

*Paul's Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God*

***“The Verdict: No One Is Righteous”***

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Romans 3:9-12

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- A. In today's passage from Romans 3, Paul could not be any clearer, he says, "When it comes to \_\_\_\_\_, we all \_\_\_\_\_!"
- B. Today's passage is the grand and \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion of the first 3 chapters of Romans.
- C. Before you despair, keep in mind that \_\_\_\_\_ is coming.
- D. We will never understand, appreciate and \_\_\_\_\_ the good news of salvation until we understand and accept our sinfulness and \_\_\_\_\_ of our sinful state.
- E. Americans have always been a basically optimistic people who believe in \_\_\_\_\_, not spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, but that is the antithesis of the gospel.
- F. The key phrase of verse 9 is we "are \_\_\_\_\_ sin" - it is a \_\_\_\_\_ term.
- G. God looks down from heaven and doesn't see a single \_\_\_\_\_ person.
- H. God judges by a different \_\_\_\_\_ than we do.
1. That's the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ goodness.
- I. After declaring the general unrighteousness of everyone, Paul then shows how sin has infected various parts of the \_\_\_\_\_.
1. People's \_\_\_\_\_ often reveal just how unrighteous everyone is.
  2. People's \_\_\_\_\_ are swift to shed \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. People's \_\_\_\_\_ have no fear of God before them.
- J. Paul draws an interesting conclusion - he says that every \_\_\_\_\_ is silenced and the whole world is held \_\_\_\_\_ to God - the image is \_\_\_\_\_.
- K. Paul's conclusion is: "no one will be declared righteous by observing the \_\_\_\_\_.
- L. The law of God is like a \_\_\_\_\_ that shows us how \_\_\_\_\_ we really are.
- M. Three truths to understand and embrace:
1. All of us are \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. None of us can be \_\_\_\_\_ enough to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.
  3. No matter how unrighteous and sinful our lives, there is \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
- N. It matters much if our \_\_\_\_\_ keeps us from admitting that without Christ we are \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: A. sin, stick. B. grim. C. good, news. D. seek, lost-ness. E. self-help, helplessness. F. under, military. G. righteous. H. standard. H.1. relative, absolute. J. human, body. I.1. lips. I.2. feet, blood. I.3. eyes. J. mouth, accountable, judicial. K. law. L. mirror, dirty. M.1. sinners. M.2. good, save. M.3. hope. N. pride, lost.