

ROMANS CHAPTER 3

LIBERTY AND FREEDOM FOR ALL

We'll begin by reading Romans 3:1-20 (NLT):

1 Then what's the advantage of being a Jew? Is there any value in the Jewish ceremony of circumcision?

*2 Yes, being a Jew has many advantages. First of all, **the Jews were entrusted with the whole revelation of God.***

3 True, some of them were unfaithful; but just because they broke their promises, does that mean God will break his promises?

4 Of course not! Though everyone else in the world is a liar, God is true. As the Scriptures say, "He will be proved right in what he says, and he will win his case in court."

5 "But," some say, "our sins serve a good purpose, for people will see God's goodness when he declares us sinners to be innocent. Isn't it unfair, then, for God to punish us?" (That is actually the way some people talk.)

6 Of course not! If God is not just, how is he qualified to judge the world?

*7 "But," some might still argue, "**how can God judge and condemn me as a sinner if my dishonesty highlights his truthfulness and brings him more glory?**"*

8 If you follow that kind of thinking, however, you might as well say that the more we sin the better it is! Those who say such things deserve to be condemned, yet some slander me by saying this is what I preach!

*9 Well then, **are we Jews 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.***

*10 As the Scriptures say, "**No one is good— not even one.***

11 No one has real understanding; no one is seeking God.

*12 **All have turned away from God; all have gone wrong. No one does good, not even one.**"*

13 "Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their speech is filled with lies." "The poison of a deadly snake drips from their lips."

14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

15 "They are quick to commit murder.

16 Wherever they go, destruction and misery follow them.

17 They do not know what true peace is."

18 "They have no fear of God to restrain them."

19 Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses and to bring the entire world into judgment before God.

*20 **For no one can ever be made right in God's sight by doing what his law commands. For the more we know God's law, the clearer it becomes that we aren't obeying it.***

I don't believe there are a whole lot of people that understand the connection between the Jews and the Christians, and I believe as we begin chapter 3 this would be a good time to do a little historical background research so that we can better understand what's going on throughout the book of Romans. **The first verse of chapter three asks what advantage, if any, there is to being a Jew.** If you look at the picture historically and trace the story of the Jew, you might conclude there was little or no advantage. There is a sad struggle of war, captivity, and death. They have been hated, persecuted, slandered, imprisoned, and slaughtered throughout time. Yet they live on, almost defiantly, as an indestructible seed. Today Israel has re-established their small piece of land in the center of the world.

But looking at the history of the Jews there appears to have been little advantage in being Jewish. They were slaves in Egypt for 400 years under the bondage of Pharaoh. When God freed them from Egypt they wandered in the desert for 40 years until an entire generation died. When they finally entered the land of Canaan (later known as Israel) in 1406 B.C, they had to fight war after war with the surrounding people who constantly attacked them.

The northern kingdom was slaughtered and taken captive by the Assyrians in 722 B.C, and then the Babylonians did the same thing to the southern kingdom between 605 and 586 B.C. The northern kingdom never returned from the Assyrian captivity, and it was 70 years before a remnant began to trickle back from the Babylonian captivity. It was this remnant that began to rebuild their land from the rubble. They were mocked, harassed, hindered, and unaided in their efforts.

By 175 B.C. they were under the Greek rule of Antiochus Epiphanes, who took liberties in desecrating their religion, priesthood, and holy place. He put down their rebellions by slaughtering many of them. Just after the birth of Christ, many of their babies were massacred by King Herod. Their land was oppressed by Roman legions. In A.D. 70, the city of Jerusalem was destroyed by the great general of the Roman army, Titus. According to the secular historian, Josephus, 1,100,000 Jews were murdered and slaughtered. Of the dead, more than 100,000 bodies were tossed over the city wall in some kind of demented sporting event. In the actual siege of the city there was devastation beyond description, including the destruction of their glorious temple. About 100,000 remaining fugitives were forced into slavery.

An undisclosed number of Jews died in the gladiator games over the years that were held in the Roman Coliseum. In A.D. 115, the Jews living in Egypt, Cyprus, and Mesopotamia rose up against Rome. They were badly defeated and the emperor, Hadrian, destroyed 985 towns in Palestine and killed 600,000 men. Many more died from starvation, disease, and being burned at the stake. There were so many of them on the open slave market that the price for one Jew was no more than that of a horse.

The legal code established by the Roman emperor, Theodosius, around A.D. 300, contained ideas of Jewish inferiority. These ideas permeated all of western society and

western law in the centuries to follow. For 2 centuries they were oppressed by the Byzantines. Periclitus banished them from Jerusalem in A.D. 628 and attempted to exterminate the entire race. In A.D. 723, they were given the choice between Christianity and banishment.

When the first crusade was launched in 1096, to recapture the holy places from the Ottoman Turks, the crusaders entered a Jewish settlement and trampled 3,000 Jews to death under their horses' hooves, and they did it in the name of Christianity. In 1254, Louis IX banished the Jews from France. During the scourge of the Black Death during the years 1348 and 1349, the charge was made that the Black Death in Europe was caused by the Jews poisoning the wells. They attempted to slaughter all the Jews, who were then forced to flee to Poland and to Russia.

In 1492, the Jews were expelled from Spain as Columbus was heading to discover America. In 1496, they were expelled from Portugal. Soon after that, all of western Europe was closed to them except a few spots in northern Italy and Germany. Toward the middle of the seventeenth century more persecution broke out in Poland. There was a massacre of Jews in the Ukraine in the early 1800's. In the nineteenth century a Jewish officer in the French army by the name of Dreyfus was accused of treason. That began an attempt to oust the Jews from the ranks of officers in the French army.

Their only hope for preservation was through what they referred to as **Zionism**, which can be defined as a plan of the Jewish people to return from all parts of the world to establish a national homeland in Palestine. The Jewish people rallied behind the Zionism movement. The first little colony of Zionists returned to Palestine in about 1873, and they held their first Zionist Congress in 1897. By 1914, there were 90,000 Jews in Palestine. Their identity **had been miraculously preserved** through the incredible series of massacres over the centuries.

It all came to a horrifying climax in the 1930's and 1940's when 6,000,000 Jews were systematically exterminated. Anti-Semitism has been deeply ingrained in the history of the world and I'm sorry to report, it still is flourishing today. Jewish people often find themselves hated, slandered, misunderstood, and mocked.

Finally in 1948, the United Nations granted the Jews the piece of land they call Israel. But ever since the establishment of the nation, the surrounding neighbors have attempted and continue to attempt to drive them out. The Jewish people have not had an easy time of it for almost 4,000 years.

You might be sitting there saying to yourself, "*Interesting history, but what does it have to do with me?*" Bear with us for just a little while and you will begin to understand. In one respect the answer to the question that appears in the first verse in chapter 3 was found, if you'll recall, back in chapter 2, verse 11: "*For there is no partiality with God.*" So the Jew who reads chapter 2 is going to say: "*Paul, if being a descendant of Abraham, possessing the Law of God, and being circumcised does not secure me with God, then what's the advantage of being Jewish?*" They would then probably tell Paul that they

didn't buy his message. In fact, they may well have told him he didn't know what he was talking about. They felt without a doubt that they had a special relationship with God because they were Jewish and had been chosen as God's people. You'll remember that last time we learned that God did choose Israel for a special purpose, but it wasn't so that they might have special privileges over those who weren't Jewish, **it was to teach the rest of the world about the truth of the one and only God.** The Jews allowed this mission they were selected to accomplish to go to their heads.

Throughout Scripture we see that the people of Israel were given tremendous opportunities to serve God, but they never lived up to the expectations God had for them. So they lost the blessings. They are little different from the people in churches all over our country today. They too have great opportunities to serve God and thus receive His blessings, but they never commit their hearts to Jesus Christ. Tragically, they waste these wonderful opportunities to serve God. It might be that they're simply not saved even though they belong to the church and call themselves Christians. It might also be that they have listened to the culture around them for so long, they've placed God further down on their priority list and don't bother to read their Bibles or pray daily. The churches that dot the landscape of almost every community in the United States are for the most part not functioning as Jesus taught they should function. They have replaced the Bible with human opinion, and pastors rarely have the courage to tell the members of the congregation what they need to hear. That won't be a problem here at Village Church.

In Romans 3:2 Paul tells them that the advantage of being a Jew is "*great in every respect*" (NLT):

Yes, being a Jew has many advantages. First of all, the Jews were entrusted with the whole revelation of God.

Paul tells them they were given the Word of God. God entrusted them with His Law. The Old Testament of the Bible was entrusted to the Jews. But they paid no attention to it. Instead they just used it and added a bunch of man-made traditions to it. They converted the Word of God into the word of people, and the Church picked up on that practice after a while and continues to do so this very day. For the Jews today, God is lost in all the traditions and rituals that they've established. They have ignored their greatest legacy.

As a point of interest you might be interested in knowing that the Bible claims within its own text to be the Word of God at least 2,600 times. Let's now look at verse 3, where Paul says:

True, some of them were unfaithful; but just because they broke their promises, does that mean God will break his promises?

This verse is simply saying that although the Jews, the Israelites, broke the promises they made to God to obey God's Law, God will in no way break the promises He made to them in the books of the Old Testament in the Bible. **God promised that He would deal with the sin of the world by sending a Savior that would provide forgiveness for all**

humankind. God did that and He will keep every single promise that He made in the Bible. The mistake the Jews made was in thinking that no matter what they did or how they behaved, God would continue pouring out blessings on them because the Jews were His special people. God's promises were made to all the people of all time, not just the Jews. They were, however, given the privilege of being teachers of God's Word. Look at verse 4:

*Of course not! Though everyone else in the world is a liar, **God is true.** As the Scriptures say, "He will be proved right in what he says, and he will win his case in court."*

Verse 4 is telling us there is no way that God will ever break a promise. Verses 5 and 6:

"But," some say, "our sins serve a good purpose, for people will see God's goodness when he declares us sinners to be innocent. Isn't it unfair, then, for God to punish us?" (That is actually the way some people talk.) Of course not! If God is not just, how is he qualified to judge the world?"

Although it almost seems too ridiculous, as Paul says, this is the way some people think, and I would add that it's what some people hope. Here's how this foolishness breaks down. Some people feel that if God is glorified by forgiving the sins of undeserving people, then people who sin are actually doing God a favor because they allow God to display His righteousness. What a bunch of opportunists. The fact is that in the first place God doesn't need their sin in order for Him to be glorified, and in the second place, God must judge sin because He is holy. He must separate Himself from sin and, therefore, when a person dies without having Christ as his/her personal Savior, God will banish them from His presence forever.

Another fact about sin is that it doesn't really bring a person happiness. For a while, it may bring them a thrill or a sense of pleasure, but over time that feeling will turn to pain, regret, and self-loathing. If you're young, you may very well think I'm just out of touch with what it means to have a good time. But let me tell you this: I had more than my share of that kind of good time and I would give anything to have never gone there. If you're over fifty, you might be a little more inclined to believe what I'm saying. And if you're over eighty, you're probably saying, "*If the young would only benefit from our mistakes!*" And you know what? It goes on that way generation after generation and young people simply seem to thrive on the thrill of walking on the edge, whether it be drugs or alcohol, fast cars, sex, or you fill in the blank.

But there's a reason for this. This kind of behavior is generally conceived in the home. If young people don't see a life of dedication to the will of God and a genuine love and gentleness that comes from it, they are going to look elsewhere for some type of fulfillment. More often than not it's within their peer group, and that would probably be a perfect example of "the blind leading the blind." And so it goes. When they grow up, they have no idea of how to find true peace or happiness in life. They have no idea of how to parent or deal with the emotional problems which have resulted from growing up

the way they did. So once again they turn to their peer group for answers, or to the media, or to the talk shows, or to reality TV, or to the soap operas, or the sitcoms, and on and on it goes; once again the blind leading the blind. Paul goes on in Romans 3:7 and 8:

*For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner?
8 And why not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"?—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.*

This is simply a continuation of the argument we just discussed about doing evil so that God might be glorified. "After all, glorifying God is a good thing, isn't it? So by committing sin, am I not glorifying God?" They seem to really want to cling to this concept. Paul's twenty-first century answer to them might go something like this:

"My dear misguided friends, do you not see the irrationality in your thinking? You cannot glorify the name of God by sinning because God's every word speaks of being good, righteous, holy, pure, and filled with joy and peace. You are dishonoring God by sinning because you are living, as well as causing others to join you, in sin. You are being deceived by Satan and I hope you'll pray that God will help you see the truth. I'll pray for you as well."

Romans 3:9:

What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks (non-Jews)¹ that they are all under sin.

Paul tells the Jews that all people are equal before God. No one is better than anyone else because all are sinners. It doesn't matter if you're a small sinner, a medium size sinner, a big sinner, or you jumbo size your sin. It's all sin to God and that makes us all equal in His sight. Romans 3:10-18:

*As the Scriptures say, "No one is good— not even one.
11 No one has real understanding; no one is seeking God.
12 All have turned away from God; all have gone wrong. No one does good, not even one."
13 "Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their speech is filled with lies." "The poison of a deadly snake drips from their lips."
14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."
15 "They are quick to commit murder.*

¹ Parentheses added.

- 16 *Wherever they go, destruction and misery follow them.*
17 *They do not know what true peace is.”*
18 *“They have no fear of God to restrain them.”*

People like to think that they're good. In fact, they've pretty much convinced themselves that they're good, or at least okay. But down deep inside people really have a problem convincing themselves of their goodness, and the problem is guilt. People are inevitably and invariably guilty about something. Ann Landers wrote a very interesting paragraph on the subject some years ago. She writes:

“One of the most painful, self-mutilating, time and energy consuming exercises in the human experience is guilt. It can ruin your day or your week, or your life if you let it. It turns up when you do something dishonest, hurtful, selfish, rotten, or tacky. Never mind that it was the result of ignorance, stupidity, laziness, thoughtlessness, weak flesh, or clay feet. You did something wrong and the guilt is killing you. Too bad. But be assured that the agony you feel is normal. Remember, guilt is a pollutant and we don't need any more of it in the world.”

Guilt drives people to alcohol, drugs, loneliness, insanity, and even suicide. When people play games with their minds and try to pass their guilt off onto somebody else, it only increases their guilt. They're now not only guilty for what they did but for blaming someone else for it. **They would do anything to be able to get rid of it, but they don't know how.**

The Internal Revenue Service once received a check for \$50 along with a letter from a man who wrote this: *“I'm sending you this check because I can't sleep at night because I was dishonest with my income tax. If I can sleep after sending this, okay; If I can't, I'll send you the balance.”*

Seneca, the Roman philosopher and statesman said that every guilty person is his own hangman. Humankind cannot relieve itself of guilt in an effective way. **The reason for that is that people have real sin and real sin has the effect of guilt.** The recognition of the sin of humankind is the first great issue in the Gospel of Jesus. The Church is in the world, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say should be in the world, to let people know that they're sinful; to tell them that their guilt is justified. They have in fact sinned against a holy God and they are responsible. All the world is guilty before God. The world, however finds it very difficult to admit this. Dr. Barnhouse wrote:

“It is only stubborn self-pride that keeps people from a confession to God that would bring release. But they refuse to go that way. People stand before their God today like a little boy

who swears in tears that he has not been anywhere near the jar of jam, and with an air of outraged innocence, pleads the justice of his position in total ignorance of the fact that a good spoonful of jam has fallen on his shirt, under his chin, and is plainly visible to all but himself.”

In Romans 3:10-18, we're seeing how God views people. God is telling people that they're lost. All of us are lost and none of us is any better than others.

I read an article a few years back about a duck by the name of "Ringo" who lived in a pond in Grenadier Park in Toronto. People were always throwing pop cans in the park as well as into the pond. Ringo was trying to stick his beak into a pop can and he got the pull tab stuck around his beak. This was when they had the large ring pull tabs on pop cans. He couldn't get it off and he couldn't open his mouth. Mrs. Ringo was rather pleased with this state of affairs and didn't do anything to help Ringo get it off.

I simply couldn't resist adding that. But in all seriousness it was impossible for Ringo to eat in this condition and it soon became the project of the people of Toronto to try to help poor Ringo. People tried everything they could think of to catch that duck. But they just could not catch him. Ringo didn't know people were trying to help him and that he was starving to death. People actually went so far as to get a canon that shot a net over the whole pond. Ringo got away. Then a skin diver was hired to swim around the pond and sneak up on Ringo and grab him. But, Ringo knew what size ducks were. Then bread and corn were used to lure him. All that did was to draw hundreds of sea gulls.

Finally Canada's champion duck caller tried his luck and he got the attention of every duck in the pond except Ringo. Ringo could not be caught and was never helped. He just didn't understand that all those attempts were not designed to frighten him, but to free him from his problem. People are the same. They are hopelessly blinded to the truth about God, but they don't know that, and when you **approach** them with the truth about God, they think you're trying to take something away from them, that you're trying to make things impossible for them, when all you want to do is take the ring off their beaks to save their lives for eternity.

You might look at verse 11 and say, "*This simply isn't true. What about the people who believe in God and believe the Bible?*" Listen to what the apostle John writes in John 6:44:

For people can't come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them from the dead.

People do not seek God. People who are truly seeking God are not doing it on their own initiative. They're doing it because God has begun to draw them, and one of the ways He draws them is through the message He delivers in the Bible. I believe verse 12 is fairly self-explanatory as is verse 13:

*12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good, no, not one."*

*13 "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced
deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips";*

But we might expand on these verses by connecting them to a few other Bible passages.
The first is Matthew 12:33-37:

*"A tree is identified by its fruit. Make a tree good, and its fruit will be
good. Make a tree bad, and its fruit will be bad.*

*34 You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good
and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.*

*35 **A good person produces good words from a good heart, and an evil
person produces evil words from an evil heart.***

*36 And I tell you this, that you must give an account on judgment day of
every idle word you speak.*

*37 The words you say now reflect your fate then; either you will be
justified by them or you will be condemned."*

Matthew 15:18, 19:

*But evil words come from an evil heart and defile the person who says
them.*

*19 For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all other
sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.*

A person's true character will inevitably make itself evident in a person's conversation.
The mouth is the first indicator of what's in a person's heart. Let's look at just one more
passage from James 3:3-10:

*Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the
church, for we who teach will be judged by God with greater strictness.*

*2 We all make many mistakes, but **those who control their tongues can
also control themselves in every other way.***

*3 We can make a large horse turn around and go wherever we want by
means of a small bit in its mouth.*

*4 And a tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot wants it to
go, even though the winds are strong.*

*5 **So also, the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can
do.** A tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.*

*6 And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness that can ruin
your whole life. It can turn the entire course of your life into a blazing
flame of destruction, for it is set on fire by hell itself.*

7 People can tame all kinds of animals and birds and reptiles and fish,

8 but no one can tame the tongue. It is an uncontrollable evil, full of deadly poison.

9 Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it breaks out into curses against those who have been made in the image of God.

10 And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

All you have to do is listen to what people say in order to determine if they're corrupt. All you have to do is turn on your television, radio, computer, go to a movie, or just listen to the conversation of friends and associates. People are not honest. They say whatever is necessary to get the things they want. Just listen to any commercial on radio or television. What do you think the purpose of a commercial is? Most often it's to get you to believe what they're saying and buy something you probably don't need. People may say things to you that are flattering and convincing, but then they pull the rug out from underneath you.

You've all heard someone at one time or another say that people are basically good. Well, they're not, and I'm not talking only about the people outside of this room. I'm talking about all of us, and every once in a while we see that in ourselves, don't we? Simply put, that is the reason we all need a Savior.

Now Romans 3:14 says "*Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.*" To "**curse**" someone means to speak evil of them, and that's quite common in our world, isn't it? "**Bitterness**" means to be resentful, saying things that will hurt a person because they have hurt you. These are words of hate and anger. All you have to do is stop for a moment and listen to what people are saying. They're using words of bitterness and anger that curse others. They use filthy language, they blaspheme God, they express pride in who they are or what they've done, they express their lusts for personal pleasure, they lie, and they're deceitful. The destruction that's produced by the tongue throughout the world is the reason that there is so much **hurt** and **hatred** and **anger**, the latter two being the result of hurt. When someone hurts you, what happens? I would say that most people get angry when they're hurt and that often leads to their feeling hate for the person that made them angry and hurt them.

In verse 15 Paul says that human beings are swift to shed blood. Did you know that in the United States since the year 1900, we have killed twice as many people in private acts of murder as have died in all the wars in which we've fought throughout our history? People will massacre one another whether at peace or at war. And because they are "*swift to shed blood,*" we see in verse 16 that "*Destruction and misery lie in wait for them.*" The world is full of misery. There's misery and unhappiness all around us. If you don't murder, you may have hate and violence. This marks all of human history and is representative of the conduct of the majority of human beings.

In verse 17 Paul tells them that if there is one thing that the world never has, it's peace. There is no peace for the wicked, there's only violence and devastation and destruction. Yet people keep talking about peace and the day when all this fighting will end. Well,

this side of the return of Jesus, it's never going to end because of the basic nature of people. I once heard someone define **peace** as "*the time everybody stops firing in order to reload.*"

What makes people this way? Sin makes people this way as verse 18 describes: "*There is no fear of God before their eyes.*" The reason so many people abandon themselves to a sinful lifestyle is that they don't fear God. Fearing God has both a positive and negative element, and you have to understand both or you won't understand this verse. Fearing God on the positive side means to worship and be in awe of Him. Fear of God on the negative side means to be afraid of Him. There must be a healthy respect for God's disciplinary power. When people don't fear God's punishment, they'll abandon themselves to sinfulness. That's one reason people become atheists; not because it's logical, but because it's a way they can escape their guilt by deciding there's no God, which therefore means there are no consequences for their behavior. Proverbs 9:10 says:

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in understanding.

You will never even begin to be wise unless you fear God. Proverbs 16:6 says:

Unfailing love and faithfulness cover sin; evil is avoided by fear of the Lord.

People need to accept God as God. They need to worship and obey Him, and yes, fear the consequences of disobedience. God intended to put a **healthy fear** into people. We then see the nature of the verdict given in Romans 3:19 (NRSV):

*Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are **under the law**, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.*

Who is under the Law? Everybody who has not accepted Jesus as their personal Savior is under the Law. People who have made that commitment to Jesus are under **grace**. That simply means that when they sin and break the Law, the death and resurrection of Jesus pays for their sins and God still sees them as righteous. **Those who are not saved are under obligation to justify themselves by keeping the Law.** That's why God can ultimately condemn them. It may be expressed in a very simple equation:

<p>Salvation (eternal life in Heaven) = Keeping the Law Faith in Jesus as Savior = Keeping the Law = Eternal Life in Heaven Not having faith in Jesus = Keeping the Law perfectly yourself or end up in Hell.</p>

Since no one can keep the Law perfectly, they have chosen their own destiny by rejecting Jesus. The only way to salvation is to join yourself to the one who kept the Law perfectly. **In this way God sees you as keeping the Law as well.** Without Jesus, you stand alone,

and are, to coin a phrase, “toast.” No one has ever been or ever will be able to keep the Law perfectly. We all need Jesus. The verdict then that we see in verse 19 is that because every person in the world is under obligation to the Law, and since no one can keep the Law on their own, “*every mouth is stopped.*”

What exactly does that mean? No one has any defense. There’s nothing that can be said in one’s own defense. All the world stands guilty before God, and just to confirm that Paul throws in verse 20:

For no one can ever be made right in God’s sight by doing what his law commands. For the more we know God’s law, the clearer it becomes that we aren’t obeying it.

Now this puts people in a rather impossible situation. They are all sinful and have an obligation to keep God’s Law, yet nobody is able to do that. The only thing that the Law can do for them is show them what sin is and that they are sinners.

But there is a way to be free of sin, to find true freedom in Christ. That way is to believe that He paid the penalty for your sin and provided the opportunity for you to have freedom from your guilt when He died on the cross and came back to life again.