

Romans 3:1-9 Review...

Last week we discussed –
that “All are Under Sin”

We learned the purpose of God choosing His Chosen People Israel ... so that God can reveal His Word, through Israel to the World. Revealing the Written Word (the Bible) and the Living Word (Jesus Christ, Israel’s Messiah, the Savior of the World)

Also, all fallen, sinful human beings could not claim anything against God’s Righteous Judgment against our sin. We are all UNDER SIN ... we can’t justify ourselves

Today we look at more of Romans chapter 3:9-26

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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”;

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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.

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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.

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1. What Part of Humanity is exempt from being charges and labelled by God as “sinners”? (Romans 3:9-18)

→ I think we know this answer → just the ugly people, right?
or ... ???

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)

How bad are we? How depraved are we? How deeply?

What does Jesus think about this? Let's read Mark 7:14-23?

Can't I just blame my parents, my siblings or my circumstances?

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Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴ When Jesus called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear Me, everyone, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. ¹⁶ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”

¹⁷ When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. ¹⁸ So He said to them, “Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?”

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²⁰ And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.

²¹ For from within, **out of the heart** of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit (LYING), lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

So, How Deprave & Defiled are Sinners, outside of Christ, in the sight of God, the Holy and Righteous God?

This is why Paul Listed those horrible sins ... from Romans 1:18 thru 3:18 ... (and it is NOT an exhaustive list, either)

Paul put the final Nail in our Coffin - DOA

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3. What portion of Humanity is “under” the Law of God?
(referring to Romans 3:19)

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.

Can the Gentile (the non-Jewish person, the non-Israeli) be UNDER the LAW as Romans 3:19 says? Or is this verse only referring to Jewish People who know the Law of Moses (the Law of God to Israel)?

(hint: see Romans 2:14-16 – what about the “law written on their hearts...”?)

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Just from these Two Verses ... what are some of the Purposes of the LAW God (I count 3 purposes, so far... how about you?)

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⁸ But we know that the **law is good if one uses it lawfully**, ⁹ knowing this: that the law is **NOT** made for a righteous person, **but** for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰ for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

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The LAW used lawfully with Sinners ... should cause the following:

1. To Shut Up or Stop The Prideful Mouths of Sinners
2. Sinners should become / feel **GUILTY** before the Holy God
3. Stop Sinners from Justifying themselves by their own "good works" before God. It is useless, we are utterly depraved, corrupted, and cannot Save ourselves from God's coming Judgment and Wrath
4. Leave the sinner helpless in the sight of the Holy God

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It should **DRIVE** the Sinner to the foot of the Cross of Christ ...
to the Crucified, Buried, and Resurrected Jesus Christ, the Only
Messiah, the Only Savior of the world.

It should **DRIVE** the Sinner to REPENTANCE and TRUST in God

It should **DRIVE** the Sinner to God's Propitiation ...

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6. God's Mercy Seat (the Propitiation) of God... the place of Atonement ... God's Wrath is Satisfied and Paid for



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God supplies to the Repentant Sinner

Christ's Righteousness

Purchased by Christ on the Cross, etc.

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God Justifies the Sinner ... as if the sinner has **never** been a sinner for his/her whole life...

God looks at the Repentant and Trusting Sinner as if he/she is Jesus, His only begotten Son ... Righteous and Holy

Justification: the Process in which God declares the sinner “not guilty” and that sinner is as **Righteous** as Jesus is, in His sight.

That Process starts with the full redemptive work of Jesus Christ ... His Crucifixion, Death, Burial & Resurrection

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We cannot have a Forever Relationship with God **unless** our **Sin Problem** is dealt with.

In order to have a forever relationship with God and be Rescued from God's Wrath, we **must obtain** the Righteousness of Christ. We obtain that by Repenting of our sins, Turning to God in Trust, Trusting that all the Christ did was **enough** for our Redemption.

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Unless you have God's Righteousness through Jesus Christ applied to your life ... you cannot go to Heaven.

Unless your are Born Again,
you cannot see the Kingdom of God

Unless your sins have been forgiven, unless you have been justified by God because of what Christ did for you...

His Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection ...

There is NO Hope of Eternal Life with God ...

The only thing you have to look forward to is God's Judgment because of your SIN... Today if you hear His Voice...