

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

All Under Sin

Romans 3:9-19

⁹What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;
¹⁰as it is written...

"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;
¹¹THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,
THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;
¹²ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME
USELESS;
THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,
THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."
¹³"THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,
WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,"
"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,
¹⁶DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,
¹⁷AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN."
¹⁸"THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;

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1. Summary Indictment

- "not at all!" – Paul represents the response of faith that accepts the divine charge
- the divine charge is that all are under sin – under God's righteous condemnation and held captive to sin's power

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2. Scriptural Support

- A string of at least six quotations from Scripture (*Ps. 14:1-3; 5:9; 140:3; 10:7; 36:1; Is. 59:7-8*)
- Paul applies these universally (?)

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2. Scriptural Support

- A. Universality of Sin (relation to God)
 - no exceptions! – there is not a single person who can stand as right before God

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- B. Pervasiveness of Sin (relation to others)
 - an inward corruption that affects every faculty of man and brings harm to others

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3. Summary Conclusion

- the purpose of the Law was to “shut every mouth” before God’s just condemnation
- the whole world is guilty before God