

But Now *If you're carrying any of these, read across.*

Some folks pull up to the porch carrying a heavy load — sometimes handed to them by religion itself: a list they could never finish, a sense they never measured up. Paul knew that weight, and names it honestly. Then he says the two words that change everything: **but now**. Whatever's weighing on the left, God's answer is on the right — and none of it waits on you cleaning up first.

THE BURDEN	BUT NOW
<i>"I have to be good enough for God to want me."</i>	You're made right with God as a pure gift — never a wage you earn. ROMANS 3:23-24
<i>"Religion handed me a list I could never finish."</i>	But now grace hands you a welcome you never had to earn. ROMANS 4:4-5
<i>"I'm too much of a mess for God to bother with now."</i>	While you were still a mess, Christ already came for you. ROMANS 5:8
<i>"The harder I try, the more I fall short."</i>	Where sin runs deep, grace runs deeper still. ROMANS 5:20
<i>"My past has already cost me everything."</i>	God's free gift is life — brand new, and safe in Jesus. ROMANS 6:23
<i>"The war inside me never lets up, and I keep losing."</i>	Rescue was never something you pull off. It's Someone. Thanks be to God. ROMANS 7:24-25
<i>"I still live under so much shame and condemnation."</i>	There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ. None. ROMANS 8:1
<i>"Everything feels like it's pulling me away from God."</i>	Nothing can separate you from His love. You're more than a conqueror. ROMANS 8:38-39

You were never meant to carry the left side alone. Come sit down — there's room.

No matter the distance, you're not alone.

The porch light's on, and there's always room on the porch.