

Doctrinal Foundations: Romans → Romans 3:9-26

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Romans 3:9-26

⁹ What then? Are we better than they? **Not at all.** For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks (i.e. Gentiles) that they are all under sin.

¹⁰ As it is written:

“There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable;

There is none who does good, no, not one.”

¹³ “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.”

¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their ways;

¹⁷ And the way of peace they have not known.”

¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

¹⁹ 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.**

²¹ But, now, the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, **through faith in Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being **justified freely by His grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a **propitiation** by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be **just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Cross References for verses 12 – 18

Romans 3:12 -> Psalms 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:20

Romans 3:13 -> Psalm 5:9

Romans 3:13 -> Psalm 140:3

Romans 3:14 -> Psalm 10:7

Romans 3:17 -> Isaiah 59:7,8

Romans 3:18 -> Psalm 36:1

Thoughtful Questions...

1. What Part of Humanity is exempt from being charged and labelled by God as “sinners”? (Rom 3:9-18)
2. Why do you think Paul listed what he did in verses 10-18?
(ref.: Mark 7:14-23 & Hebrews 3:12-13 → cf. Romans 3:13)
3. What portion of Humanity is “under” the Law of God? (ref.: Romans chapter 1, 2 & 3:1-18)
(ref.: Romans 2:14-16 – what about the Gentile, who does not live under the Jewish/Mosaic Law?)
4. What is God’s Purpose of God’s Law (even that law that is written on our hearts)? (see verse 20)
(ref.: 1 Timothy 1:8 (also see the context of 1 Timothy 1:8-11))
5. What is the Law of God supposed to drive a sinner to? (verses 21 – 25)
6. God’s Righteousness Revealed ... Propitiation ... justification ... (echoes back to Romans 1:16-17)
What is Paul saying here about what is **Required** for a fallen, lost sinner to have a Forever Relationship with God?

Propitiation:

Justified/Justification:

It’s all about God’s R_____