



The Verdict: GUILTY!

Romans 1:1-18–3:20

#3 in a series on Romans

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Theme: **Everyone Stands Guilty Before God.**

Bad News: God Is Angry At Sin.

1. God is an angry God?!? (1:18; cf. Psalm 45:7 & Hebrews 1:9; Psalm 90:7-9; Isaiah 9:13-15, 18-19; John 3:16, 18, 36; Ephesians 5:3-6; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10)
2. God's anger revealed. (1:18, 24, 26, 28; 2:1-2, 5-10; cf. Isaiah 53:4-11; Galatians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

More Bad News: Everyone Is A Sinner.

1. The pagan Gentiles. (1:18-32)
2. The respectable moralists. (2:1-16)
3. The privileged Jews. (2:17-3:8)
4. The whole world. (3:9-20; cf. 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-3)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. We like good news, not bad news. Why is it then that Paul begins talking about his theme of the gospel with bad news? Read 1:18-23 and 3:9-20. The bad news is that God reveals His wrath against all sin (1:18) and that all are sinners (3:9-10) means that everyone is guilty before God. You may want to write “Me too!” in the margin of your Bible by Romans 3:9-16.

Tuesday. “There is none righteous, not even one” (3:9). These words remind us that every person who does not know Jesus Christ as their Savior is separated from God and faces His everlasting, rightful judgment (see also John 14:6). Do you really believe this? Do you really care about what this means for people you know? Move this truth from the abstract to the concrete by beginning a list of neighbors, friends, family members, fellow students and coworkers who give no evidence of knowing Christ Jesus.

Wednesday. Take a look at the list you started yesterday. How can God use you to erase some people’s names from the list? Use this list as a guide to prayer, an agitator to action and a record of your witness and God’s work.

Thursday. Read Romans 1:18–3:20 asking God to help you see the lostness of all apart from Christ, to stir you to always be thankful and never complacent for His mercy and grace, and to be a good and faithful servant to those who are still separated from God by their sin.

Friday/Saturday. This is a Missions Weekend at Knox. Pray for Orban and Trish Bellamy and Curtis West as they report and minister. Ask God to open your heart and mind to be informed, encouraged and challenged.

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