All Have Sinned

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Romans 3:9-26

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9 What then? Are we better *than they?* Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

10 As it is written:

> “There is none righteous, no, not one;
> 11 There is none who understands;
> There is none who seeks after God.
> 12 They have all turned aside;
> They have together become unprofitable;
> There is none who does good, no, not one.”[a]
> 13 “Their throat *is* an open tomb;
> With their tongues they have practiced deceit”; [b]
> “The poison of asps *is* under their lips”; [c]
> 14 “Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness.”[d]
> 15 “Their feet *are* swift to shed blood;
> 16 Destruction and misery *are* in their ways;
> 17 And the way of peace they have not known.”[e]
> 18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”[f]

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

God’s Righteousness Through Faith

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all[g] who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,[25] whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, [26] to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Footnotes

a. Romans 3:12 Psalms 14:1–3; 53:1–3; Ecclesiastes 7:20

b. Romans 3:13 Psalm 5:9

c. Romans 3:13 Psalm 140:3

d. Romans 3:14 Psalm 10:7

e. Romans 3:17 Isaiah 59:7, 8

f. Romans 3:18 Psalm 36:1

g. Romans 3:22 NU-Text omits *and on all.*