

# ROMANS

The Heart of the Matter

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## *“BUT...”*

*Romans 3:9-31*

Lamplighters Women’s Bible Study

Oct. 21, 2015



Girls Night Out—Tuesday, Oct. 22

see Bretna Hackert

Shaped to Serve—Nov. 14

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For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

Lord of all to Thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild.  
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For Thyself, best gift divine,  
to our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of Thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
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# BUT...

1. No One Righteous

Rom. 3:9-20

2. Righteousness through

Faith in Christ

Rom. 3:21-31

3. A Word about God's Wrath

“We’re toast; BUT NOW...”



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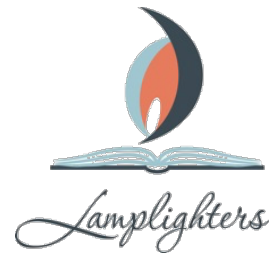
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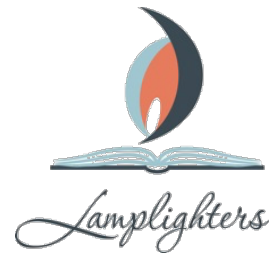
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The cause: “no fear of God”



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“The law is not a checklist we keep—it’s a benchmark we fail.”

Scripture is a straight-edge against which we are measured.



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## Applications:

- How do you see the effects of your sin on your life, thoughts, motives, actions, relationships?
- What does it mean that God sought you first?
- Why do you need the gospel?



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BUT now...divine righteousness!

“under grace”



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Therefore no one can boast!



# Righteous through Faith in Christ—Rom. 3:21-31

The law is still the law and has been fulfilled...just in a way that no one imagined before.



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## Applications:

Faith is based on a relationship, not on a performance. Faith exalts what God has done, not what we do.

Describe your relationship with Jesus. How can you tell if you might be slipping into the “performance mode”?



# A Word about the Wrath of God

God is love. God is just. God hates sin. God must judge sin.



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“God’s wrath is His love in action.”

“God’s wrath is an expression of His love.”





“God is love SO God hates sin. We are loved with a holy love that cries, ‘NO!’ again and again to the things that destroy us. We are part of an epic love story, and what we all desperately need is to know the Author better.”

--Carolyn Arends



“The One who judges us most finally will be the One who loves us most fully.”

--Frederick Buechner

