



GRACE-POWERED LIVING

A Study of the Book of ROMANS

VERDICT: GUILTY! – Romans 3:9-20

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Introduction: If the pagan who has never heard the Gospel, the moralist, and the religious person all stand condemned before God, who can ever hope to escape God's judgment? Paul answers that question in this climactic passage from Romans.

I. Our Guilt Stated (Romans 3:9)

Romans 3:9 "What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;"

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is more deceitful than all else, and is desperately sick; who can understand it?"

II. Our Guilt Illustrated (Romans 3:10-18)

A. Our Corrupt Desires (Romans 3:10-12)

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Romans 3:10-12 ¹⁰“As it is written, ‘There is none righteous, not even one; ¹¹There is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; ¹²All have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one.’”

Genesis 6:5 “Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

1. “No one is righteous.” (Romans 3:10)

2. “No one understands.” (Romans 3:11)

1 Corinthians 2:14 “But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”

3. “No one seeks for God.” (Romans 3:11)

4. “All have turned aside from God.” (Romans 3:12)

5. “We have become useless.” (Romans 3:12)

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B. Our Corrupt Discourse (Romans 3:13-14)

Romans 3:13-14 “¹³‘Their throat is an open grave, with their tongues they keep deceiving, the poison of asps is under their lips; ¹⁴Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness;’”

C. Our Corrupt Deeds (Romans 3:15-18)

Romans 3:15-18 “¹⁵‘Their feet are swift to shed blood, ¹⁶Destruction and misery are in their paths, ¹⁷And the path of peace have they not known. ¹⁸There is no fear of God before their eyes.’”

III. Our Guilt Substantiated (Romans 3:19-20)

Romans 3:19-20 “¹⁹Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God; ²⁰because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.”

Conclusion