

Sermon Series on Romans

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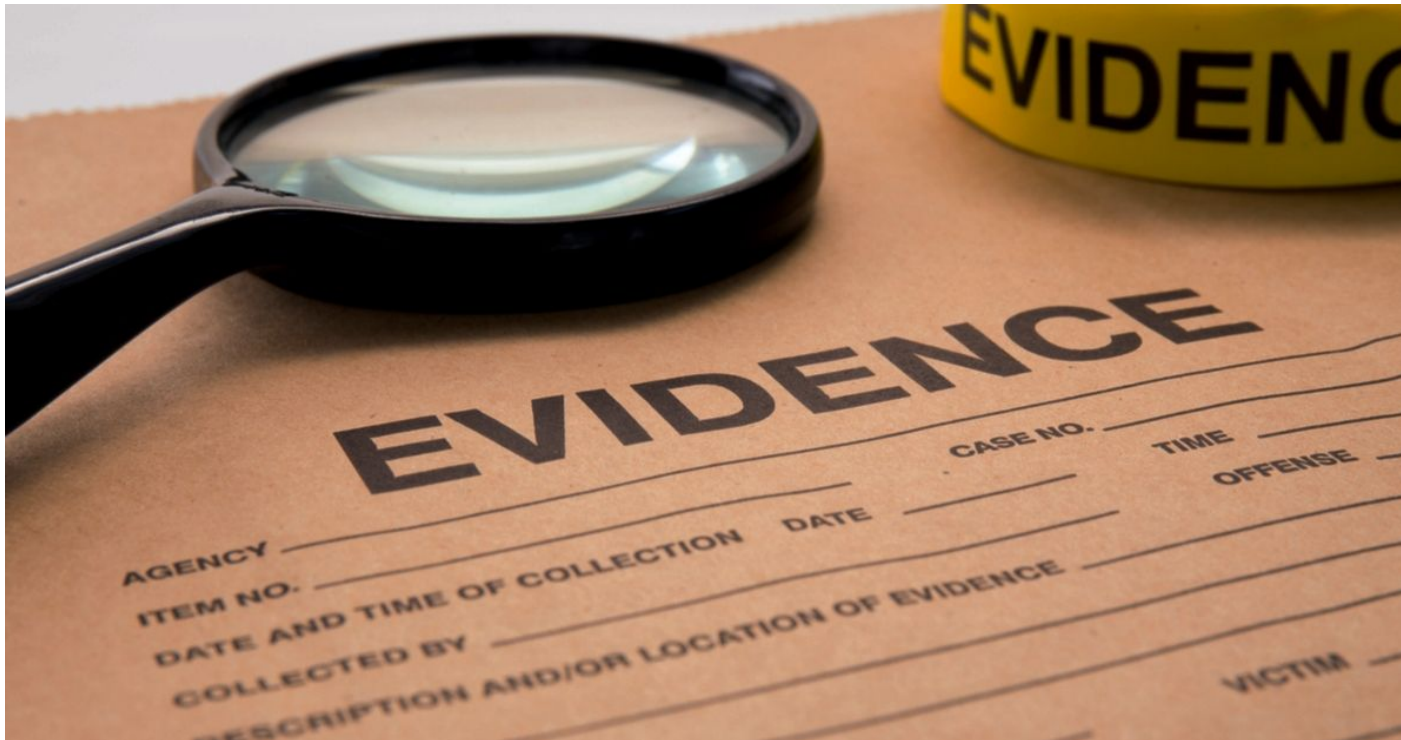
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Romans 3

Romans 3:1-20 (14th Mar)

Romans 3:21-31 (21st Mar)

Imagine a courtroom scene



**We will be
Prosecuted**

Sermon Title



**Mankind
undertrial**

2 Parts

Romans 3:1-20

- I. Jews' defence against God's judgment (V1-8)**
- II. The verdict on Jews and Gentiles (V9-20)**

What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? ² Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. (Verse 1 - 2)

“Isn’t it an advantage to be a Jew?”

What if some did not believe? (Verses 3a)

Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? ⁴ Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. (Verses 3b – 4a)

As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged." (Verses 3 - 4)

⁵ But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.)* ⁶ Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world? ⁷ For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? ⁸ And *why not say*, “Let us do evil that good may come”?—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just (*Verses 5*

“Let us do evil that good may come”?

⁶ Certainly not! For then how will God judge
the world?

“Their condemnation is just”

2nd Part

- I. Jews' defence against God's judgment (V1-8)
- II. The Verdict on Jews and Gentiles (V9-20)

*What then? Are we better than they? Not at all.
For we have previously charged both Jews and
Greeks that they are all under sin. (Verse 9)*

¹⁰ As it is written: "There is no one righteous, no, not one" ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." (Verses 11-12)



We are desperately bad

*¹⁰ As it is written: "There
is no one righteous, no,
not one"*

“As a consequence of the fall of man into sin, every person is enslaved to sin. People are not by nature inclined to love God but to serve their own interests and to reject the rule of God”

John Calvin
on total depravity



The Evidence

Quotations from the
Old Testament



*There is none who seeks after God. They all have
turned aside (Verse 11b, 12a)*

*They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good, no, not one
(Verse 12b)*

Their throat is an open tomb (Verse 13a)

With their tongue they practice deceit (Verse 13b)

Poison of asps is under their lips (Verse 13c)

*Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness
(Verse 13c)*

“We are guilty of sinning with our mouth”

THINK before you speak.
**Is it True, Helpful,
Inspiring, Necessary, Kind?**

Alan Redpath

quote fancy



*Their feet are swift to shed
blood (Verse 15)*

We are guilty
of sinning with
our feet



Destruction and misery are in their ways
Verse 16

*And the way of peace they have not known
(Verse 17)*

*“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”
(Verse 18)*

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. (*Verse 19*)



Purpose of the Law

SILENCED

- To prove us guilty
- To convict us

²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

(Verse 20)



**The law
can't
save us**