

## Week 5: Why We Need the Gospel: No One Is Righteous

1. Human Character Is Godless, Wayward, And Unfruitful
  2. Human Speech Is Full Of Decay, Deceit, Poison, Cursing, And Bitterness
  3. Human Actions Are Ruthless, Unpeaceful, And Fearless Before GOD
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**Scripture:** [Romans 3:1-20](#)

### God's Judgment Defended

<sup>3</sup> What advantage then has the Jew, or what *is* the profit of circumcision? <sup>2</sup> Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the <sup>□</sup>oracles of God. <sup>3</sup> For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? <sup>4</sup> Certainly not! Indeed, let God be <sup>□</sup>true but every man a liar. As it is written:

"That You may be justified in Your words,  
And may overcome when You are judged."

<sup>5</sup> But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is* God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) <sup>6</sup> Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?

<sup>7</sup> For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? <sup>8</sup> And *why* not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their <sup>□</sup>condemnation is just.

### All Have Sinned

<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

<sup>10</sup> As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one;

<sup>11</sup> There is none who understands;

There is none who seeks after God.

<sup>12</sup> They have all turned aside;

They have together become unprofitable;

There is none who does good, no, not one."

<sup>13</sup> "Their throat *is* an open <sup>□</sup>tomb;

With their tongues they have practiced deceit";

"The poison of asps *is* under their lips";

<sup>14</sup> "Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness."

<sup>15</sup> "Their feet *are* swift to shed blood;

<sup>16</sup> Destruction and misery *are* in their ways;

<sup>17</sup> And the way of peace they have not known.”

<sup>18</sup> “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become <sup>19a</sup>guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.