

The Whole World Guilty Before God!

Romans 3:1 **What advantage then hath the Jew?** or what **profit** *is there* of circumcision? 2 **Much every way:** chiefly, because that unto them were **committed the oracles of God.** 3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? 4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be **justified in thy sayings,** and mightest overcome when thou art judged. 5 But if **our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God,** what shall we say? *Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance?* (I speak as a man) 6 God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world? 7 For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner? 8 And not *rather,* (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just. 9 What then? **are we better than they?** No, in no wise: for **we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;** 10 As it is written, **There is none** righteous, no, not one: 11 **There is none** that understandeth, **there is none** that seeketh after God. 12 **They are all** gone

out of the way, **they** are together become unprofitable; **there is none** that doeth good, no, not one. 13 Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: 14 Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness: 15 Their feet *are* swift to shed blood: 16 Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. 19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.** 20

Therefore by the **deeds of the law** there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.**

1. The law condemns all! 9 What then? **are we better *than they?*** No, in no wise: for **we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;** John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is **condemned already,** because he

hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

a. The Jews are condemned

i. The Jews wanted to know if Paul was denying that they had something special as the people of God

1. They have been severely persecuted throughout history

2. They clung to their Scriptures to say that they were special

3. They clung to their circumcision

ii. The Jews did have an advantage over the Gentiles.

They had the law. **Romans 3:1** **What advantage then hath the Jew?** or what profit *is there* of circumcision?

2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were **committed the oracles of God.**

iii. Just because some Jews didn't believe God's Word didn't change the facts **3** For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? **4** God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be

justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

iv. God will judge the world by what He wrote in His Word, the law **5 But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God,** what shall we say? *Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)*

6 God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?

b. The Gentiles are condemned **9 What then? are we better than they?** No, in no wise: for **we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;**

i. The Gentiles didn't even know God.

ii. They didn't have the truth or His Word

iii. They sinned but didn't even know what was sin,
Biblically

c. All men, everywhere, are condemned **9 What then? are we better than they?** No, in no wise: for **we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;**

d. Much of the Bible is the story of man's failure in every possible **scenario-dispensation**

i. In the garden when man was created **innocent**, no history or habit of sin, he sinned and failed. Man

disobeyed God and was driven from the garden but God provided salvation by grace in the shed blood of an animal and the skins covering their shame [Genesis 3](#)

- ii. Then man had his **conscience**-knowing right from wrong and begin able to make a decision but instead of doing right and hating evil man became so evil that God destroyed the entire world in a flood. Again in His grace He provided the ark to save man. [Genesis 6](#)
- iii. Then God allowed man to set up **human government** but man instead of seeking God sought to make much of himself and built the tower of Babel. God destroyed the tower, divided man by giving us languages. But in His grace He calls out Abraham to be a blessing to the nations [Genesis 11](#)
- iv. Abraham gets promises from God but spends his life violating the conditions of the **promise** as do his children. Here man has a personal relationship with God but Israel fails God. Man always fails under every circumstance. [Genesis 12](#). After man's failure God sends divine, perfect law so that man can know exactly what is right and expected

- v. God gives His **divine law** through Moses. What happens with the law, man fails. He rejects God, the truth, uses the law for his own purposes. But even under the law we see God's grace as He gives them a sacrifice to be their payment for sin.
- vi. When man fails so desperately under divine law God show an **age of grace**. No longer under the law. Man, every where, has the gospel, the good news. Jesus comes as a sin offering. Man still refuses to accept the free gift. Man will simply not love God and believe God. Man is profoundly and deeply wicked. Grace is right in front of their faces. It is the story of the New Testament but they do not care.
- vii. Giving man another test God will set up a **personal kingdom** for God here on the earth. Satan will be bound. Jesus, Himself, will rule. Man will still rebel. Man will still be against God. Man fails again. Man is an utter and abject failure. He needs God's grace. If God didn't do the saving it would never happen.
- e. God has systematically proven to man that man refuses to love God, to seek God. Man is a complete and utter failure. If God doesn't provide the means of salvation

then no one will be saved.

2. The condition of man

- a. All men are under sin, both Jew and Gentile **9** *What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for **we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;***
- b. There is none **10** *As it is written, **There is none** righteous, no, not one: **11 There is none** that understandeth, **there is none** that seeketh after God. **12 They are all** gone out of the way, **they** are together become unprofitable; **there is none** that doeth good, no, not one.*
- c. They are all **12** ***They are all** gone out of the way, **they** are together become unprofitable; **there is none** that doeth good, no, not one.*
- d. Each condemnation that follows Paul is quoting Scripture that they should have known
 - i. **Romans 10:13** *Their throat *is* an **open sepulchre;** with their tongues they have used **deceit;** **Psalm 5:9** *For **there is no faithfulness in their mouth;*** Their inward*

part *is* very wickedness; Their throat *is* an **open sepulchre**; They flatter with their tongue.

- ii. Romans 10:13b the **poison of asps** *is* under their lips: Psalm 140:3 They have sharpened their tongues like a **serpent; Adders' poison** *is* under their lips. Selah.
- iii. Romans 10:14 Whose mouth *is* **full of cursing** and bitterness: Psalm 10:7 His mouth *is* **full of cursing** and deceit and fraud: Under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.
- iv. Romans 10:15 Their feet *are* swift to **shed blood**: 16 Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: Isaiah 59:7 Their **feet run to evil**, And they make haste to **shed innocent blood**: Their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction *are* in their paths. 8 The way of peace they know not; And *there is* no judgment in their goings: They have made them crooked paths: Whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.
- v. Romans 10:18 There is **no fear of God** before their eyes. Psalm 36:1 The transgression of the wicked saith

within my heart, *That there is **no fear of God** before his eyes.*

- vi. The Jew would claim that he had the law and that was an advantage so Paul quotes the Word of God, the Law, to them and proves that they having the law do not even know what it says. It says man is wicked
- e. If you think that having the law is an advantage, think again
- f. What was the law's purpose 20 **Therefore** by the **deeds of the law** there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin.**
 - i. The law was never meant as a means to save you but to break you
 - ii. The law is a school master to bring you to grace
 - iii. The law is the ministry of death so you can be raised to life
 - iv. The law shows you what sin is so that you can know that you are a sinner
 - v. The law gets you sick enough to need a doctor, sinful enough to see your condition and know you must be saved by the grace of God. It brings you to a point of

helplessness so that you will need help.

3. The conclusion **James 2:10** For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.
 - a. No man can keep the law
 - i. Those that have it failed
 - ii. Those that didn't have it were already failing
 - b. Only faith in what Jesus did can save
 - c. The law's work is great because it brings you to where you will want to be saved **II Corinthians 3:6** Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for **the letter killeth**, but the spirit giveth life. **7** But if **the ministration of death**, written *and* engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away: **9** For if the **ministration of condemnation** *be* glory, much more doth the **ministration of righteousness** exceed in glory.
 - d. You must put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. He is the only hope you have. It is what God did through Jesus on the cross that offers our only hope of salvation

- e. We will be saved by His grace and goodness or we will not be saved at all
- f. Just like in the garden when man realized he was naked, alone, ashamed then Jesus came to him that is where you need to find yourself today!
- g. Every mouth is shut and all are guilty. 19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**
- h. Now you realize that no one gets saved by doing good 20

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