

WE'RE ALL JUST HUMAN
Romans 3:9-24 (NIV)

1. All people are SINFUL. (Romans 3:9-20)

What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. ¹⁰As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. ¹²All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. ¹³Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. ¹⁴Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." ¹⁵Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ruin and misery mark their ways, ¹⁷and the way of peace they do not know. ¹⁸There is no fear of God before their eyes." ¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

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... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

• How long have we been sinful? (Psalm 51:5)

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Psalm 51:5 (NIV)

• How sinful are we? (Jeremiah 17:9)

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)

• What has our sinfulness done? (Isaiah 59:2)

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)

2. All people can be RIGHTEOUS. (Romans 3:21-24)

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:21-24 (NIV)

• How can I receive God's righteousness? (Romans 10:9-13)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 10:9-13 (NIV)