

Sin has affected us all

Romans 3:1-20

Introduction:

1. **Writer of the book** – The Apostle Paul to the church at Rome.
2. **Theme of the book** – The Gospel (good news); It is the good announcement that God sent His Son to live a perfect life for you; to die a death for you; and to resurrect so that you can live forever.
3. Here in Romans 3:1-20, Paul continues to further explain that all are guilty before God because all are born into this world as sinners.
4. **Romans 3:1-20** commentary
5. The point that Paul is making is that we were all born into this world as sinners guilty before God. This sin that is found in all of us is demonstrated in all of us.
6. Big Idea: **We all were born into this world as sinners guilty before God.**
 - I. **Sin changes our standing before God** (V. 10-11)
 1. **Romans 3:10-11**
 - **No one is righteous on their own** (V. 10) – This is the truest test of our legal standing before God. Sin ruined everyone’s legal standing before God. Because of sin, we all are unrighteous before God. Our fellowship and relationship with God has been broken. Our position with God has been changed because of sin.

- **No one understands on their own** (V. 11) – Sin has corrupted our minds to where our ability to even perceive God is warped.
- **No one seeks God on their own** (V. 11) – Now, when you see this, you may think “That’s not true. I know people who aren’t believers but they are searching.” Paul is not saying that no one seeks spiritual things. People seek Him to get things from Him, but no one is born into this world deciding on their own, acting in their own ability wants to find the truest form of the holy, righteous, and just God. This is a desire to know the one true God, to worship Him, and to live for Him.
- **No one has purpose on their own** (V. 12) – We all have turned away from God’s truth. We have looked at our own will and way and chosen that over the will and ways of God. This has made us unprofitable (worthless). In other words, we were all born into this world without a purpose on our own.
- **No one does good on their own** (V. 12) – You may claim that you have people who do good things, and that’s true. Paul is talking about motive and the deed. **Illus:** Time share pitches on vacation. They feed you and are super kind to you, but they have an ulterior motive in mind. This is how our good things are perceived without Christ. Without Christ, our motive is impure.

2. Paul is saying that everyone's standing before God is messed up. Sin destroyed our standing before God. o one is an exception to the judgment of God.

II. Sin changes our attitudes and actions (V. 13-18)

1. Paul then mentions what sin does to all of us:
 - ***Their tongues are deceitful*** – Paul says that because of sin, our tongues are deceitful, poisonous, bitter, and spews cursing. Sinful words are a sign of a dead person. Sinful words are a sign of someone that is dead in their sins.
 - ***Their feet are swift to shed blood*** – You may not be a murderer, but we all have a natural tendency to hate people who get what we want.
 - ***Ruin and wretchedness are in their path*** – This is speaking to how sin ruins relationships with others.
 - ***They don't know peace*** – Because of sin, our relationships with others are ruined and we can't live or know the peace that God brings.
 - ***They have no fear of God*** – We do not tremble in God's presence.
2. This is how sin affects our world, our relationships, and our lives.

Conclusion:

1. **Romans 1:16** – Paul says that “I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”
2. Everything about your salvation starts and ends with God. It was Him, not you. Recap and close.