

**GUILTY, GUILTY, GUILTY!**  
**The Closing Objections & Final Verdict of Man's Condemnation**  
**{The Righteousness of God Required #5 - Romans 3:1-20}**

- I. INTRODUCTION to *THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD* (1:1-17)
- II. SIN & CONDEMNATION - *THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REQUIRED* (1:18-3:20)
- A. The GUILTY VERDICT and JUDGMENT of GOD Against the *IMMORAL SINNER*. (1:18-32)
- B. The GUILTY VERDICT and JUDGMENT of GOD Against the *MORAL SINNER*. (2:1-16)
- C. The GUILTY VERDICT and JUDGMENT of GOD Against the *RELIGIOUS SINNER*. (2:17-29)
- D. The GUILTY VERDICT and JUDGMENT of GOD Against *ALL MANKIND*. (3:1-20)
1. The *cross-examination* from the religious Jew. (3:1-8) – Objections Addressed – “*then*”
- a. **Objection #1:** *What advantage then has the Jew* {who God elected to be His chosen earthly people as the physical descendants of Abraham}, *or what is the profit* {benefit, value} *of circumcision* {a ritual required by God for male Jews}? (3:1-2)
- Answer:** *Much* {great} *in every way* {in every respect}! *Chiefly* {foremost} *because to them* {the Jews} *were committed* {entrusted} *the* \_\_\_\_\_ {the Word} *of God* {OT}. Consider 9:1-5.
- b. **Objection #2:** *For what if* {1<sup>st</sup> - for the sake of argument} *some did not believe* {God’s word; they were faithless}? *Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God* {to His promises} *without effect* {to cancel or nullify God’s promises for Israel}? (3:3-4) Similar to Romans 6:1!
- Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_! {me genoito – 3:4, 6, 31, 6:2, 15, 7:7, 13, 9:14, 11:1, 11 – this is a dogmatic denial or rejection of a wrong conclusion drawn from correct teaching that is inconsistent with the character of God}. **Indeed** {Rather}, **let God be** {found, proven to be} **true** {true to His character & faithful to His promises} **but** {let} **every man** {be found, proven to be} **a liar. As it is written** {Psalm 51:4}: **"That You** {Elohim} **may be justified** {declared righteous} **in Your words** {faithful to what God has declared to be true}, **And** {You} **may overcome** {prevail or triumph over any false accusations about You} **when You** {God} **are judged."** God will prevail in the end against all indictments of unfaithfulness to His character & promises as the problem is never with God but with sinful man.
- c. **Objection #3:** *But if* {1<sup>st</sup> - if for the sake of argument} *our* {the Jew’s} *unrighteousness* {2:17-29} *demonstrates* {displays; highlights} *the righteousness of God, what shall we say?* {to that conclusion?} *Is God unjust who inflicts wrath?* {should He not be more lenient in His punishment to the Jews since they gave God occasion to display His righteousness?} (*I speak as a man*) (3:5-7)
- Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_! {me genoito} **For then** {otherwise} **how will God judge the world** {as guilty as the world could use the same argument, since all have sinned & give God cause to demonstrate His righteousness?} **For if** {1<sup>st</sup>} **the truth of God has increased through** {by means of} **my** {alleged} **lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner** {as I helped the cause}? **And why not say, "Let us do evil** {sin} **that good** {God’s glory} **may come** {result; the end justifies the means}?" - - **as we are slanderously reported** {by others, especially religious people} **and as some affirm** {declare; claim; allege} **that we** {those preaching the Gospel} **say** {and we don’t}. **Their** {these liar’s, slanderer’s} \_\_\_\_\_ **is just** {deserved, as reject

God's truth for their lies & therefore, they fail to see their need of salvation by God's grace through faith in Christ alone}. What can we learn from this?

## 2. The closing indictment & verdict – the whole world is guilty before God. (3:9-20)

- a. **The final indictment (3:9):** \_\_\_\_\_ - *What then* {what are we to conclude}? **Are we** {Jews} **better** {better off} **than they** {the Gentiles / Greeks}? **Not at all. For we have previously charged** {a courtroom term to indict someone of guilt; who are the guilty parties?} **both Jews and Greeks** {what is the closing verdict?} **that they are all** {without exception} **under** {the guilt & condemnation of} **sin**.
- b. **The final witnesses (3:10-20):** \_\_\_\_\_ - "*as it is written*" {9 OT verses using Psalms & Isaiah; 14 count indictment with evidence from God Himself}.
- 1) **God's general conclusion as to the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin & guilt \_\_\_\_\_.** (3:10-12) - {Ps. 14:1} **There is none righteous** {before God}, {Ps. 14:3} **no, not one** {not a single one}; **11** {Ps. 53:2} **There is none who understands** {God's ways naturally}; **There is none who seeks after God** {naturally}. **12** {Ps. 14:3} **They have all turned aside** {deviate from God's ways}; **They have together become unprofitable** {useless to God}; **There is none who does good** {in God's eyes}, **no, not one.**" Are you the exception?
- 2) **God's specific conclusions as to the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin & guilt \_\_\_\_\_.** (3:13-20) – consider Isaiah 1:6; the Divine Physician examines 6 body parts from head to foot. What does He find? - **13** {Ps. 5:9} "**Their throat is an open tomb** {filled with corruption & decay; a foul and odoriferous speech with deadly effects}; **With their tongues they have practiced deceit** {deception}"; {Ps. 140:3} "**The poison of asps** {an Egyptian cobra with a sack of poison} **is under their lips**"; **14** {Ps. 10:7} "**Whose mouth is full** {to the brim} **of cursing** {people or things} **and bitterness** {acid-like animosity}." **15** {Isa. 59:7} "**Their feet are swift to shed blood** {actual or mental murder}; **16** {Isa. 59:8a} **Destruction** {to destroy or crush through conflict} **and misery** {the pain and affliction that accompanies these conflicts} **are in their ways**; **17** {Isa. 59:8b} **And the way of peace** {tranquility; harmony} **they have not known** {known by experience}." **18** {Ps. 36:1} "**There is no fear of God** {the root problem is a lack of godly reverence & respect of God naturally} **before their eyes.**" What if Paul had also added Jer. 17:9, Isa. 64:6, etc.? What is the scriptural understanding of "total depravity"?
- c. **The final verdict. (3:19-20):** \_\_\_\_\_ ! (3:19-20) **Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be \_\_\_\_\_** {to be silenced with any further excuses, objections, or attempts to justify themselves as the Jews are a statistical sample of the whole of humanity}, **and \_\_\_\_\_ may become \_\_\_\_\_** {proven to be answerable, liable, and guilty to God of willful & inexcusable violations of His will whom they have offended & who is the Ultimate & Final Judge of the world demanding a righteous penalty be paid}. **20 Therefore by the deeds of the law** {good, religious works & rituals} \_\_\_\_\_ {no human beings whether Jews or Gentiles} **will be justified** {declared righteous} **in His** {God's} **sight** {allusion to Ps. 143:2}, **for** {why?} **by the law is the knowledge of sin** {not the means of salvation}.

Some closing applications regarding:

- 1) God as the Ultimate & Righteous Judge –
- 2) Our sin & guilt before God -
- 3) God's penalty for our sin -
- 4) Our efforts to keep the Law –

**5) Our greatest need –**