

## Sermon Series: Romans

Sermon Text: Romans 3:10-20 Every Mouth Stopped

**Because all humanity is religiously depraved and morally vicious, all humanity is condemned with only one hope of salvation.**

Structure of 10-20

- 10-18 Collection of OT Scriptures Relating to Human Sinfulness
  - 10-12a Man's Sin in Relation to **God**
  - 12b-17 Man's Sin in Relation to *Man*
  - 18 Man's Sin in Relation to **God**
- 19-20 Conclusion: Law Only Condemns Man

### 1) All humanity is religiously depraved (3:10-12, 18).

- a) none righteous—depraved deeds; covenantal treason; relational treachery
- b) none understands—depraved minds
- c) none seeking God—depraved desires
  - i) all turned aside—pursuit of other “gods”
  - ii) all together worthless—we become like the object we worship (Psalm 115:8; Isaiah 44:9)
- d) Godless vision—“no fear of God before their eyes” (v. 18)
- e) **Application:** If “no one seeks for God,” how do we explain world religions and those who show interest in learning the gospel?

### 2) All humanity is morally vicious (3:13-17).

- a) none does good
- b) Murderous Speech (vv. 13-14)
  - i) throat—open grave
  - ii) tongues—tools of deception
  - iii) lips—drip with venom
  - iv) mouth—full of curses and bitterness
- c) Murderous Paths (vv. 15-17)
  - i) feet swift to shed blood—loss of reverence for life
  - ii) on paths of ruin and misery
  - iii) off the path of peace
- d) **Application:**
  - i) This vicious nature is restrained by God's work through conscience, the civil government, and the witness of the Church.
  - ii) The Church as New Creation is to proclaim God's redemption of sinful humanity in Spiritual life and witness.

### 3) All humanity is condemned (3:19-20).

- a) When “the law speaks”:
  - i) “every mouth stopped”
  - ii) “whole world condemned”
  - iii) “knowledge of sin”
- b) **Application:** “For by works of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight.”

**4) There is only one hope of salvation (Psalm 14:7; 5:11-12; 140:6-13; 10:16-18; Isaiah 59:15-20; Psalm 36:5-9).**

- a) The evangelical use of the law points us to Christ.
- b) How does this knowledge of religious depravity help us understand the Christian's role in "culture wars"?
  - i) Understand that unbelief is the antithesis of cosmos and peace under God's rule.
  - ii) Remind statesmen that they are God's servants (Rom. 13).
  - iii) Proclaim the Lordship of Jesus in every sphere.

**Doxology:** Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations! (Revelation 15:3b)