

Roamin' Thru Romans-Part 12

A detailed study/analysis of the Book—Sunday Morning Series

May we stand please...

Scripture Reading: Romans 3:10—18

Prayer:

Paul's argument **continues** in this chapter about the sin of man, but he also **begins** to speak about the *way of salvation*.

Romans 3 may be divided into three major parts as follows:

- A. The **Whys** for Sovereignty (Romans 3:1-9) (review)
- B. The **Wickedness** of Sinners (Romans 3:10-18) (**Today**)
- C. The Way of Salvation (Romans 3:19-31)

Last Subject: The Whys for Sovereignty

Paul deals with some pertinent *questions* that have arisen regarding the Gospel.

These *questions* challenge the wisdom of the Sovereign God Who planned salvation, but Paul's answers show that the *questions* are the problem, not God.

- I. **The Why of Inheritance** (Romans 3:1, 2)

"What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?" (Romans 3:1).

- II. **The Why of Invalidation** (Romans 3:3, 4)

- III. **The Why of Inference** (Romans 3:5-8)

This *question* challenges the fairness and righteousness of God in condemning sinners.

- IV. **The Why of Inequality** (Romans 3:9)

"What then? are we better than they?" (Romans 3:9).

That fourth *question* addresses the problem of the Jews considering themselves better than the Gentiles.

Today's Subject: The Wickedness of Sinners

Paul once again addresses the theme of the *wickedness of sinners* which necessitates the Gospel to save them.

- I. **The Popularity of Wickedness** (Romans 3:10-12)

By "*popularity*" we mean the "universality" of sinning.

From the fact of sin to the results of sin, "*all*" (Romans 3:12) people are included.

A. **The inclusion of all in wickedness.**

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one... there is none that doeth good, no, not one" ([Romans 3:10, 12](#)).

"No, not one" is repeated to emphasize the inclusion of all people as sinners.

B. **The indictment of all in wickedness.**

Some of the details of man's sinfulness are spoken of here.

And it includes all mankind.

First, their sense is bad. "There is none that understandeth" ([Romans 3:11](#)).

Second, their seeking is bad. "There is none that seeketh after God" ([Romans 3:11](#)).

Natural man is not interested in God.

Third, their steps are bad. "They are all gone out of the way" ([Romans 3:12](#)).

Man, naturally turns to evil not to good. "All we like sheep have gone astray" ([Isaiah 53:6](#)).

C. **The inflicting of all by wickedness.** "They are together become unprofitable" ([Romans 3:12](#)).

The word translated "*unprofitable*" means "to make useless, to render unserviceable" (Thayer). Sin promises so much but what it does is ruin and make one useless—thus worthless.

II. **The Pollution of Wickedness (Romans 3:13-15)**

After showing that all people were guilty of *wickedness*, Paul then shows some of the corrupt facets of wickedness.

A. **Corrupt in communications.**

"Their throat... tongues... lips... mouth" ([Romans 3:13, 14](#)).

Wickedness is manifested by man's speech. "An open sepulchre" ([Romans 3:13](#)).

Foul speech stinks like an opened grave.

"Deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips" ([Romans 3:13](#)).

"Full of cursing and bitterness" ([Romans 3:14](#)).

The word "*bitterness*" speaks of "bitter hatred" (Thayer) in speech and amplifies cursing.

Society is full of cursing, even women and children spew profanity out of their mouth which shows great hatred of God.

B. **Cruel in conduct.**

"Their feet are swift to shed blood" ([Romans 3:15](#)).

First, the speed for cruelty. "Feet are swift to shed blood."

Second, the severity of the cruelty. "*Shed blood.*"

This means murder. Sinful man will shed the blood of another with rapidity.

3. **The Product of Wickedness** (Romans 3:16-18)

Sin brings many unhappy results. A few are cited here.

- **Pulverized.** "*Destruction*" (Romans 3:16).

Sin destroys lives and material.

- **Pain.** "*Misery*" (Romans 3:16). "*Misery*" is not the fun times produced by sinning.

- **Peacelessness.** "*The way of peace have they not known*" (Romans 3:17).

Sin troubles: it does not give tranquility.

- **Profaneness.** "*There is no fear of God before their eyes*" (Romans 3:18).

Sin does not cause men to honor God.

Rather it inspires man to dishonor and disrespect God.

Closing: So, we will stop here for today!

Do you know this Jesus that the Book of Romans so clearly teaches us about?

If not, will you accept Him today?

Are you willing to forsake your sin and thank God for His wonderful grace?

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