



The Lawful Use of the Law
Rom. 3: 9-21

LESSON SUPPLY LIST

- Bible w/ Marked
Scripture
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Cloth Demonstration
- Copies of Coloring Page
- Copies of Word Puzzle
- Copies of lesson overview
for children to take home

The Lawful Use of the Law
Rom 3: 9-21



Romans 3: 9-21

9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;
10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:
14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:
15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:
16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:
17 And the way of peace have they not known:
18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.
19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Objective of Lesson:

Find out what the Bible says about why the law of God was given and how sinful men can be accepted by a perfect and Holy God.

Lesson Instructions:

1. Today we are going to find out what the Bible says about sin. We are going to find out what sin is; what sin does; and most importantly...how can we be saved from it? How can sinful man like me, you, your parents, and everybody that is not perfect and holy, be accepted by a perfect and Holy God?

2. How do we know what sin is? God called a man named Moses up to a high mountain and gave him a set of laws or rules that we call the ten commandments. In these ten commandments God revealed to Moses what holy and perfect people do. A holy and perfect person would worship and love God with all their hearts and minds. A righteous person (a person without sin) would not kill; they would not steal. They would obey everything their parents told them to do, and they would love God with all their heart and mind and soul. They would not speak the name of God for fun and in jest, and they would always tell the truth. Those are just a few of the commandments that God revealed to Moses. God told us that the person who followed those commandments was considered righteous, which means to be without sin. ONLY that person who followed ALL the commandments, would be considered perfect and holy. The Bible tells us, those who sin, break God's law. (I John 3:4 *Whoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*)
3. Do you have rules your parents gave you to follow? What are some of the rules you have to follow in your house? No jumping on the furniture, no hitting, no yelling, share your toys, etc. (Have them name some rules of the house).
4. If you follow these rules, then do your parents consider you good? Yes. You are obedient to your parents and are considered good for following the rules they put in place.
5. Breaking the rules is the act of sin. God gave us a bunch of rules called commandments, and those rules and commandments tell us what a good, holy one would do to be accepted of God.
6. How did you find out the rules of your house? Did you know that jumping on the furniture was a rule in your house before your Mom/Dad told you not to? NO. It was the same with us with God's commandments. We did not know what sin was until God gave us His commandments. When God gave us His commandments, we found out what the rules were in order for one to be considered good by God. Because we broke the rules, that is sin. Anybody who does not obey God perfectly and does bad things and breaks His commandments is sinful; and we do bad things because we are sin.
7. How do you know what you look like? Have you ever seen a reflection of your image in a mirror? Would we know what we looked like without a mirror? No. The mirror reveals to us what we look like. When we look into it, we can see the shape of our face, the color of our eyes and hair. The law of God is like a mirror. When we look at the law and compare it to the desires of our human heart we know what sins looks like.
8. Are all men sinful? What does the Bible say? The Bible says in Rom 3:10, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 13 Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: 15 Their feet are swift to shed blood: 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.*
9. Sin must be a horrible thing! Look what sin does to us. Sin separates us from God. God is so holy that He cannot look on, talk to, or be around anything bad. That means people that sin are not allowed to talk to God. People that sin are not allowed to go into God's presence. People that are sin are not allowed to even look upon God. Sinful people are separated from God so far they can't even hear God's voice. Did you know if it was not for God's word (the Bible) and God's Son, Jesus Christ, whom he sent down to earth to die for his sinful people, we sinful people would not even know God exists? That is how far sin has separated us from God. We are dumb, blind, and deaf to God.
10. When God gave us the commandments, we found out we had a BIG problem. The Bible tells us we are born sinful, which means as soon as we are born we break God's rules. God's word tells us we are born from the womb speaking lies. (Ps. 58:3) "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies."

11. Because we are all sinful and are born sinful means that when God gave Moses the laws we had already broken them! We did not just break one of them, but ALL of them. What are we going to do now? Once you break a rule, can you go back and redo it? No. There is no way to go back and undo a broken rule. If you hit your sister or brother in anger, can you go back and undo that? No.
12. If we had already broken all the rules then why did God give the commandments to us? The Bible answers this question for us. (Rom 3:20) "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin."
13. God gave us the rules so we would know what it was to be sinful! The Bible tells us the law is for the Knowledge of sin. Remember I told you that sin made us dumb, blind, and deaf to God? It also made us unable to see our own sin. We would not know what sin was if it were not for God giving us His law. Part of getting to know God is getting to know what we are before a Holy God! He gave the commandments to us so we would know what sin was, what it does; and then we can see how good and merciful He is!
14. (Cloth example) (Isaiah 64:6 - *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.*) Here are two cloths, one is clean and one is dirty. How do we know this one is dirty? We compare it to the one that is clean! We would not know what a clean one looked like if we did not have a dirty one to compare it to! Just like these cloths, we would not know what goodness was if God did not tell us what sin was! Oh what mercy! When God reveals to a sinner what he is, which is sinful and ruined, then we can see how good and perfect and merciful and holy He is! God gets all the glory in saving his people from their sins!
15. Since we can't go back and redo the laws that we broke and make ourselves good before God, how will God accept us? Since our cloth is dirty and we can't make it clean before God, what are we going to do?
16. God fixed that too! Look what the Bible says in Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
17. When God revealed the law to Moses and to us, He also revealed to us Jesus Christ His Son THE ONE, the ONLY ONE that can fulfill it! God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, down to this earth to follow all of His commandments, because we are dumb and deaf and blind and we can't follow them. When Jesus Christ followed all the rules, then He died and He paid for all the sins (the broken laws) of His people.
18. So now we have come to our question. What is the only way to God? How can a sinful person be accepted by a Holy and perfect God? If we have to keep all of God's commandments then we are in serious trouble. Why? That's because we have already broken them! We cannot go back and fix that! Then how can we be accepted of God? The Bible tells us the answer! Rom 3:24 *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*
19. We can't please God by doing or saying certain things. We can't please God by trying to be good, because we are sinful. The only way a sinful person can follow all of God's commandments and be accepted of God is to believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son. He came to this earth, followed all the commandments for His people and when God gave His Son His favor and blessing, Christ in turn gave it to His people. God's acceptance is a gift through Christ! FREE! We don't have to earn it! Jesus Christ earned it and He gives it freely to all those who need it!
20. In the Bible - Jesus Christ told us how to be accepted of God the Father - In John 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Activity:

- Cloth Example: Two identical cloths. Make sure one is clean and the other one dirty and stained. Make sure the cloths are identical or the same patterns so the children can see they are identical except for the soil or staining.
- Coloring Sheet
- Word Puzzle (coming soon...)

**The Lawful Use of the Law
Take Home Overview Sheet**



Romans 3: 9-21

9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: 15 Their feet are swift to shed blood: 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. 19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets: 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Objective of Lesson:

Find out what the Bible says about why the law of God was given and how sinful men can be accepted by a perfect and Holy God.

Overview of Lesson:

How can a sinful person be accepted by a Holy and perfect God? If we have to keep all of God's commandments then we are in serious trouble. Why? Because we have already broken them! How can we be accepted of God? The Bible tells us the answer! Rom 3:24 *24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*

We can't please God by doing or saying certain things. We can't please God by trying to be good, because we are sinful. The only way a sinful person can follow all of God's commandments and be accepted of God is to believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son. He came to this earth, followed all the commandments for His people and when God gave His Son His favor and blessing, Christ in turn gave it to His people. God's acceptance is a gift through Christ! FREE! We don't have to earn it! Jesus Christ earned it and he gives it freely to all those who need it!

The Lawful Use of the Law

Rom 3:20 - "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin."

