

Romans 3: 9-19

Vs 10 There is none righteous, no, not one...

- We said before that Roman's is the doctrinal hot-bed of the New Testament...

- Roman Road to Salvation:

1. Know that you're a sinner

Rom 3:10 There is none righteous, no, not one
Rom 3:26 For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.

2. Know that the penalty for your sin is death

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death

3. Know that Jesus loves you & died for you.

Rom 5:8 But God commends his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
Rom 6:23 The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.

4. Believe & be saved

Rom 10:9 If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

- Paul is really getting to the conclusion of the 1st three chapters of this letter... This conclusion is the 1st step of the Roman Road to Salvation.

- That there is none righteous, no, not one.

- That from a certain point of view is the foundation that must 1st be laid for someone to be saved.

- Now, the Roman Road is a good way to explain salvation
- It's a good way to explain God's plan of salvation
- To introduce in the most simple fashion the doctrine of salvation, sin, redemption, ...
- It's good and very complete

BUT! I'll say this... and I hope you understood what I'm trying to say...

- Nobody is going to heaven by acknowledging that "all have sinned"
- Nobody is going to be saved confessing that "there are no righteous, honest"
- Wait a second, preacher, didn't you just say it was a good way to explain salvation?

Yes I did, but I've also said many times that personal responsibility is the core of Christianity.

It's not All have sinned, it's I have sinned...

It's not NONE are righteous, it's I am unrighteous.

For I acknowledge MY transgression, and MY sin is ever before me.

David said, "Against thee and thee only have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight."

Jesus told of that tax collector that went up the temple to pray. He said, "Lord be merciful to US sinners!"

No! The bible said he couldn't even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast saying, "God, be merciful to ME, a sinner!"

I tell you, this man went down to his house JUSTIFIED!

- Now I believe Paul is right. Paul's doctrine is right
- It's us who gets things mixed up...
- It's not doctrine that saves, it's Jesus.
- Doctrine did not travel the road to Calvary and allow itself to be nailed to an old rugged cross...
- It wasn't doctrine that was lifted up as Moses lifted the serpent... It was the Son of Man.
- And I'll tell you it's not doctrine that tugs at the inner chords of your heart weeping you and calling you to be saved.

So when we come to Rom 3:10 [sure] the doctrine & the losses affect our understanding of the things of God, our understanding of sin and of man.

But the blessing lies when we learn to turn the application inward, or toward us.

- When we read vs 9-19 as with other verses, the feeling behind the verse is that we're talking about someone else.
- What I want us to do is to refrain from reading in such a fashion... (Read 9-19)
- Paul's not talking about me... He's talking about them.
- Paul is quoting scripture and I don't believe he has any intention of dismissing the reader from his indictment... that "all have sinned"

Vs 10 There is none righteous, not one... → Psalm 14: 1-4
+11 None that understand -
+12 They are all gone...

Vs 13. Their throat is an open sepulchre → Psalm 5: 9-10
Poison of asps is under their tongue → Psalm 140: 1-5
vs 14 Mouth is full of cursing and
bitterness > Psalm 18: 2-7
vs 15, 16, 17 > Isaiah 59: 2-8

- All these verses describe the wicked & the ungodly.
- And they're written in a third person type style.
- Paul doesn't say I thus or you that...
- But that does not absolve us from the responsibility the text places upon us.
- The 1st step in the Roman Rd, to me, paints a pretty wicked picture of man.
- A pretty vile creature, worthy of the judgment of God.
- But Paul's not talking about me...
 - I do good sometimes.
 - I don't have no poison under my tongue.
 - I'm not bitter.
 - I'm not trying to kill nobody.
- Paul is describing a horrible, wretched, wicked, vile, person, a lying, murdering, miserable, fool of a man.
- I'm not that bad...

- You know, if we can ever get to the place where Paul was when he said, "The Son of God trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost..."

1 Tim 1:15
This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief...

Let me read a scripture
Ephesians 2:1-8

- So when we read passages like Roman 3:9-19 - We are reading a description of what we were and a challenge to us now of what not to be... or what we can be...

= Death & Resurrection → The Gospel - The death of the cross is for the sinner, the resurrection is for the saint...

- This list is the truth of your list and you need to be saved... But if you're saved, this list gives us an outline of how things ought to be...

vs 19
None righteous yet not one!

(JESUS CHANGES THINGS)

- Rom 12:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness

- 2 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him...

Romom 4:3 For what saith the scripture?
Abraham believed God, and it was counted
unto him for righteousness...

* vs 11 None that understandeth ...

^{1 John 20}
John said, "And we know that the Son of God is
come, and hath given us an understanding, that
we may know him that is true, and we are in
him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ.
This is the true God, and eternal life..."

→ (Ephesians 2:16-18) (Luke 24:45)

* vs 11 None that seeketh after God -

Hebrew 11:6

Colossians 2:3-4

Deuter 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt
seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou
seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul...

Mat 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye
shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; For
everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh
findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened...

vs 12 (Read)

Philemon - vs 11

Ephesians - We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus
unto good works which God has before ordained
that we should walk in them



- Let me ask you this question?
- What good are ~~you~~^{we} saved? What good are ~~you~~^{we} doing?
- Are ~~you~~^{we} profitable to anybody?
- Does anybody benefit from your life? Particularly, your life in Christ.....
- Do you go through out your day wondering & trying to be a blessing to somebody....?

Let's look at vs 13 Mouth & tongue James 11:5-8

Sepulchre

Person of Asps - Very biblical title, used as a means of execution

vs 14 Cursing / Blessing
Bitterness / Sweetness
(Bro. Fam Jordan)

> James 3:9-12

vs 15. The Feet.....

Swift to shed blood / to hurt people / to cause pain...
to inflict harm... & damage... vs 16 Destruction & misery

> Hurtman

Bind the wounds of those that are hurt / help people instead of hurt people / Give relief instead of pain /
Rebuild, build up, fortify & strengthen instead of inflict harm & damage.

vs 16 Destruction & misery are in their way

- There's some people that think they have the gift of criticism
- Everything that comes out of their mouth is a criticism, or judgemental, or condescending... They tear everything down that they come across... Not physically, but in words. They don't have anything good to say about anything or anybody. And in words they destroy everybody's ideas, efforts, or deeds.

- And they make everybody miserable...
- Destruction + misery are in their way...
- We ought not to be that way... Let the world be that way...
- The sad thing is that we're like that and don't know it, or we lie somewhere in between...
- We're not a curse to anybody, but exactly a blessing...
- We're not really tearing anybody down, but we're not exactly building anybody up...
- We're not really hurting anybody or harming, but we're not exactly helping anyone either...
- God helps us to get out of that rut...
- Jesus told the church of Laodicea
 Rev 3:15 "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth..."

(Personal testimony) I like real cold or real hot.

- If you're a sinner in need of a Saviour - God can help you.
- If you're a saint on the sidelines - what can God accomplish through you??
- Filled with the Spirit? → - To serve tables? Spirit + Power
 - Acts 2:15-18

- Sometimes, I wonder is there a middle ground?
- Paul, the writer of Romans - had no middle ground
- He went from destroying and tearing down and wasting the church of God to
- Serving, helping, and blessing saints & sinners alike
- Where is the middle ground?

vs. 19 Read...

(Murdin story)

Gal. 2:19 For I through the law am dead to the law that I might live unto God... I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live; I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me...

- I was found guilty before God, I went to God and confessed my sin... my sentence was taken by Jesus... I was crucified with Christ... The Law has been satisfied... No longer subject to the demands of the Law... I'm a free man...
- And in this freedom, we are free to joy & glory in the righteousness of God, free to seek the face of God, free to do the work of God, to bless and build upon the foundation of Christ that was laid down...