

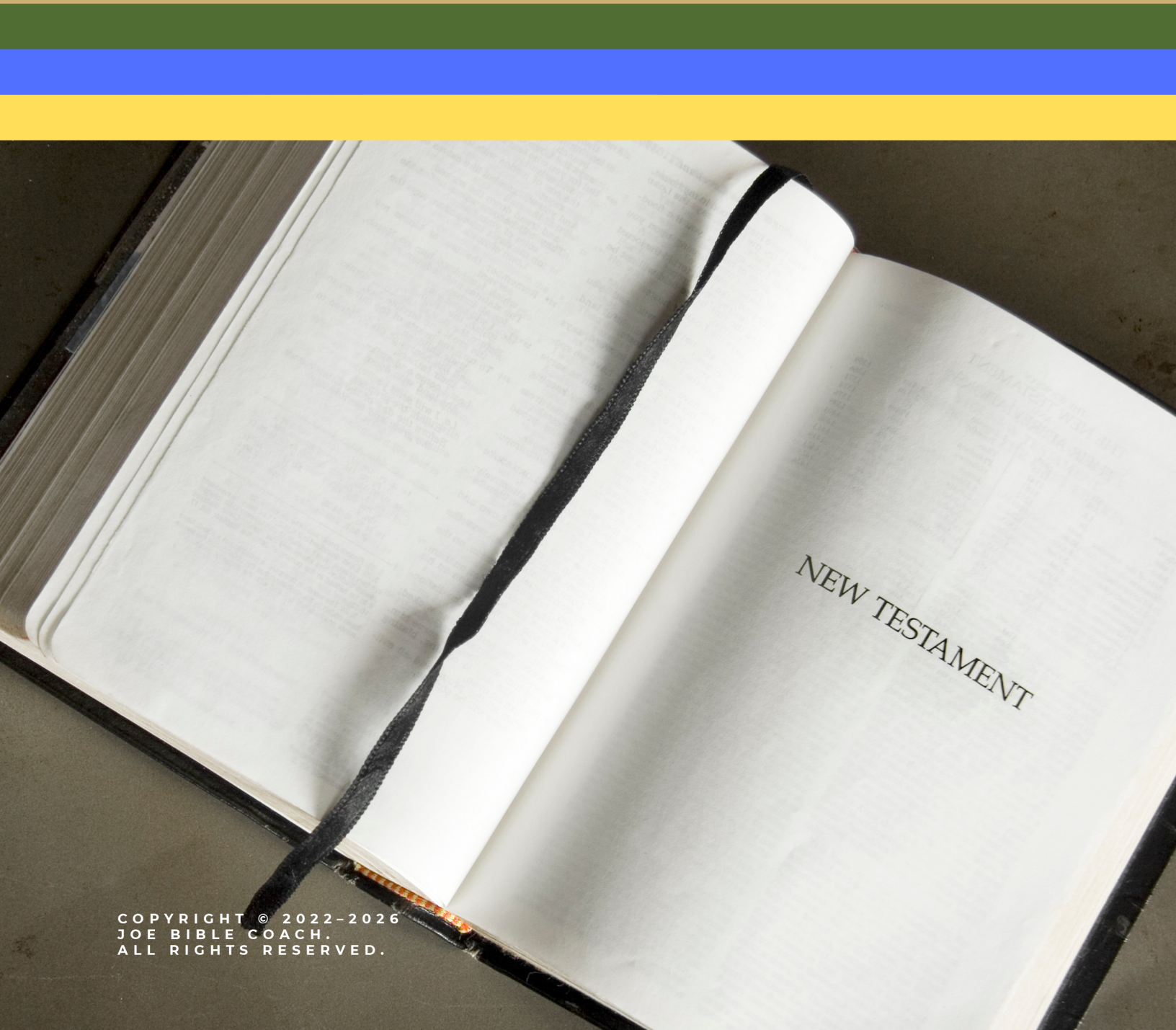


DAILY READINGS

THREE CHAPTERS. THREE SECTIONS.
ONE FRAMEWORK. EVERY DAY.

DAY 3

MATTHEW 3 - ROMANS 3 - ACTS 3



ABOUT THIS BRIEF

WHY WE PUT THIS TOGETHER

Every day of the 88-Day New Testament Bible Study covers three chapters across three different sections of the New Testament simultaneously. The reading plan was designed so that each day you experience the Kingdom gospel, the grace gospel, and the transition between them side by side. But without context, those three chapters can feel disconnected or even contradictory. The daily summaries exist to bridge that gap showing you why it matters and how it connects to the bigger picture.

We put these together because rightly dividing the word of truth is not just a concept to understand once and move on. It is a lens to apply every single day. Each summary identifies which section of the framework you are reading in, what the primary audience is, and how that day's three chapters speak to each other across different administrations of God's plan.

A NOTE ON USE

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INTRODUCTION

Matthew 3 opens with John the Baptist preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, calling Israel to repentance because the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Romans 3 marks a clear shift as Paul explains the gospel of the grace of God: all people stand guilty before God, but are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, received by faith apart from the works of the Law.

Acts 3 shows Peter continuing that Kingdom offer, calling Israel to repent so that the times of refreshing might come and the risen Christ could return to establish His Kingdom.

Matthew 3	Romans 3	Acts 3
John preaches, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."	Paul declares that all are sinners and are justified freely by grace through faith.	Peter calls Israel to repent so the times of refreshing may come and Christ may return.
Israel is prepared for her King.	Jew and Gentile are justified on the same basis.	Israel is offered another opportunity to receive her Messiah.
The Kingdom of Heaven is the focus.	The gospel of grace is fully explained.	Transitional Kingdom offer continues.
Water baptism accompanies Israel's repentance.	Justification comes apart from the Law through faith alone.	Miraculous healing confirms Peter's message to Israel.



MATTHEW 3 - THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS ANNOUNCED

Theme

John the Baptist prepares Israel for the arrival of her promised King by preaching the gospel of the Kingdom.

Outline

1. John the Baptist Begins His Ministry (vv. 1–6)

- John appears in the wilderness of Judea.
- Israel is called to repentance in preparation for the coming King.
- Many are baptized, confessing their sins.

2. A Warning to Israel's Religious Leaders (vv. 7–12)

- John rebukes the Pharisees and Sadducees for their unbelief.
- He calls for fruits worthy of repentance.
- He announces that the coming Messiah will judge the nation, separating believers from unbelievers.

3. The Baptism of Jesus (vv. 13–17)

- Jesus is baptized by John to fulfill all righteousness.
- The Holy Spirit descends like a dove upon Jesus.

Kingdom Emphasis

- Audience: Israel.
- Message: Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.
- John introduces Israel's King and prepares the nation for the promised earthly Kingdom.



ROMANS 3 - GOSPEL OF GRACE REVEALED

Theme

Paul declares that all people are sinners and are justified freely by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Outline

1. All the World Is Guilty (vv. 1–20)

- The Jews had great privileges, but they too are sinners.
- The Law reveals sin but cannot save.
- Every mouth is stopped before God.

2. Righteousness Apart from the Law (vv. 21–26)

- God's righteousness is now revealed apart from the Law.
- It is received through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Christ's blood satisfies God's justice.
- Believers are justified freely by His grace.

3. Boasting Is Excluded (vv. 27–31)

- Salvation is by faith, not by works.
- God justifies both Jew and Gentile on the same basis.
- Grace leaves no room for human boasting.

Grace Emphasis

- Paul fully explains the gospel of the grace of God.
- The focus is no longer on Israel's national repentance for the earthly Kingdom but on God's offer of justification by grace through faith to everyone who believes.
- Salvation is entirely God's work, received apart from the works of the Law.



ACTS 3 - ISRAEL IS OFFERED THE KINGDOM AGAIN

Theme

Peter calls Israel to repent after Christ's resurrection, offering the nation another opportunity to receive her promised Kingdom.

Outline

1. The Healing at the Beautiful Gate (vv. 1–10)
 - Peter heals the lame man.
 - The miracle amazes the people and confirms the apostles' message.
2. Peter's Sermon in Solomon's Porch (vv. 11–26)
 - Peter tells Israel they crucified their Messiah.
 - He calls the nation to repent and be converted.
 - He promises that if Israel repents:
 - Their sins will be blotted out.
 - The "times of refreshing" will come.
 - God will send Jesus Christ back to establish the promised Kingdom.

Transition Emphasis

- Acts is the bridge between Christ's earthly Kingdom ministry and the later revelation of the gospel of grace.
- Peter is still preaching primarily to Israel.
- The Kingdom is still being offered to the nation if they will repent.



2 Timothy 2:15

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth. (AMPC)



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