



Pastor Todd Schlechty
February 11, 2018

The Way Out of Your Mess
Romans 3:1-22

Review:

- I. Romans 1:16-17--The gospel of Jesus Christ, is the power for salvation for all who believe.
- II. Romans 1:18-2:16--Those who have never heard of God, are under the judgment of sin
- III. Romans 2:17-2:29--Those who know God and have God's Law and truth are under the judgment of sin.

The way out of our mess:

Romans 3:1-9 *Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? ²Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? ⁴May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED." ⁵But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.) ⁶May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world? ⁷But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? ⁸And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), "Let us do evil that good may come"? ⁹b Their condemnation is just. ⁹What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;*

1. Religion? _____
2. Scripture? _____
3. Relative Goodness? _____

What does the Old Testament Law say about our mess?

Romans 3:10-20 *As it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; ¹¹THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; ¹²ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE." ¹³"THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING," "THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS"; ¹⁴"WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS"; ¹⁵"THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD, ¹⁶DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS, ¹⁷AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN." ¹⁸"THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES." ¹⁹Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; ²⁰because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.*

1. There is _____.
2. Sin pervades _____ of our lives.
 - a. Throat (13)
 - b. Lips (13)
 - c. Mouth (14)
 - d. Feet (15)
3. Knowing God's Law _____ people's mess.

So, what is the way out of our mess?

Romans 3:21-22 *But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²²even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How have I attempted to fix my mess in life? How successful have I been?
2. How have I used religion to try to fix my mess? Scripture? Comparing self to others? Has it worked?
3. When have I experienced God's grace? How have I experienced God's grace to fix my mess?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Todd about your relationship with Christ, please email pastortodd@thevineva.org or call 703-573-5836 to set up an appointment.

