

Series "How Great A Salvation"
"The Guilt Of All Men"
Romans 3:9-20
Study-9

Psalm 32:5

Romans 1:18-3:20 – Condemnation Of The World.

"none" 3X and the word **"all" 2X**; This "all" is all-inclusive as it covers all humanity.

In court proceedings, there are several steps: **Arraignment (Charge)**; there is the **Indictment**, opportunity to make a **Defense**. Then there is a **Verdict**.

Thought Of Our Passage: "God Has Charged And Indicted Mankind. But Because Mankind Has No Defense, God Must Render His Verdict."

1. Verse 9 – The Arraignment

2. Verses 10-18 – The Indictment

3. Verse 19 – The Defense

4. Verses 19-20 – The Verdict

1. Verse 9 – The Arraignment:

Romans 3:9 – "What then?" – "What conclusion are we to draw from the foregoing argument?" Paul, starting in Romans 1:18-3:8, has indicted the Heathen, then Moral man, and Religious (Jews) as being guilty before God, Romans 3:2.

"Are we better than they?" – "Are we (Paul & the believers in Rome, Jew & Gentile) any better off or at an advantage? Do we have a better standing?"

"Not at all;" – We are not better than others! We're Forgiven.

The Charge: "for we have already charged" – "a person previously indicted for an offense." "that both Jews and Greeks" – Romans 2:9.

"are all under sin;" – word "under" means "under God's wrath and judgment, the dominion of or the power of another, under control of sin," 1 John 5:19.

Romans 3:23

“sin;” – 1st time singular use. Notice Paul does not say “sins” (plural) but it is (singular) sin. Speaks of the universal and total depravity! Not speaking of sins that a person commits but it is the sin, the nature, the cause, the reason. The reason there are sins is because of sin.

2. Verses 10-18 – The Indictment:

Romans 3:10; Psalm 14:1 – “as it is written,” – speaks of “a continual permanence of what was written, divine authority.” Paul quotes 6 O.T. Passages. Psalm 14:1-3; 5:10; 140:4; 10:7; 36:2; Isaiah 59:7-8.

Paul gives a 14 Point Indictment Against All Humanity. He describes man’s character, his conduct, and the root cause:

Indictments 1-6 – Character: What Man Is

1st Indictment – Universally Evil: “as it is written, “THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS,” – This is the character of the person. This standard of righteousness is not that of a man but of Jesus Christ, who is God.

“RIGHTEOUS” – “being perfectly right, without sin, or error;”
Depravity of man.

“NOT EVEN ONE;” – This is to rule out the person that says,
“I am the exception.”

Only Jesus could meet the standard of righteousness,
Isaiah 64:6.

Romans 3:11; Psalm 14:2; 53:3

2nd Indictment – Spiritually Ignorant: “THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,” – There is no right apprehension of God.

3rd Indictment – Rebellion: “THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;” – The word “SEEKS” – “to seek out, a determined search;”
Romans 1:18-23 – Religions are an escape from the true God!

Holy Spirit must draw the sinner. John 6:44

Romans 3:12

4th Indictment – Mankind Is Wayward: “ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE,” – Turned aside from what? Left the prescribed right way of life by God; “a caravan crossing the desert that has deviated from the correct course, or a soldier running the wrong way, as deserting!”
Isaiah 53:6

5th Indictment – Spiritually Worthless: “TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;” – Note “TOGETHER” – “there are no exceptions;” “USELESS” – “unprofitable.” It speaks of milk that has turned sour;” literally, “garbage.” It was good and had purpose but now it is no good!

Revelation 4:11

6th Indictment – Mankind Is Corrupt: “THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE.”

It speaks of a course of life; an habitual lifestyle of never doing good!

Indictments 7-10 – Speech: What Man Says, Matthew 15:18 man.

Romans 3:13

7th Indictment – Spiritually Dead: “THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,” – Psalm 5:9 – The throat is the shaft leading to death. “Throat is an open sepulcher; man’s mouth is so offensive; it is as a stench of an open grave.”

8th Indictment – Mankind Is Deceitful: “WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,”

9th Indictment – Their Speech Is Poisonous: “THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS”

These are found in the Egyptian Nile; cobra, or viper. “UNDER THEIR LIPS” – They have a very toxic poison bag behind the lips.

Romans 3:14

10th Indictment – Speech Filled With Cursing: “WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING” – “intense curse of desiring the worst for others.”

Matthew 12:34

“AND BITTERNESS” – Bitterness is the result of two things. Being sinned against or unwilling to forgive another produces bitterness, Ephesians 4:31-32.

Indictments 11-13 – Conduct: What Man Does; Romans 3:15 – “THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,” – The feet speak of one’s approach to life. It is their lifestyle; Warlike nature.

11th Indictment – Mankind Is Murderous: World of violence we live in. “THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,”

Romans 3:16

12th Indictment – Mankind Is Destructive: “DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,” – You look at the “DESTRUCTION” – “breaking in pieces and completely shattering, causing total devastation.”

Romans 3:17

13th Indictment – Mankind Is Void Of Peace: “AND THE PATH OF PEACE HAVE THEY NOT KNOWN.”

1 Thessalonians 5:3 – Only Hope; the prince of peace,
Isaiah 9:6.

Romans 3:18

Indictment 14 – The Cause: No Fear Of God.

14th Indictment – No Fear Of God: “THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.” – Psalm 36:1 – The motive for man’s sinfulness is his godlessness!

Psalm 111:10

3. Verse 19 – The Defense:

Romans 3:19 – “Now we know that whatever the Law says,” – Hebrew Scriptures; This tells us that there are absolutes, that the Law speaks to us a standard of right and wrong.

“it speaks to those who are under the Law,” – The Bible was written to address people.

“so that every mouth may be closed,” – “every person before God’s righteousness judgment will be reduced to silence, deprived of all excuses.”

Galatians 3:24

4. Verses 19-20 – The Verdict:

Romans 3:19 – “and all the world may become accountable to God;” – “all mankind is answerable to God, guilty before God,” Psalm 130:3-4.

Romans 3:20

“because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight;” – Galatians 2:16.

“Justified” – “It is being declared righteous, as if we have not sinned.”
“for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.” – The purpose of the Law is to expose us as being under sin.

Application:

1. The Scriptures Are Clear – All Of Humanity Without Exception Is Under Sin. That Means, Under God’s Wrath And Judgment And Under The Dominion Of Sin.
2. God’s Indictment Against All Humanity Is All-Inclusive. It Includes Man’s Character, Conduct, And The Root Cause Which Is Romans 3:18 – “THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.”
3. God Has Charged And Indicted Mankind. But Because Mankind Has No Defense, God Must Render His Verdict.