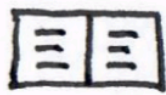


3 LENT ▶ Romans + CROSS OF JESUS

Crux sola est nostra theologia, Martin Luther



GOSPEL OF GOD (1:1) shines bright against the backdrop of human sin (1:18-3:20)
Painting of candle w. dark background

① THE VERDICT

1. Jew + Greeks - All Humanity - under sin

☑ Gentile idolatry (1:18-32) ▶ under
Θ's righteous wrath

☑ Jewish lawbreaking (2:1-3:8) ▶ under
Θ's righteous wrath

➡➡➡ All human possibilities - religion + irreligion,
education, economics, politics, philosophies, ways,
leaders, institutions under sin! NO ESCAPE

2. Specific Verdict of Θ's WORD

☑ None is righteous, no, not one Ps. 14:1-3, 53:1-3

☑ No one understands

☑ No one seeks God *What? Yes, Holy LORD GOD,
for God's glory alone!*

☑ All have turned aside; together they have become
worthless; no one does good, not even one.

- ☑ Their throat is an open grave, Ps. 5:9
- ☑ They use their tongues to deceive, Jer. 5:16
- ☑ The venom of asps is under their lips, Ps 140:3
- ☑ Their mouth is full of curses + bitterness, Ps. 10:7
- ☑ Their feet are swift to shed blood, Prov. 1:16, Js 5:7-8
- ☑ in their paths are ruin and misery, ↙
- ☑ and the way of peace they have not known
- ☑ There is no fear of Θ before their eyes, Ps. 36:

Who me? Yes, You! Law speaks to those under the LAW ▶

3. Final Verdict "So that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world accountable to Θ . For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." The real problem of man

C.S. Lewis Till We Have Faces ... Sin beneath Sin
Has your ~~mouth~~ mouth been stopped?

② THE GOSPEL OF CROSS

1. The Great News of Gospel BUT... Θ

▶ Greatest Words of Scripture Gospel of Θ

2. The Gospel is about the righteousness of Θ

Martin Luther's breakthrough

Righteousness of Θ = Alien Righteousness of Jesus

☑ apart from the law

☑ Witnessed to by the
LAW *Leviticus*

PROPHETS *Isaiah 53*

☑ Jesus active obedience ► perfect, internal + external, unto LORD Θ , motivated by Θ 's glory, etc.

3. Righteousness of Θ *has been manifested* in SON (1:3+4), preached by Apostle and Church and received by faith (1:16-17),

VERDICT = Sinner under wrath of Θ

↪ GOSPEL = Gift of the righteousness of Jesus

↪ FAITH = Joining Θ 's attack on SIN

"The cross is in the first instance, God's attack on human sin... As an attack it reveals that the real seat of sin is not in the flesh but in our spiritual aspirations..." Gerhard O. Forde