



# ROMANS

Being a Christian instead  
of being Religious

## 6. God's final verdict

Romans 3:9-20

- 1:18-3:8 – Paul has exposed the sinful state of both Gentiles and Jews
- v9-20 Paul concludes & summarizes with 3 summary statements

### 1. **No-one is free from sin – v9**

- Jews are no better than Gentiles
- All are under sin – a universal problem
- We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners
- We are helpless slaves of sin – man can't not sin

#### Application

- We are no better than unbelievers – all are under sin
- All people, without exception, are under sin

### 2. **No-one can do any good – v10-18**

- The extent of the universal problem
- We are corrupted to the very core
- 7 Old Testament quotations
  - a) We have a ruined relationship with God – v10-11, 18**
    - Sin is first and foremost, a ruined relationship with God
    - Do you love God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength?
    - And it doesn't matter what we might do for people if we treat the King of the universe with contempt and disregard
  - b) We have a ruined relationship with people – v13-17**
    - Speech - God sees our speech as being deceitful, poisonous and full of cursing and bitterness
    - Conduct - Ultimately human evil expresses itself in society

### 3. **No-one can make themselves right with God – v19-20**

- a) No excuse – v19**
  - The whole world, having been found guilty is liable to God's judgment
  - Every mouth will be stopped
- b) No answer – v20a**
  - We cannot make ourselves right with God by living up to a certain standard
- c) No escape – v20b**
  - God's Word shows us exactly how and how far we slip up

#### Our response

- Accept and realise this diagnosis
- In Christ, we have a Saviour, who can free us from this bondage to sin
- Gratitude and thankfulness
- Challenge to share Christ with others

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Sabbath 3rd May 09

## Notices

We have Robert McCollum, a ministry student, on placement for May & June. He will be taking services and bible studies and taking part in all aspects of the life of the congregation.

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Evening meeting @ Mark & Judith's 8pm  
No Evening Service in Milford (instead on 10th)

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Precommunion 8pm

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meets at Faughan RP Church 7.30pm

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Ladies Breakfast with Edna... 9.30am - 11.30am  
Faughan R.P. Church Hall  
Enjoy a healthy breakfast and an interesting and challenging talk...  
What makes a HOME? (Including a muffin-making demonstration!)

Afternoon Congregational outing: A visit to the OM Mission ship Logos Hope in Belfast  
Bus leaving Milford Church at 10am

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Communion  
Evening Service in Milford

Camp Application forms available - Remember the church pays half of the cost

Boys' Discovery Camp - 10-12yrs - 25th July-1st Aug - (Armagh)  
Girls' Discovery Camp - 10-12yrs - 25th July-1st Aug - (Coleraine)  
Boys' Adventure Camp - 13-15yrs - 25th July-1st Aug - (Larne)  
Girls' Adventure Camp - 13-15yrs - 18th-25th July - (Armagh)  
Senior Camp - 16+yrs - 4th-11th July - (Armagh)

Sunday 10th - Romans 3:21-28

Opening Psalm: 77:12-16

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