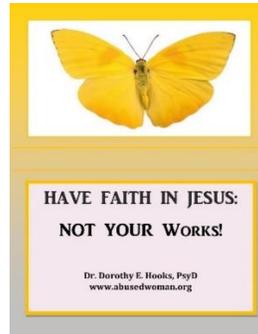




## Have Faith In Jesus: NOT YOUR Works!



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 of 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 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.**

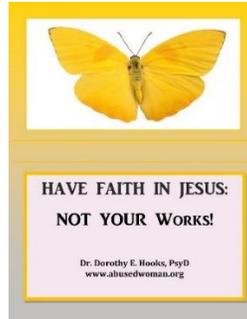
I suggest before you start studying this message, pray and ask Holy Spirit to give you His interpretation, of the Scriptures, so you can read the Word of God with understanding; the Word must get inside of you, before you can be changed. [Romans 12:2](#) says, “**And do not be conformed to this world, 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**



## Have Faith In Jesus: NOT YOUR Works! (Part A-1)



**Part A-1 – Romans 3:19-22** – I will give my commentary, as Holy Spirit gives it to me; if there is no commentary for 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.

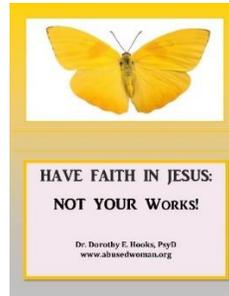
**Scripture: Romans 3:19** – “Now we know that whatever the Law [of Moses] says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that [the excuses of] every mouth may be silenced [from protesting] and that all the world may be held accountable to God [and subject to His judgment].”

**Scripture: Romans 3:20** – “For no person<sup>[a]</sup> 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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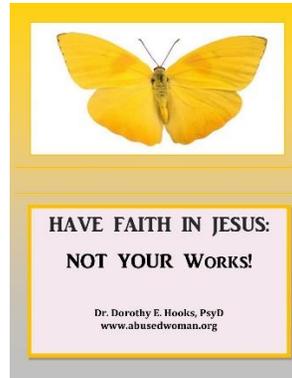
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**Scripture: Romans 3:20 (continued)** – “For no person<sup>[a]</sup> will be justified [freed of guilt and declared righteous] in His sight by [trying to do] the works of the Law. For through the Law we become conscious of sin [and the recognition 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 put is on Jesus; He has completed the task – salvation comes through Jesus, not our works! Praise God! Praise God! I am very elated about what God is doing in my life and the lives of His people; causing the scales to fall off our eyes, so we can see and hear Him clearly!



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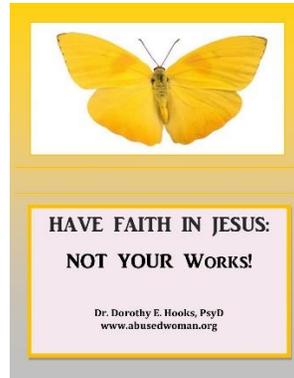
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**Scripture: Romans 3:21** – “But now the righteousness of God has been clearly revealed [independently and completely] apart from the Law, though it is [actually] confirmed by the Law and the [words and writings of the] Prophets.”

**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.

## Have Faith In Jesus: NOT YOUR Works! (Part A-2)



**Part A-2 – Romans 3:23-25** – I will give my commentary, as Holy Spirit gives it to me; if there is no commentary for 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.

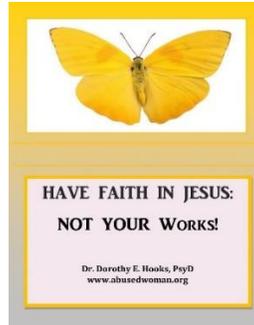
**Scripture: Romans 3:23** – “since all have sinned and *continually* fall short of the glory of God,”

**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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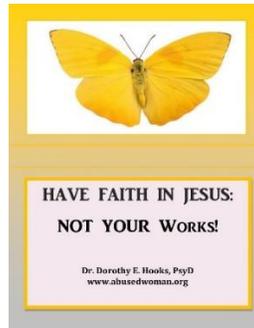
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**My Commentary** – **Verse 24** shows us that, although we all have sinned and continually fall short of God's glory (**v23**), God got us covered; still today! It says, we are being justified, which means, “declared free of the guilt of sin, made 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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**Scripture: Romans 3:25** – “whom God displayed publicly [before the eyes of the world] as a [life-giving] <sup>[a]</sup>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].”

God bless you all and keep you all,

Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks