

ROMANS: PART 10 EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL

God's Righteous Condemnation of All People "The Verdict" Romans 3:9-20

The Charges. Rom 3:9-10

1. Every person is under sin -- we are *sinners* (the presence of evil).
2. Not one person is righteous -- we are *unrighteous* (the absence of good).

God's Testimony Concerning Our Sinful Rebellion Against Him. Rom 3:11,12.

1. The *Pervasiveness* of Sin in us:
 - No understanding of God (a fallen mind). Vs 11a. Cf. I Cor 2:14-15.
 - No desire for God (fallen affections). Vs 11b. Cf. Rom 5:6-10; Jn 3:19.
 - No choice of God or good (a fallen will). Vs 12. Cf. Rom 6; 8:7-8; Jn 6:44,65.
2. The *Universality* of Sin among us:
 - None! Not even one! None! None! All! Together! None! Not even one!
 - Every single person.

God's Testimony Concerning Our Sinful Harm Against Each Other. Rom 3:13-17.

1. The *Extent* of Sin in us:
 - It is in our throats (hearts), tongues, lips, mouth, feet, paths (ways), eyes.
 - All of me!
2. The *Amount* of Harm we do to each other:
 - grave (death), deceit, poison, cursing & bitterness, bloodshed, destruction & misery,
 - no peace

God's Testimony Concerning Our Relationship with Him. Rom 3:18.

1. There is no fear of God before our eyes. Ps 36:1; Prov 1:7; Mt 10:28.
2. We do not have faith in God, love for God, hope in God. II Thess 3:2.

The Verdict: Guilty As Charged. Rom 3:19-20.

1. God's holy Law eliminates every excuse -- guilty!
2. God's holy Law renders every person accountable to God -- guilty!
3. God's holy Law justifies no one -- guilty!
4. God's holy Law reveals just how unrighteous we really are -- guilty!

Application.

1. Unless you understand your own personal unrighteousness -- you will never seek a righteousness outside of yourself (In Christ).
2. Unless you understand your own personal depravity -- you will never beg God for His grace to save you (By Grace).
3. Unless you understand your own personal sinfulness -- you will never be able to deal with the problems in your life:
 - Personally: You don't have to wait for everyone else to repent before things can change -- you can repent now!
 - Family: "What problem? I don't have a problem -- you have a problem!" **Oh Yes you do.** Your sin is far worse than you ever dreamed, but His grace is even greater!!!
 - Friendships: We need no masks! "Are you a good Christian?" Nonsense! Each one of us was a desperately lost sinner -- now saved by the same grace!
4. Unless you understand your own personal depravity -- you will never understand the greatness of God's love for you.