

ROMANS
Our Message to the World
AMEN Bible Study 2015-2016

The Mouth-Shutting Power of the Law of God

Romans 3:9-20

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3:9-18

I. We are all under sin.

“What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 6

Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof

1. Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned, in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin, God was pleased, according to his wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to his own glory.
2. By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all parts and faculties of soul and body.
3. They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed; and the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation.
4. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.
5. This corruption of nature, during this life, doth remain in those that are regenerated; and although it be, through Christ, pardoned and mortified; yet both itself, and all the motions thereof, are truly and properly sin.
6. Every sin, both original and actual, being a transgression of the righteous law of God, and contrary thereunto, doth, in its own nature, bring guilt upon the sinner, whereby he is bound over to the wrath of God, and curse of the law, and so made subject to death, with all miseries spiritual, temporal, and eternal.

:10-12

A. Universally.

¹⁰as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹²All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

:13-17

B. Pervasively.

:13, 14

1. In speech

¹³“Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” ¹⁴“Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

:15, 16

2. In conduct

¹⁵“Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶in their paths are ruin and misery,...

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3. In relationships

¹⁷...and the way of peace they have not known.”

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C. Radically.

¹⁸“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

:19, 20

II. We are all held accountable.

- :19a A. We have the law of God.
¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law,...
- :19b B. We have no excuses.
...so that every mouth may be stopped...
- :19c C. We have to face God.
“...and the whole world may be held accountable to God.”
- :20 D. We have no ability to earn God’s approval.
²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

So what?

◆ Humble gratitude.

◆ Urgent witness.