

KIDS CATECHISM

Book / Chapter: Romans 3
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Parent to child(ren): "Once, when I was in 7th grade, I had a buddy named Dan Mauger. Dan was a giant of a guy! While many of my classmates and I were about 5' tall and 110 lbs. soaking wet, Dan was 165 lbs. of muscle and 5'8" tall. He was an AAU wrestler and the son of a local High School wrestling team coach. It was good to have Dan on your side. He was the strongest guy in school.

One day, early in the school year, some guys in the 8th grade started giving me a hard time. There was a rumor spreading around that they were going to try to beat me up after school. These guys were all older than me and bigger than me. I was really worried about it. I wasn't sure what to do.

When school let out that day, I was watching around as carefully as I could. I hoped I didn't see these guys. I got most of the way out of the school property and then, out of no where, these boys popped out. I thought, "I've had had it." They started saying really mean things to me. I had never done anything to them. All of the sudden, when I was sure I had it, I heard a voice holler out, "Hey Mike! What's up?" I looked around, and it was big Dan! As I saw him coming, when I turned again, I saw the other guys going. Oh! what a relief that was! And that was the last time I had any trouble from those boys! The problem I had was too big for me, but it sure wasn't too big for Dan!

The last couple weeks, we've been discovering from the book of Romans that we all have a much worse problem that's much too big for us. It is a problem with sin. None of us can handle it on our own. None of us can out win over it. It will beat us all, unless we have a special friend to win this fight for us. That is the good news of the book of Romans. We do have such a friend." - *Pastor Mike*

Q11. Well aren't you, because you go to church and have been raised by believing parents, still a lot better off than all the people out there who haven't?

A11. *No.* I am a sinner and guilty before God, just as they are. **(3:9)** (3:23; Gal. 3:22)

Q12. Then is there any advantage to you in going to church or being brought up by believing parents?

A12. *Yes! Much in every way!* And most importantly, I have the full revelation of God in the Bible. **(3:1-2)** (*cf.*, Dt. 4:7-8; Ps. 147:19-20)

Q13. But can't SOME people be declared not guilty (*justified*) by God by they're religious efforts and works?

A13. *No!* No one can be declared not guilty by works, because all have sinned **(3:20)** (Ps. 143:1-2; Acts 13:38-39; Gal. 2:16, 3:11)

Q14. How then can YOU or ANYONE be "not guilty" before God, since everyone is a sinner? Does that mean God will just overlook your sin?

A14. *No! Not at all!* God paid the full penalty for my sins when He offered up Jesus to suffer and die in my place for the sins I've committed. **(3:23-24)** (Eph. 2:8; Titus 2:5)

Q15. How can you benefit from what Jesus did?

A15. *By putting my faith in Jesus,* I can be freed from the guilt of all my sins. **(3:27-28)** (3:30; 8:3; 10:12-13)

*** **Italicized words** are to be used as shortened answers for smaller children. Older children should be helped to understand and memorize the complete answers.

Scriptures to teach & to help your child(ren) hide in their hearts

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Romans 3:9, "What then? Are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are under sin."

Romans 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."

Romans 3:23-24, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

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Romans 3:9, "Well then, should we conclude that (the) Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin."

Romans 3:20, "For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows how sinful we are."

Romans 3:23-24, "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He (paid) the penalty for our sins."

----- Suggested Memory Work -----

Up to age 6 / answers only (*shortened, italicized words only*)

Ages 7-9 / answers plus scripture 1.

Ages 10-12 / answers plus scriptures 1. & 2.

Ages 13 & up / answers plus scriptures 1., 2. & 3.

NOTE TO DADS: At least one day this week, sit and read **Romans 3** with your children and talk to them about the message of the chapter. By reading God's Word to them and passing on to them the things God is teaching you at Calvary Chapel, you will be discipling your own children; equipping them to be strong in the Lord and mighty in His Word!