

All Have Sinned

Romans 3:9-31

Introduction

In Chapters 1-2 The Apostle Paul does open-heart surgery on the reader.

He goes to the heart of the gospel also.

Verses 1:19-32 Paul diagnoses the sinful pagan, gentile world.

Verses 2:1-3:20 Paul then diagnoses the sins of the religious Jewish world.

The Jews:

1. People of the Law(Torah)
2. People of the Circumcision
3. People entrusted with the Word of God
4. People under God's favor
5. People of cleanliness
6. People of Kosher diets
7. People of Dark hearts.

The Christians:

1. People of the Bible
2. People of Baptism
3. People of Conservative values
4. People of Morality
5. People entrusted with the Gospel
6. People with Dark hearts.

The world is darkened and sinful

US News and World Report (Columbia University)

1. 40 million people are addicted to drugs and alcohol in America
2. 80 million if one counts tobacco and nicotine addiction in America
3. 38,000 people died in 2010 of drug overdoses.

World Health Organization

1. 2.5 million people died in the world last year in alcohol-related deaths.

USA Today (Guttmacher Institute)

1. 93% of Americans between 15 and 60 believe pre-marital sex is **OK**

The Church is darkened and sinful also:

2014 State of Dating in America Report (Christian Mingle & JDate)

1. 61% believe it OK to have pre-marital sex
2. 56% believe its OK to live together
3. 34% believe its OK to marry a non-Christian

Three reasons Paul spends so much time on sin in Romans (62 verses):

1. The gospel cannot be truly appreciated if the weight of sin is not understood.
2. We resist being told we are a sinner.
3. Brokenness over sin is the gateway to paradise (John Piper Matthew 5:3/
Luke 23:41)
4. Vaccine to the sick example.

Verses 9-20 All have sinned

1. v10 Not one person is righteous
2. v11 None that seek God

3. v12 All are unprofitable
4. v 13-14 They are speak lies and deceit
5. v13-14 Many seek to kill (125 million in 20th century 39 million in war)
6. v17 They have no peace
7. v19 All are guilty

Verses 21-31 But God wants to save all

1. But now
2. Righteousness is possible through Jesus
3. v23 It is about the glory of God
4. Justified freely by His grace
5. Propitiation = to appease the wrath of an offended person (1John 2/ 1 John 4)
6. Remission = to pardon or give up punishment due to a crime
7. The great eraser
8. Cancer in remission
9. Fulfill the law through faith
10. This is the path for all who have sinned

Conclusion

1. Noah/ Abraham/ Moses/ David/ Isaiah/ Peter/ Thief/ Thomas/ Paul/ Centurion
2. All had to know they were sinners in need of a Savior
3. None are righteous
4. But there is Hope
5. Jesus is the hope for all the world.

Proposition

1. Be honest about who you are before God
2. Be broken by the righteousness of Jesus
3. Be saved through faith in Him
4. Be grateful by His grace.