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GUILTY!

Romans 3:1-20

The central theme of Paul's letter to the Romans is the gospel! The good news that God did for us what we could never do for ourselves. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin and conquered death through the power of His resurrection! Despite this good news, people often raise objections to the gospel and their need for a savior. In Romans 3:1-20, Paul clearly says, "everyone is guilty and needs Christ as their personal Savior!"

Paul's goal is to help people see their sin so they will see their need for Christ! As we continue to study Romans, I pray that you will see your spiritual condition and recognize your need for Jesus Christ!

1. You can anticipate objections and questions concerning the gospel message! (3:1-8)

While there are sincere objections and questions from many, often they are attempts to confuse or explain away the truth! Writing to Jewish Christians, Paul addresses the objections that are anticipated from those with a Jewish background.

- a. **What advantage is it to be a Jew? (vs. 1-2)**
- b. **Will Jewish unbelief cancel God's faithfulness? (vs. 3-4)**
- c. **If our sin commends God's righteousness, how can He judge us? (vs. 5-6)**
- d. **If good comes from our evil, should we continue sinning? (vs. 7-8)**

2. You can conclude that every person is guilty before God and in need of the gospel of Jesus Christ! (3:9-20)

- a. **Accusation (vs. 9-10)**

Romans 3:10 (NASB95) As it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;"



b. Evidence (vs. 11-18)

In Romans 3:13-18, Paul gave us an X-ray study of the lost sinner, from head to foot. His quotations are as follows: verse 13a - Psalm 5:9; verse 13b - Psalm 140:3; verse 14 - Psalm 10:7; verses 15-17 - Isaiah 59:7-8; verse 18 - Psalm 36:1. These verses need to be read in their contexts for the full impact.¹

c. Verdict (vs. 19-20)

Paul's verdict in 3:19-20 is a closing argument from all he has said beginning in 1:18-3:18. His verdict is clear: all of humanity is guilty before God! Every unbeliever, whether Jew or Gentile is under God's law and is accountable to Him!

Take away:

Is there any hope? Yes! Romans 3:1-20 addresses the subject of sin and guilt, beginning in verse 21, Paul picks up the theme of salvation. Next week we will cover Romans 3:21-31. The law tells us that no one is righteous! The gospel tells us that Jesus has provided for you His very own righteousness! This righteousness is not earned, it is received by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8).

- **To the unbeliever: Turn from self and sin, trust in Jesus!**
- **To the believer: Testify to the greatness of God's grace and gift of salvation through Jesus Christ!**