

WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW WE BEHAVE—9
“Just How Does God Save Sinners?”
“The New Man In The Mirror—Redeemed and Righteous”
Romans 3:19-31

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, THE NEW MAN IN THE MIRROR WAS A RUINED MAN (Romans 3:19-20).

A. First, he is declared a sinner by the Law (3:19). He is helpless.

Notice what this verse reveals:

1. First, man is convicted by sin by his understanding of the law (3:19a).
2. Secondly, man is condemned by God’s law by his understanding of the law (3:19b).

B. Secondly, he is damned and doomed a sinner by the law (3:20). He is hopeless.

II. SECONDLY, NOTICE NOW, HOW HE IS A REDEEMED MAN (Romans 3:21-26).

A. First, note how he has experienced freedom (3:21-24).

1. First, God’s plan of salvation is completely Scriptural (3:21)
 - a. First, because it conforms to the standards of the law (3:21a).
 - b. Secondly, because it conforms to the statements of the prophets (3:21b).

2. Secondly, God’s plan of salvation is carefully suitable (3:22-16).

1. First, salvation is suitable because it is unique in its approach (3:22).
2. Secondly, salvation is suitable because it is universal in its appeal (3:23).
 - a. First, notice a universal verdict (3:23a).

b. Secondly, note an irrevocable condition (3:23b).

c. Thirdly, consider the irrefutable offense (3:23c).

d. Fourthly, take note of an impassable chasm (3:23d).

e. Fifthly, look now at an unreachable goal (3:23e).

B. Secondly, he has experienced _____ (3:24-26).

1. First, He understands the _____ condition of man (3:24-26a).
 - a. First, notice that because of man’s ruin, salvation is based on a remarkable _____ (3:24a).
 - b. Secondly, note that because of man’s ruin, salvation is based upon a redemptive _____ (3:24b-25).

2. Secondly, he unleashes the _____ character of God (3:26b).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THEN, HOW HE IS A _____ MAN (Romans 3:27-31).

The Apostle shows why there can be no boasting:

- A. First, because the believer has a new relationship with the _____ (3:27-28).
- B. Secondly, it is because the believer has a new relationship with the _____ (3:29-30).
- C. Thirdly, it is because the believer has a new relationship with _____ (3:31).

CONCLUSION: Two conclusions we can readily make:

1. **The _____ emphasis of salvation is that it is a _____, not a reward or a wage, we just need to turn from our sin and receive it by faith!**
2. **The _____ subject of salvation is that is in _____, not in the sinner, He gets the glory, not us!**