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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Romans 3:9-26

The new believers in Rome came from a wide range of viewpoints?from former pagans to observant Jews, and skeptical stoics to ecstatic mystics. In spite of these differences Paul declared the universal application of the message of Christ to all people. He wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile" (1:16).

The message of Christ affirms the common need of all human beings for God's forgiveness. Paul sums up this need in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Everyone, without regard to background, needs the forgiveness of God. Just as our need is the same, the solution is the same: "All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus" (v. 24).

Our one common need leads us to one uncommon and unique Savior, Jesus Christ.

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