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## The Epistle to the Romans (4)

Paul continued to develop support for his basic teaching of vs. 16-17 that justification is *only by faith*

- a. First he proved that the Gentiles are utterly sinful: without personal righteousness: 1:18-32
- b. Then he showed that Jews are in the same condition: without personal righteousness: 2:1-29
- c. Sums up the impossibility to be saved on account of who we are or what we do: 3:10-20

1. The verse begins with 'for' implying a connection with verses 16-17. What is the connection?
2. We tend to think about God's judgment in the future. But Paul spoke about them in the 'present tense.' So how is God's wrath revealed today?
3. According to vs. 18, *why* do people act ungodly and unrighteous? How is this fact reinforced in the following verses?
4. According to vs. 19, how do all men know about God?
5. Why are men without excuse and what was Paul's intent with that conclusion?
6. What can we see of God's glory when reading the book of nature? Does a person need 'saving grace' to read this book well enough to be convinced that God is real and great?
7. "The poor and ignorant heathens don't know any better when they bow before sticks and stones." How would Paul have responded to that?
8. How does Jeremiah 2:5 support vs. 22-23?
9. What is the connection with *idolatry* (vs. 23) and *immorality* (vs. 24-25)?
10. If we look at our culture through the lens of vs. 26-32, what conclusion must we draw?
11. Looking at the details is good, but at times we lose sight of the big picture. So, what is main point Paul has made in vs. 18-31 regarding *how can I be saved or just with God?*