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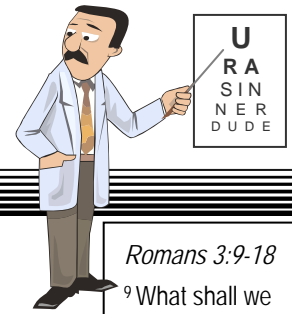
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The Bible & Your Salvation

The Word's Clarity About Our Sin

part 4



1. Stop _____ (v.9)

2. Accept _____ (v.10)

3. Understand _____ (vv.10-18)

Romans 3:9-18

⁹ What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.

¹⁰ As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

¹³ "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit."

"The poison of vipers is on their lips." ¹⁴ "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ ruin and misery mark their ways, ¹⁷ and the way of peace they do not know." ¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes." (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Keeping in mind the Bible declares all people are sinners, read **John 9:39-41**. Describe the importance Christ places on admitting our sin.

How would you respond to someone who tells you he wants a relationship with Jesus but cannot bring himself to see that he is a sinner?

2. Read **Luke 18:10-14**. In what situations have "lateral comparisons" lulled you into thinking that your sin is not all that sinful?

How would you recommend we keep from making lateral comparisons?

3. Why is it difficult for people to accept the biblical declarations about their sin? How does one's view of the Bible influence this process?

4. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17**. How should our view of our "sinfulness" change (and not change) as a result of our new status in Christ?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

February 15th

Lev.3-4 & Prov.2

February 16th

Lev.5-6 & Prov.3

February 17th

Lev.7-8 & Prov.4

February 18th

Lev.9-10 & Prov.5

February 19th

Lev.11-12 & Prov.6

February 20th

Lev.13-14 & Prov.7

February 21st

Lev.15-16 & Prov.8

February 22nd

Lev.17-18 & Prov.9

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0823 – **Sin & God's Necessary Aversion to It**

CD # 0824 – **Sin & Its Deceitfulness**

CD # 0011 – **When Feelings are King: How to Keep Your Emotions from Ruling Your Life**

CD # 0619 – **How Do We Decipher Truth in an Age of Conspiracy, Distrust & Distrust?**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

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