

**ROMANS: The Gospel of God**  
**“You Don’t Look So Good”**  
**Romans 3:10-18**  
**September 12th, 2021**

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**Introduction**

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He responded, *“I would spend forty-five minutes showing him the problem, and fifteen minutes showing him the solution.”*

In our study of Romans, the apostle Paul has given a lot of ink in these early chapters to address our problem, and we do have a massive problem. Beginning with Adam, the legacy of sin has brought misery upon misery. No one escapes the bitter backwash of sin’s stain. Whether you are a Jew with full access to the advantages of God’s Word, or a Gentile groping in spiritual darkness evidenced by every form of idolatry, all of humanity is under the bondage of sin.

Paul presents sin as a tyrant, a cruel taskmaster. Lost humanity is under sin’s influence and bondage:

- Sin is enslaving (6:6)
- Sin is reigning in us (6:12)
- Sin exerts dominion over us (6:14)

Apart from God’s grace in Christ, we are driven by sin’s dread sway. In our text this morning, Paul bears down on our problem. Unless we see ourselves accurately, as God see us, we will not understand our need for Jesus Christ.

**~Romans 3:10-18**

**I. You Simply Don't Have What It Takes to P\_\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_\_**  
(3:10-12)

**II. You Are Going in the W\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_ (3:12).**

**III. Your Life Reflects That You're Under S\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_**  
(3:13-17)

A. Your W\_\_\_\_\_ are poisonous.

B. Your H\_\_\_\_\_ is murderous.

C. Your path is marked by R\_\_\_\_\_ and M\_\_\_\_\_

D. The way of P\_\_\_\_\_ you have not known.

**IV. There is No Fear of God Before Your Eyes (3:18)**

**Applying Romans 3 to Your Life:**

-I am a person of great weakness.

-I am experienced in sinfulness.

-I am helpless to change my situation on my own

-I carry the scars of suffering and the wounds of weakness

### **Conclusion**

At the end of every summer, I am reminded of a statement from the book of Jeremiah that reads, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jeremiah 8:20) We cannot manage our opportunities to respond to Christ. This is why the Bible emphasizes our need to seek the Lord while He may be found.

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