

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Romans 1:18 - 3:20

-> God's wrath is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people (1:18)

- 1) Those who are in the world but have not turned to God even though He has revealed Himself to all (1:19-20) — — — **GUILTY**
- 2) Those who are morally, openly decadent (1:19-32) — — — **GUILTY**
- 3) Those who are viewed by people as morally upright (2:1-16) — — — **GUILTY**
 - a) When you judge others, you have knowledge of sin and that sin is in your heart. You are guilty and will be judged because of your knowledge of sin. (2:1)
 - b) God is not deceived. He knows your condition and is the perfect judge. (2:2-3)
 - c) God does not excuse you because He is kind and patient. (2:4)
 - His kindness, tolerance, and patience should convict us of sin.
 - d) Our stubborn and unrepentant hearts cause us to be judged by Him. (2:5)
 - God's wrath will be poured out on sin and our rebellion. (Rev. 20:11-15)
 - e) God judges according to our deeds. (2:6-10; Matt. 7:16,20; Matt. 16:27; Gal. 6:7-9; Rev. 20:12-13)
 - Those who seek glory, honor, and immortality are given eternal life. (2:7,10) True salvation is manifested in perseverance in doing good (James 2:14-26; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:10). Those saved seek glory (2 Cor. 4:17; Col. 3:4; 2 Thess. 2:14), seek honor (Matt. 25:21), and seek immortality (1 Cor. 15:53).
 - Those who are selfishly ambitious and disobedient are given wrath. (2:8)
 - f) There is no partiality in God's judgment (and no escape). (2:11-15)
 - The Law condemns those knowledgeable of the Law (2:12-13)
 - *Only doers of the Law are justified. Justification is by faith but new creatures in Christ will do good works.
 - Those without knowledge of the Law are condemned .
 - *By God's revelation (1:19-20)
 - *By their conscience. We each have a sense of right and wrong in our heart. (2:14-15)

g) God knows our every thought, motive, and desire and will judge all through Jesus Christ. (2:16)

4) Those who are Jews (religious) (2:17-3:8) — — — **GUILTY**

a) Your religious heritage does not save you. (2:17)

b) Your religious knowledge does not save you (you violate the Law). (2:18-24)

c) Your religious ritual does not save you. (2:25-29)

d) God will honor His covenant with the Jewish people but the sin of the individual still condemns them. (3:1-8)

5) Those in the human race from the past, present, and future (3:9-20) — — — **GUILTY**
(Psalm 5:9; 10:7; 14:1-3; 36:1-4; 53:1-3; 140:3; 143:2-3; Is. 59:7-8; Jer. 17:9)

a) There is **no one** that is righteous in their heart (3:10)

b) There is **no one** who understands his sin or the way of salvation (3:11; 1 Cor. 2:14)

c) There is **no one** who seeks after God (3:11; Luke 19:10; John 6:44)

d) **All** have turned away from Him and are not profitable in His work (3:12)

e) There is **no one** who does good (3:12)

f) Their speech is dead, deceptive, destructive, and bitter (3:13-14)

g) Their actions result in murder, harm, and misery (3:15-16)

h) Their is no peace in their life (3:17)

i) There is no fear of God in their life (3:18)

j) There is no one not guilty before God because of their sin. We have no defense. (3:19-20)

—> **All of mankind is guilty before God. Not one person is able to be righteous before God on their own merit or actions.**

BUT there is a SOLUTION! And we will see God's one and only solution in the coming verses in our next study.