

A Gift of Righteousness¹

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Romans 3:9-31

The Law shows us our sin and that we can't keep it, therefore showing us our guilt and shame.

On Wednesday evenings we have been looking at the Law as we have been going through the Book of Romans.

This morning we will unpack our passage and see where it leads us.

The Indictment

What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.¹⁰ As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one." **Romans 3:9-10**

Romans and other parts of scripture clearly shows us that we are under guilt and condemnation without Christ. We can't fix our sin problem(s).

We have been charged as guilty!

The Evidence

Man's Corrupted Wisdom

There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God.

Romans 3:11

We can't on our own wisdom, knowledge and will seek God. We have no wisdom of our own. Because we are sinful our wisdom is faulty.

Man's wisdom is at best evil. The "wisdom" we give says, "just be you" or "trust your heart" or "you do you." Our "wisdom" is sinful.

Man's Corrupted Will

They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one. **Romans 3:12**

He seeks us...when Adam and Eve fell there was then "no pursuing God on our own because of sin."

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. **John 6:44**

Scripture reminds us that, "we love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

Our "sinful will" does not want God.

Man's corrupted Words

"Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips";¹⁴ "whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." **Romans 3:13-14**

What we say, the songs we listen to, the things we watch.

I'm reminded of "garbage in, garbage out."

Man's Corrupted Ways

"Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ destruction and misery are in their ways." **Romans 3:15-16**

¹ Partial outline taken from Adrian Rogers

Right after Adam and Eve sinned and had children we have the first murder with Cain and Abel.

Our nature is to SIN.

Man's Corrupted Worship

And the way of peace they have not known.”¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Romans 3:17-18

We worship everything but God. Right now our culture is worshippers of self, which means it's a worship of pride and selfishness!

Verdict

Guilty

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:19-20

Available Mercy

It is of God

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

It is by faith

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

It is to all

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

It is thru grace

Again: *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

Ephesians 2:8-9

It is in Jesus

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:20

The Gospel is not just for unbelievers, but for the believer as well!

Prayer Focus:

- **Have I trusted in Jesus?**
- **Am I trusting in Jesus now?**
- **Do I cling to the Gospel, no matter what I am facing?**