

"Why do I Need a Savior?"

Romans 1-3

Introduction: In the Gospel of Luke Jesus said the following Words:

Luke 19:10

¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Jesus had declared that He had come to this earth to seek and to save the lost. But who are the lost? The lost include everyone who is in this building today as well as everyone who is in the world. Now there are many people who do not believe that they need a Savior. They believe that they are good and that there is no way that they would be rejected by God when they die.

Today I want to show you that you fit into one of the three categories of sinners that are found in Romans. Then I will help you to see what the remedy is for your condition. In Romans 1 and 2 Paul lists three categories of sinners and as we look into each you can see which one you fit into.

I. The Rational Sinner

Notice Romans 1:18-23

To begin with we see that this person is under the wrath of God at the present time. This person denies that God even exists even though God has revealed Himself to them through creation and through the conscience as well through the law written within the heart.

Romans 2:14-15

¹⁴ For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

¹⁵ Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

This rational sinner worships the creature but not the Creator. Everyone will worship something because God created man to worship and if man rejects God, he will fill the void with something else in his or her life. This person professes to be wise, but the Bible tells us that this person is a fool because they do not believe in God.

Psalms 14:1

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

This person continues to sink deeper and deeper into sin because God lifts the moral restraints from this person.

Notice Romans 1:28-32

II. The Reformed Sinner

Notice Romans 2:1-3

This is the reformed sinner looks at the rational sinner and says, "I am glad I am not like that man. I would never do what he or she does." But in reality, he or she does the same thing. Maybe not to the extreme of the rational sinner but they still commit the same sins. If this is you then your judgment of the rational sinner condemns you because you know what is right and what is wrong that is how you can judge others. You are always looking to compare yourself with someone who is more evil than you are, and this then makes you feel righteous.

Notice Romans 2:4

God extends His grace to you because He desires that you would repent but you actually think that the goodness of God is because He is pleased with your life. You believe He is pleased with you because you are better than the rational sinner.

Notice Romans 2:5-5, 11, 16

You are guilty and your hard heart that keeps you from repentance is storing up wrath like water behind a dam that will one day burst upon you if you die in your sins.

You might be reformed but you are still a sinner. You are guilty and accountable for every sin that you have ever committed.

III. The Religious Sinner

Notice Romans 2:17-22

Paul was addressing the religious Jew here, but I want to bring it back and address the church attender. If this is you then you are resting in your church attendance. You know what God's Word says about sin and you approve of it. Even to the point that you can instruct others in your family or at work about how they should live their lives. You can teach others from the knowledge you have but you do what you tell others they should not do.

You are religious when it is convenient but at other times you let loose and you give yourself to sin. Then you come back on Sunday and put your religious clothing on and think that all is well. You are like Cain.

Genesis 4:2-7

² *And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.*

³ *And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.*

⁴ *And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:*

⁵ *But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.*

⁶ *And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?*

⁷ *If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.*

You are like Cain in that you want to come to God on your terms and not His.

Back to the 3 sinners. You fit into one of these categories, therefore you are guilty of sin.

IV. Your sin has separated you from God.

Isaiah 59:2

² *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

Because of sin you are separated from God even to the point that He will not hear your prayers. You have no relationship with Him. You are not a child of God, but you are a child of Satan.

John 8:39, 44

³⁹ *They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.*

⁴⁴ ***Ye are of your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

V. All sin must be paid for.

Romans 6:23a

²³ *For the wages of sin is death;*

Every sin that you have ever committed in your life **MUST** be paid for before you die. If it is not paid for you will experience the second death.

Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.*

¹² *And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

¹³ *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*

¹⁴ *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

¹⁵ *And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

Let me go back to Romans 6 for a moment.

Romans 6:23a

²³ *For the wages of sin is **death**;*

If you notice this verse, it is crystal clear that God requires death as the payment for sin. This was demonstrated from the entire way back in Genesis.

Genesis 3:21

²¹ *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make **coats of skins**, and clothed them.*

Here we see that an innocent animal died in order for the sins of Adam and Eve to be covered. It was a substitute. God had told them that in the day they ate the forbidden fruit they would die. This animal was their substitute.

Hebrews 9:22

²² *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*

The shedding of blood is death. Death is required for all of your sin to be paid for.

VI. Works will not take away your sin.

Isaiah 64:6

⁶ *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

⁹ *Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

All of this shows you why you need a Savior.

VII. God's Provision

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

³ *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;*

⁴ *And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

This is the death that is required. Jesus died in your place so that your sins could be paid for.

Isaiah 53:4-6

⁴ *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

⁵ *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

⁶ *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Conclusion:

Your responsibility is to repent of your sin and to trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior.

John 3:14-18

¹⁴ *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

¹⁵ *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

¹⁶ *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

¹⁷ *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

¹⁸ *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

John 1:12

¹² *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*