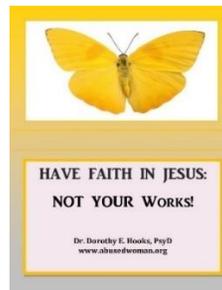
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My Commentary – **Verse 24** shows us that, although we all have sinned and continually fall short of God's glory (**v23**), God got us covered; still today! It says, we are being justified, which means, “declared free of the guilt of sin, made acceptable to God, and granted eternal life,” as a gift by His precious, undeserved grace (“His favor and mercy, extended to man who can do nothing to be worthy of it. It is God's amazing gift” – **footnote at biblegateway.com**). Justification (being declared free of the guilt of sin, made acceptable to God, and granted eternal life) **ONLY** comes through the redemption (Jesus paid for our sin, with His death, burial, and resurrection), provided for us in Christ Jesus. Again, **NOT BY OUR WORKS!** We have sinned and are continually falling short of God's glory – we are not worthy so Jesus took care of everything for us!



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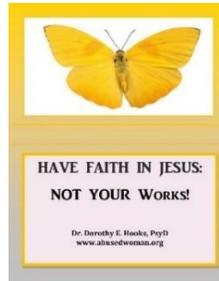


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Scripture: Romans 3:25 – “whom God displayed publicly [before the eyes of the world] as a [life-giving] [a]sacrifice of atonement *and* reconciliation (propitiation) by His blood [to be received] through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness [which demands punishment for sin], because in His forbearance [His deliberate restraint] He passed over the sins previously committed [before Jesus' crucifixion].”



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Part B-1 – Romans 3:26-28 – I will give my commentary, as Holy Spirit gives it to me; if there is no commentary on the Scriptures below, ask Holy Spirit and He will give you the interpretation of the Scriptures. As you study each verse of Scripture, don't just rush through the verse; ponder on it and allow the Word to get into your heart – again, asking Holy Spirit for the interpretation. Even on the verses where there are commentaries, ask Holy Spirit for YOUR interpretation; we can read the Scripture and God will show us more sometimes, than when we first read it.

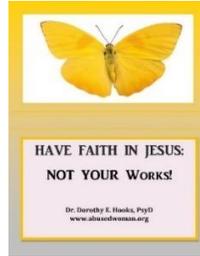
Scripture: Romans 3:26 – “It was to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the One who justifies those who have faith in Jesus [and rely confidently on Him as Savior].”

Scripture: Romans 3:27 – “Then what becomes of [our] boasting? It is excluded [entirely ruled out, banished]. On what principle? On [the principle of good] works? No, but on the principle of faith.”

My Commentary – Since [verse 26](#) clearly lets us know that we are justified (“declared free of the guilt of sin, made acceptable to God, and granted eternal life” [vs 24](#)), when we have faith in Jesus “and rely confidently on Him as Savior,” what right do we have to boast ([vs 27](#))? We have NO right to boast; we did NOTHING! If it was not for God's grace and Jesus willing to lay His life down for us, we would be lost for all eternity! Again, it is because of God's grace, that we are saved, through faith in Jesus' FINISHED work, not our work ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#)). Our boasting is “entirely ruled out, banished” because we are not justified (“declared free of the guilt of sin, made acceptable to God, and granted eternal life” [vs 24](#)) by our own works, but by faith in Jesus! It might seem I am repeating myself but I want this Word to sink deep into your spirit man; I want you to know, that you know, that you know, EVERYTHING good that happens to you, is because of God's grace and NOT YOUR works!



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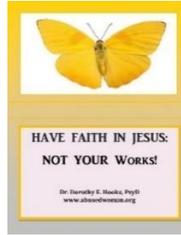
My Commentary (continued) - God's grace is undeserving; we didn't do anything to earn God's grace. As we saw in [verse 24](#), grace is “His favor and mercy, extended to man who can do nothing to be worthy of it. It is God's amazing gift” ([footnote at biblegateway.com](#)).

Scripture: Romans 3:28 – “For we maintain that an individual is justified by faith distinctly apart from works of the Law [the observance of which has nothing to do with justification, that is, being declared free of the guilt of sin and made acceptable to God].

My Commentary – WOW! WOW! WOW! This verse is VERY plain! Our justification (“declared free of the guilt of sin, made acceptable to God, and granted eternal life” [vs 24](#)) by faith, is distinctly apart from the works of the Law; observing the Law has NOTHING to do with justification, which is being declared free of the guilt of sin and made acceptable to God – this gives us right to eternal life. Do you see now, how you are justified? The works of the Law (observing them), CANNOT and DOES NOT, declare us free from the guilt of sin and make us acceptable to God, ONLY faith in Jesus can - faith in God's grace for us through Jesus' redemption of us!



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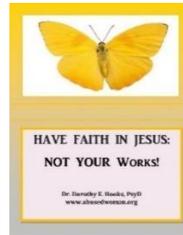
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My Commentary (continued) – Jesus HAS redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us and they hanged (crucified) Him on a tree (cross) ([Galatians 3:13](#); [Deuteronomy 21:23](#)). Christ came to fulfill ALL parts of the Law and He did just that! Remember what [verse 20](#) said? Here it is again: “For no person^[a] will be justified [freed of guilt and declared righteous] in His sight by [trying to do] the works of the Law. For through the Law we become conscious of sin [and the recognition of sin directs us toward repentance, but provides no remedy for sin].” It clearly tells us, no person (flesh) will be justified by doing the works of the Law; no person could ever redeem us from the curse of the Law because all have sinned and continually falls short of God's glory. Man did not qualify back in the day of Moses and does not qualify now. Jesus paid our sin debt over 2000 years ago, which was death ([Romans 4:25](#); [Romans 5:12](#); [Romans 10:9](#)), and that debt cancellation, is still in effect today, for ALL who choose to believe in His finished work; [Colossians 2:6-15](#) lets us know this! YOUR sin debt is canceled! Believe what Jesus HAS DONE for YOU, and live!



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Part B-2 – Romans 3:29-31 – I will give my commentary, as Holy Spirit gives it to me; if there is no commentary on the Scriptures below, ask Holy Spirit and He will give you the interpretation of the Scriptures. As you study each verse of Scripture, don't just rush through the verse; ponder on it and allow the Word to get into your heart – again, asking Holy Spirit for the interpretation. Even on the verses where there are commentaries, ask Holy Spirit for YOUR interpretation; we can read the Scripture and God will show us more sometimes, than when we first read it.

Scripture: Romans 3:29 – “Or is God *the God* of Jews only? Is He not also *the God* of Gentiles [who were not given the Law]? Yes, of Gentiles also,”

My Commentary – God's gift of salvation is for EVERYONE; Jesus died for Jews and Gentiles and made salvation available to all who would believe in His finished work. Verse 22 lets us know that righteousness comes through having faith in Jesus; it is to all who believe, who trust in Jesus and acknowledges Jesus as being God's Son.

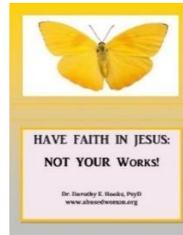
Scripture: Romans 3:30 – “since indeed it is one [and the same] God who will justify the circumcised by faith [which began with Abraham] and the uncircumcised through [their newly acquired] faith.”

Scripture: Romans 3:31 – “Do we then nullify the Law by this faith [making the Law of no effect, overthrowing it]? Certainly not! On the contrary, we confirm *and* establish *and* uphold the Law [since it convicts us all of sin, pointing to the need for salvation].”

My Commentary – Praise God for the Law pointing us to Jesus; showing us we NEED salvation by letting us see the sin in our lives! NOW, the Law not only causes us to be sin conscious, but there is a solution to our sin; Jesus! The Law is a good thing since it shows us our sin, which in turn points us to Jesus, our Savior, for salvation!



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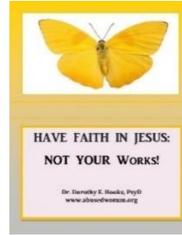
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My Commentary (continued) – Therefore, you don't have to struggle with sin; Jesus is there to help you. All you have to do is cry out to Him; want Jesus to help you. Jesus is waiting to help you but He wants you to invite Him, to come into your life and He will come in and change you.

In our study of **Romans 3:19-31**, we have clearly seen that God's righteousness, comes through faith in Christ Jesus and it is available for **ALL** who believe, who trust in Jesus and acknowledge Him as being God's Son (**vs 22**). Therefore, **EVERYONE** has an open invitation to become a child of God.

Because of Jesus' finished work during His death, burial, and resurrection, we have been and continue to be justified (**since we all are continually falling short of God's glory – vs 23**), by God's gift of grace, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus (**vs 24**). God's grace is a free gift to us because Jesus has paid the price for our sin; we now have been declared free of the guilt of sin, made acceptable to God, and granted eternal life (**vs 24**). **Praise God!! Again, do you see that our redemption has NOTHING to do with our works (vs 20; vs 28), or how “good” we are? No matter how much you give, you can NEVER work your way into Heaven!**

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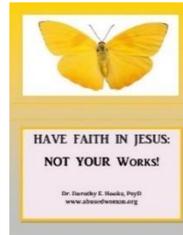
Even Jesus would not allow them to call Him good in [Mark 10:18](#), so why do you think you are good? As Jesus said, no one is good but the Father; God alone!

Always remember, salvation **ONLY** comes through Jesus; God's righteousness comes through faith in Jesus for all who believe – all who trust in Jesus and acknowledge Him as being the Son of God! If you don't trust Jesus, you will not believe Him or be able to acknowledge Him as God's Son. Here is the dictionary meaning of the words trust, believe, and faith; they all correlate with each other:

1. **[Trust](#)** – “reliance on the integrity, strength, ability, surety, etc., of a person or thing; confidence. Confident expectation of something; hope.”
2. **[Believe](#)** – “to have confidence in the truth, the existence, or the reliability of something, although without absolute proof that one is right in doing so: Only if one believes in something can one act purposefully. to have confidence or faith in the truth of (a positive assertion, story, etc.); give credence to.”
3. **[Faith](#)** – “confidence or trust in a person or thing: faith in another's ability. belief that is not based on proof: He had faith that the hypothesis would be substantiated by fact. belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion: the firm faith of the Pilgrims.”

Don't you want to accept your freedom in Christ today? Aren't you tired of being beaten up by the guilt of your sins? Then come to Jesus right now; Holy Spirit, Who is our Comforter, and **MUCH MORE**, wants to comfort you – salvation comes through Jesus and to get to the Father, you **MUST** go through the Son, Jesus. God wants to give you His beauty for your ashes, His oil of joy for your mourning, and His garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that is weighing you down, so you can become trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, and God will be glorified ([Isaiah 61:3](#)).

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God has given you a way of escape; Jesus is YOUR remedy for sin! Jesus is calling you NOW; come to Jesus TODAY! The day you hear God's voice, don't harden your heart to what He is saying. The Scriptures in [Romans 3:19-31](#) are very clear; if you don't understand the Word of God, ask Holy Spirit to give you full clarity and He will. [Click here to accept Jesus as YOUR personal Lord and Savior](#) – Jesus is waiting.

Please read [Romans 3:19-31](#), in the Easy-to-Read (ERV) version also; it helps you to understand. Of course, you should always ask Holy Spirit about the interpretation you receive; make sure it is His interpretation and not your own or someone else's.

I am also including in this teaching, another teaching, ["Christ HAS Redeemed Us From The Curse of The Law!!"](#)

God bless you all and keep you all, in His perfect peace!

Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks