

Unholy Togetherness

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Romans 3:9-20

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." 13 "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." 14 "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 in their paths are ruin and misery, 17 and the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes." 19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

I. No one is _____ from the _____ of sin.

II. Sin has _____ us all, _____ and _____.

III. The whole world is in _____ of a _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. No one is free from the condemnation of sin, including the Apostle Paul. Why is it significant that Paul includes himself in verse 9? How should that reshape our understanding of self-righteousness?
2. Do you ever find yourself thinking that you are better than others?
3. Scripture teaches that no one seeks God unless God draws them first. Does this challenge you? What about the common belief that people can seek God on their own? How does this understanding affect our view of God's grace?
4. In what ways does sin continue to contaminate areas in your own life, both internally and externally?
5. Share about a time when sin contaminated your relationship with others.
6. Discuss this statement: The Gospel is bad news for good people and good news for bad people.

Next Week: Romans 3:21-31