

Why Everyone Needs Jesus

(Roman's 3:9-28)

Introduction.

- Think of the most moral person you know. **Is he a sinner?**
- Think of the cutest baby you know. **Is she a sinner?**
- Think of the most immoral person you know. **Is that person a sinner?**
- **Would this be a fair statement**, "Whether a person is the most immoral human alive or an innocent baby, both have the same principle of sin dwelling in them!" *Yes that is a not only a fair statement, but a Biblical statement (Romans 3:10, 3:23).*
- Contextualize Roman's 3:9-21

I. All People Are Sinners – you included (3:12-18)

A) Man is a sinner by nature.

By revealing that both Gentiles (1;18-32) and Jews (2:1-3:8) are sinners, the conclusion is that all people are guilty of sin – it is their nature.

B) Man is a sinner by choice (Romans 1:21; 1:28a, 2:5; 3:11b)

C) Man's deeds are sinful (3:12)

1. The mouth is used to speak evil (verse 13-14). Everyday, mankind speaks words of.
2. The feet are instruments of sin (verse 15-17).
3. The eyes have become instruments of sin (verse 18).

II. Man Cannot Resolve His Own Sin Problem By Himself (3:19-20)

Because man is inherently sinful, resulting in corrupt deeds, it is foolish to think that man can resolve his sin problem by balancing the scales of God's justice with good deeds. That truth can be properly illustrated with one's efforts to wipe dirt from a soiled shirt with dirty hands.

Suppose you awake in the morning and follow your normal routine. You shower, dress, grab breakfast and drive to work. On the way to work you have a

flat tire. You decide to change the flat tire yourself. You remove the flat tire and replace it with the spare tire.

You re-enter the car and continue on your way to work. As you drive along, you notice dirt on your shirt. Naturally, you try to brush away the dirt by rubbing the cloth with your hands. The soiled area gets larger. A quick look at your hands reveals dirt, grease, and grime on them. You can not clean the dirt from your shirt, because your hands are dirty too.

The same is true about man's efforts to resolve his sin problem himself. The shirt represents one's life. Sin soils the cloth. In addition, man's deeds are sinful. The dirty hands represent one's sinful deeds. The Bible says, "*there is none that doeth good, no not one.*" Therefore, to try to wipe away sin from one's life with sinful hands is just as foolish as trying to wipe dirt from one's shirt with dirty hands. It's impossible.

III. God Solved Man's Sin Problem Through Jesus Christ (3:21-28)

- A) God's Righteousness is Available (v. 21)
- B) God's Righteousness is Made Effective by Faith (v. 22-24)
- C) God's Righteousness is Based on the Substitutionary Death of Christ (v. 25)