



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Romans 3	Title:	One Way For All
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Summary of Chapter	This chapter tells us that there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. God alone is righteous. He sent Jesus as a gift, who Himself is sinless to carry our sins on the cross that we might be declared righteous through faith in Him.		

### How does it speak to me?

<i><sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.</i>	<p>When I first heard the gospel at the age of 16, I dwelled upon the word 'sin' and argued in my mind if indeed I am a sinner and why so? If I am a sinner, are my sins so big that I need a Saviour to die on the cross for me? Can I not write off a small sin with a big deed?</p> <p>As I searched deeper, I came to know that I am a sinner by nature (who I am) and a sinner by practice (what I do) and thus continually fall short of the requirements of God's glory. In life, we all fall short or miss the benchmark, like in our school examination results, medical reports, or promotion at workplace, etc. We can at most times, but with no guarantee and through some interventions meet the mark. Hence, I thought I could try to live a good life to earn my way to heaven.</p> <p>At age 17, I was convinced that I could never be reconciled to God by trying to live a good life. I could only be made right in God's sight through faith in Jesus.</p> <p>And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done. There is no difference between race and ethnicity, poor and rich, male or female, criminals and citizens. Such diversities are superficial. Deep within us, we all miss the mark and the only way that bridges us to Abba Father is Jesus. Through Jesus, we are forgiven and declared righteous.</p>
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### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

<b>Adult:</b>	In 2021, with whom and how do you plan to share the gospel?
<b>Youth:</b>	In 2021, with whom and how do you plan to share the gospel?
<b>Child:</b>	What is sin? Give an example of a sinful behaviour you do not want in you.

### PRAYER

<b>Praying Scripture:</b>	Our Father, we thank you for the forgiveness of our sins through faith in Jesus. We thank you that we are declared righteous in Your holy presence. In 2021, we place into Your hands our loved ones who have yet to know You that through our words and action they will come to know You.
<b>Thanksgiving Prayer:</b>	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b>	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
<b>Salvation Prayer:</b>	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.