



ROMANS

Being a Christian instead
of being Religious

6. God's final verdict

Romans 3:9-20

- 1:18-3:8 – Paul has exposed the sinful state of both Gentiles and Jews
- v9-20 Paul concludes & summarizes with 3 summary statements

1. *No-one is free from sin – v9*

- Jews are no better than Gentiles
- All are under sin – a universal problem
- We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners
- We are helpless slaves of sin – man can't not sin

Application

- We are no better than unbelievers – all are under sin
- All people, without exception, are under sin

2. *No-one can do any good – v10-18*

- The extent of the universal problem
- We are corrupted to the very core
- 7 Old Testament quotations
 - a) We have a ruined relationship with God – v10-11, 18**
 - Sin is first and foremost, a ruined relationship with God
 - Do you love God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength?
 - And it doesn't matter what we might do for people if we treat the King of the universe with contempt and disregard
 - b) We have a ruined relationship with people – v13-17**
 - Speech - God sees our speech as being deceitful, poisonous and full of cursing and bitterness
 - Conduct - Ultimately human evil expresses itself in society

3. *No-one can make themselves right with God – v19-20*

- a) No excuse – v19**
 - The whole world, having been found guilty is liable to God's judgment
 - Every mouth will be stopped
- b) No answer – v20a**
 - We cannot make ourselves right with God by living up to a certain standard
- c) No escape – v20b**
 - God's Word shows us exactly how and how far we slip up

Our response

- Accept and realise this diagnosis
- In Christ, we have a Saviour, who can free us from this bondage to sin
- Gratitude and thankfulness
- Challenge to share Christ with others



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Sunday 3rd May 09

Notices

We have Robert McCollum, a ministry student, on placement for May & June. He will be taking services and bible studies and taking part in all aspects of the life of the congregation.

Sun 3rd Evening meeting @ Mark & Judith's 8pm

Tues Bible study @ _____ 8pm
Video on Church History

Wed 6th Presbytery meets at Faughan RP Church 7.30pm

Sat 9th Ladies Breakfast with Edna... 9.30am - 11.30am
Faughan R.P. Church Hall
Enjoy a healthy breakfast and an interesting and challenging talk...
What makes a HOME? (Including a muffin-making demonstration!)

Afternoon Milford Congregational outing: A visit to the OM Mission ship Logos Hope in Belfast - Bus leaving Milford at 10am. Let Mark know if you would be interested in going

Sun 10th Evening Service in Milford

Camp Application forms available - Remember the church pays half of the cost
Boys' Discovery Camp - 10-12yrs - 25th July-1st Aug - (Armagh)
Girls' Discovery Camp - 10-12yrs - 25th July-1st Aug - (Coleraine)
Boys' Adventure Camp - 13-15yrs - 25th July-1st Aug - (Larne)
Girls' Adventure Camp - 13-15yrs - 18th-25th July - (Armagh)
Senior Camp - 16+yrs - 4th-11th July - (Armagh)

Sunday 10th - Romans 3:21-28

Opening Psalm: 102:1-5

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