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 ________.