

Introduction**Romans 3:20**

²⁰Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Romans 4:15

¹⁵because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law *there is* no transgression.

Romans 3:23

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, . . .

John 3:16

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1a. Romans 3:20

²⁰Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Answer: The law identifies or tells us what is “sin”.

1b. 1 John 3:4

⁴Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

Answer: “Sin” is breaking the “law”.

1c. Proverbs 14:34

³⁴Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin *is* a reproach to *any* people.

Answer: Sin damages the reputation of people.

1d. James 4:17

¹⁷Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

Answer: Sin is doing what we know isn’t good or right as revealed by the law.

2a. Romans 5:9, 10, 17, 18

⁹Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

¹⁰For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

¹⁷For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

¹⁸Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life.

Answer: We are saved because we have faith (trust) in the way God has provided for our salvation, and that is through the death of Jesus in our place for our sins, thus we can be justified.

2b. Romans 3:24, 25

²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, . . .

Answer: God's grace provided the means for our salvation.

2c. Ephesians 1:7

⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace . . .

Answer: Jesus death makes it possible for us to be forgiven and saved.

3a. Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹²Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Answer: Jesus "sacrifice" was superior to the sacrifice of goats and calves, which actually only pointed forward to His sacrifice which indeed made the forgiveness of sin a possibility.

3b. Romans 10:4

⁴For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Galatians 2:21

²¹I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Answer: It is not possible to be or become righteous through keeping the law, rather righteousness is possible only through believing in the death of Jesus.

3c. Romans 7:7, 12

⁷What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "*You shall not covet.*"

¹²Therefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

Answer: The law is not sin, rather it helps us identify and understand what is sin. The law is holy, just, and good.

4a. Romans 3:28-31

²⁸Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. ²⁹Or *is He* the God of the Jews only? *Is He* not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, ³⁰since *there is* one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

Answer: Sinners are justified by faith, not by how well they keep the law, though as a saved person, they do indeed keep/uphold the law.

4b. Romans 6:14, 15

¹⁴For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

1 John 2:1

¹My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Answer: When we have been forgiven, the law no longer condemns us. It will continue to point out sin in our lives and Jesus continues to be willing to forgive us when we do slip, but continue to come to him for forgiveness.

4c. Romans 7:13-25

¹³Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. ¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. ¹⁶If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good. ¹⁷But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin

that dwells in me. ¹⁸For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. ¹⁹For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. ²⁰Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

²¹I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²²For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Answer: God must be in full control of my life if I hope to truly obey they law.

5. Hebrews 8:10

¹⁰*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

John 14:15

¹⁵*“If you love Me, keep My commandments.*

Psalms 40:8

⁸*I delight to do Your will, O my God,
And Your law is within my heart.”*

Galatians 2:20

²⁰*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*