

The Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ A Survey of the Book of Romans

Mankind's Dilemma: All are Under Sin An Overview of Romans 1:18-3:20

Review of Paul's Gospel

Romans 1:16-17

The Depth of Mankind's Sinfulness

Romans 1:18, 3:19-20, 3:23

This Obviously Includes the Gentiles

Romans 1:18-20

But the Jews are in the Same Boat

Romans 2:1-3, 2:17-24

Paul's Sobering Summary of Our Sin

Romans 3:9-20

What Should Our Response Be?

Romans 2:4, Revelation 16:8-11



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Mankind's Dilemma: All are Under Sin Digging Deeper into Romans 1:18-3:20

Read Romans 1:16-17 to be reminded of the theme of the book of Romans

- 1. Survey through Romans 1:18-20 and 3:9-20, & 23. Paul has to establish the universality of mankind's sinfulness in order to explain the Gospel. Discuss the following questions.
 - > Does this dire description ring true as you observe human behavior?
 - ➤ Does this ring true in *your own thoughts and actions* or do you think maybe Paul exaggerated to make a point because there is some good in people?
 - ➤ Discuss the difference between *Total Depravity* and *Utter Depravity* that Tony discussed in the sermon.
- 2. Paul wanted the Jews to know that though they had a privileged position in God's plan, they too were under sin just as the gentiles were; therefore, don't get self-righteous. Do we Christians sometimes forget what we have been saved from and we act self-righteously towards others still pursuing their sins? What is the solution to our attitude?
- 3. Let's remind ourselves of God's solution to mankind's sin. Read Romans 2:4 and discuss what repentance looks like.
 - ➤ Also, discuss how God's kindness actually leads you to repentance.
 - ➤ Will God's kindness always be available to lead us to repentance? How does Revelation 16:8-11 inform that question?