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Romans 3: 21-31  
Romans #16

### **“All the Glory Goes to One - Jesus”**

Martyn Lloyd-Jones words support the claim that Romans 3:21-26 is a crucial passage for biblical teaching. He writes, "It is a foolish thing to say, perhaps, but I was going to say that if I were asked which in my opinion is the most important and crucial passage in the whole of Scripture, I would have to include Romans 3:21-31.

This passage is about who can boast in this great salvation? No one can except one – all boasting is in Jesus. Why is all the boasting excluded except for one?

1. Because God is one.

There is only one true God, not many gods.

Romans 11:36

Two beings cannot be the ultimate source of all things. You don't just chose which God you want because there is only one God.

He has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ.

Thus all religions are not equal. All who claim to be God is not the God revealed in the Word of God and through the person of Jesus Christ.

We are monotheists – One God, not three.

2. Because there is only one way to be saved – faith

Verse 27 – Only the law of faith can rid of boasting. Anything more than faith will go for boasting.

The Jew and the Gentile all are saved the same way – through faith.

The circumcision is a religious trait that you might think would commend you to God.

Uncircumcision is any trait that would keep you from God.

Both are accessible to God through faith.

God doesn't have one way of salvation for Jews and another for Gentiles. He doesn't have one way of salvation in the Old Testament and another way of salvation in the New Testament

We do not work toward God – there is no work. Just faith. You can't have both. The opposite of faith is work.

In response to the question of what work shall we do that we might do the works of God, Jesus answered in John 6:29 “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

We are not forcing our way, but out of love we are offering our way.

3. There is not one thing can you can do to merit our salvation

Ephesians 2: 8-9 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Look at verse 25 – who did this, God, not us.

If we would have had some sort of a work so that we could look to that work and have confidence in our salvation.

The result of works is that you want to be recognized for what you've done. When you work at your employment, you want a paycheck. When you work around the house you want somebody to see it and acknowledge it.

If we could save ourselves or just add to it by works, then we could boast of what we did.

All boasting is excluded. We look at people involved in homosexuality, or outright wickedness, or greed, or gambling, or whatever – when we begin to think we are better than they are – then we have denied what God has done for us. All boasting is excluded. There are no grounds for anybody to say, "Well, at least I didn't do this, or this, or this." The only ground of acceptance is the gift of grace.

This is the wonderful thing about the gospel. All mankind is leveled; no one can stand on any other basis than the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf.

Pride is the greatest problem of the human race but in our salvation God made a new creation that will not allow any boasting in one's self, only Christ.

God did everything necessary to save us without our help, thus all the glory goes to Jesus.

Paul said in Galatians 6:14 “But God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ ...”