

ROMANS 12 – 3:9-21

All Guilty Before God

1. 3:9-18

- a. Paul's scriptural annotations listed for proving all guilty under sin in ch. 1 and 2
- b. Paul uses Old Testament scriptures to bring them to Christ - Psa 14:1-3, Gal 3:24
- c. Popular evangelism wants to use Matthew 19:16-23, but that is not 1 Tim 1:7-8
- d. The "entitlement" mentality will be solved by teaching Romans 1-3
- e. None means none, there is no excuse – Psa 39:4-5, Ecc 1:2, 12:8, Isa 64:6
- f. None understands [the spiritual things] or seeks after God – 1 Cor 2:14
- g. None seeketh – Acts 17:27, Isa 9:13, 31:1, Amos 5:6, Mat 7:7, but... Isa 55:6
- h. Sepulchres keep dead bones looking pretty - Psa 5:9, Mat 23:27
- i. What comes out of the inside is what defiles - Mat 15:11, 18-20
- j. Poisonous lips, bitter mouths - Psa 140:3, Psa 10:7, Prov 6:17-18
- k. Swift to shed blood is not the mercy of the law – John 8:1-11; Mat 23:30-35
- l. The way of peace they have not known – Isa 59:7-8, Isa 57:21
- m. No fear of God before their eyes - Psa 36:1-4, Job 28:28, Prov 8:13
- n. Fear is what the law taught, grace teaches different – Rom 8:15, 2 Tim 1:7

2. 3:19-20

- a. All men were judged by works, but the law applied only to Israel – Rom 2:12, 17
- b. "that every mouth" - The mouths that needed stopping were in Israel
- c. "all the world...guilty" and deserving of judgment from God - Rom 1:18-19
- d. "therefore" the law system was powerless to justify - Rom 8:3, Gal 4:9, Isa 64:6
- e. David rested in the law Psa 7:8-9; and James 2:18-24, but Paul lays it all bare
- f. "in his sight" which sees every secret thing – Job 25:4, Heb 4:12-13
- g. Function of the law = knowledge of sin - 1 Cor 15:56; but penitence can not save
- h. Deeds can't justify; then what can? - Gal 2:16, 3:10-12

3. 3:21-22

- a. "*But now*" – important transition words, a change occurs between then and now
- b. "*righteousness of God*" – who must be true, even if every man a liar
- c. How could God keep his promise of salvation if all deserve judgment?
- d. "*without the law*" – God's righteousness before was seen only through the law