

## **What Does Romans 3:10-12 Mean?**

Romans 3:10-12 NKJV

"As it is written: 'There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.'"

### **Study on this Context**

There is none who does what is right. We need to be humble and accept the help of the Holy Spirit to keep God's commandments through the Messiah. It is God who wants to help us live justly. We must have faith in God and keep His commandments.

Shaul quotes the Old Testament here to mean we are to be humble and watchful to keep God's commandments and to accept the Holy Spirit through the Messiah. In his letters, Shaul also talks about the Holy Spirit which can help us to do what is right and good and keep God's commandments. According to Romans 3:22, 26; God is helping us to do what is right (righteous) and making us just (justifier). We need to be humble and accept this. Shaul says the Torah has not been done away in Romans 3:31 NKJV, "Does it follow that we abolish Torah by this trusting? Heaven forbid! On the contrary, we confirm Torah." The Holy Spirit is then what God gives us freely in order to help us right right (righteousness) and live justly (justifier).

### **Further Study**

Psalms 14:1-3 NKJV; Psalm 53:1-3 "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one."

Shaul is quoting the Old Testament portion. The context of the scripture is about an unbeliever. The scripture is a reminder to keep all of God's commands in the Old Testament and even though we may be doing well keeping God's commandments, we are to be humble and watchful to do what is right. When I use the words "right and good" I am quoting Deuteronomy where it tells us to do what is right and good and keep God's commandments. Deuteronomy 6:17-18 NKJV, "You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you."

In his letters, Shaul also talks about the need for faith in God and not just going through the motions of keeping God's commandments. He also talks about the Holy Spirit which Yeshua said is our helper. The Holy Spirit reminds us to keep God's commandments and can help us and leads us in everyday life. The Holy Spirit tells us to keep God's commandments and anything that comes to our mind otherwise, is not the Holy Spirit.

Some say they are to only follow the Holy Spirit. They are wrong; they don't understand the scriptures properly. The duty of man is to keep God's commandments. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NKJV says, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His

commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil." Just because we all fall short is no excuse to sin and not repent. It also says in the New Testament portion that God will judge us. Revelation 21:8 NKJV says, "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone."