



# **POWER FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING**

## **A STUDY OF ROMANS**

### **#6: THE HOPE OF CHANGE—3:1-31**

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#### **I. WHAT ADVANTAGE IS THERE TO BEING A JEW? (v.1-2)**

#### **II. IF GOD'S PEOPLE FAIL—DOES THAT MEAN THAT GOD'S PLAN HAS FAILED? (v.3-8)**

#### **III. ARE THE JEWISH PEOPLE ANY BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE? (v.9-20)**

The principal point, therefore, of the Law in true Christian divinity is to make men not better but worse; that is to say, it shows them their sin, that, by the knowledge thereof, they may be humbled, terrified, bruised and broken, and by this means may be driven to seek comfort, and so come to that blessed Seed [that is, Christ].

Martin Luther

## **IV. HOW CAN ANYONE BE SAVED? (v.21-31)**

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

***The miracle of justification by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ:***

**1. Righteousness is not through keeping the law (v.21)**

**2. Righteousness comes through faith in Jesus Christ (v.22-23)**

**3. Righteousness is from the work of Christ on the cross (v.24-31)**

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes.

Galatians 3:26-27 (NLT)