

Lesson 5
The Whole World Is Guilty of Sin
(Romans 3:1-20)

• **Questions**

1. What advantage did the Jew have over the Gentile (vv. 1-2)?

2. What contrast does Paul make between the Jew and God (v. 3)?

3. What contrast does Paul make between God and man (v. 4)?

4. How does Paul defend God against the charge of injustice (vv. 5-6)?

5. What misunderstanding about man's sin and God's glory led the Jew to slander Paul's teaching (3:7-8)?

6. What condition do all Jews and Gentiles have in common (v. 9)?

7. List the sins of mankind in verses 10 through 18:

8. Who is silenced, how are they silenced, and why are they silenced (v. 19)?

9. What can law not do (v. 20)?

10. What function does law serve (v. 20)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. List the three objections that may have been offered by the Jews against Paul (vv. 1,3,5):

2. What Old Testament scripture is quoted in verse 4?

3. What connection does Romans 3:5 have with Romans 1:17-18?

4. What “lie” and “sin” of Paul is referred to in verse 7?

5. How does Romans 3:9 relate to Romans 1:18?

6. List the Old Testament scriptures that are quoted in verses 10-18:

7. What part of the Old Testament is called “law” in verse 19 (see verses 10 through 18)?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Just because a person is given special privileges and advantages from God doesn't mean that he will in turn come to God and obey him (3:1).

2. Like Paul, answer all your religious opponent's arguments with scripture (3:4,10-18).

3. We may not do evil that good will come – what some call “situation ethics” (3:8).
4. There is no room for boasting or pride by anyone. No one is better than another with regard to their standing before God. All have sinned and are in need of salvation (3:9).
5. Sin can permeate every aspect of one’s life: desire, deeds, tongue, feet, etc. (3:10-18).
6. The only way to be successful in life is to fear God (3:18).
7. God’s law in Christ speaks to us, not just the other person (3:19).
8. Sin is defined by God’s law, not by man’s law (3:20).