

Romans 3:10-31
“How Does Sin Affect Me?”

~ INTRO ~

IN ORDER TO APPRECIATE...

- The gift of grace we need to understand how hopeless we are.
- Paul says the whole world is guilty of sin before God.

BUT...

- He also boasts about the power of God to reach people where they are.
 - (Rom 1:16-17)

TODAY...

- We get specific about how grueling sin is.

IDEA #1 – CORRUPTION OF HUMAN NATURE

IN A STRING OF VERSES...

- Paul carves out the *hopelessness* of man from the *Psalms*.
 - And he tells us the *law* condemns us (v.20).

THE UNIVERSAL GUILT OF MANKIND!

- Every fiber of our being is tainted by sin:
 - Thoughts
 - Emotions
 - Desires

(Job 9:2) “...how can man be righteous before God?”

AND YET...

- The love of God pursues us to lift us from the depths of **brokenness**.
 - 1) God seeks the sinner = (Gen. 3:8-10) NKJV
 - 2) God cleans the sinner = (Isa. 1:18-20) NLT
 - 3) God keeps the sinner = (Rom. 8:38-39) NLT

EVEN THOUGH WE’RE CORRUPT TO THE CORE...

- We’re not beyond the loving reach of God.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...” (John 3:16)

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IDEA #2 – SIN DEFINED

WHAT IS SIN?

- Scholars give seven categories of sin:
- 1) *Transgression*
- 2) *Iniquity*
- 3) *Error*
- 4) *Missing the mark*
- 5) *Trespass*
- 6) *Lawlessness*
- 7) *Unbelief*

SIMPLY PUT...

- *Sin* influences and controls our entire person.

WHILE ALL THIS IS TRUE...

- Here's the better truth...
 - *Christ liberates us from being a slave to sin.*
 - (Heb. 2:14-15) NLT

WHERE DID SIN COME FROM & WHAT'S THE RESULT OF IT

- 1) Sin originated with the rebellion of Satan (Isa. 14:12-14)
- 2) Sin entered the world thru the disobedience of Adam & Eve (Gen. 3:3 & 6)
- 3) Sin is universal affecting all people (Rom. 3:23)
- 4) Sin's penalty is both physical & spiritual death (Rom. 6:23)

IDEA #3 – JUSTIFICATION OFFERED

(v.21)...

- “*But now*” = Here's the gift!
- *The righteousness of God* = Is a righteousness God provides.
- *Apart from the law* = It's without merit of human effort to keep a code.

BEING...

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- *Justified* describes a **legal standing** before a judge.

THREE TAKE AWAYS:

- 1) *Justification* is an act of God and not a process of man.
- 2) There's no degrees of *justification*.
- 3) God doesn't make us righteous. Rather thru *justification* He declares us righteous.

(v.24) “*Being justified*”

- Is a Greek phrase in the ***aorist tense***...
 - Which means, it's an ongoing action.

WE'RE CONTINUALLY...

- Being declared righteous because of Jesus.

(Rom 8:33)

“Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.”

~ IN CLOSING ~

Justification...

- Is available to all
- Is offered to all
- Is sufficient for all