

**FAITH'S FOUNDATION**  
**Session: Three Hundred and Sixteen:**  
**Romans: "Get It Right"**  
**"All Sin"**

**Foundational Observation:**

The world views "sin" as a judgment or value imposed on the minds of people based only upon cultural influences.

**Foundational Principles:**

**God declares sin to be a spiritual reality for all people not a cultural opinion.**

**Foundational Verses:**

Rom 3:1-20 (NIV, Formatting added for emphasis)

- 1 What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision?
- 2 Much in every way! First... they have been entrusted with the very words of God.
- 3 What if some did not have faith? Will their lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness?
- 4 Not at all! Let God be true, and every man a liar. As it is written:  
     "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."
- 5 But if our unrighteousness brings out God's righteousness more clearly,  
     what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us?  
     (I am using a human argument.)
- 6 Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world?
- 7 Someone might argue, "If my falsehood enhances God's truthfulness  
     and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?"
- 8 Why not say — as we are being slanderously reported as saying and as some claim that  
     we say — "Let us do evil that good may result"? **Their condemnation is deserved.**
- 9 What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all!  
     **We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.**
- 10 As it is written:  
     "There is **no one** righteous, **not even one**;  
     there is **no one** who understands, **no one** who seeks God.  
     **All** have turned away, they have together become worthless;  
     there is **no one** who does good, **not even one.**"
- 13 "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit."  
     "The poison of vipers is on their lips."
- 14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."
- 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
     ruin and misery mark their ways,  
     and the way of peace they do not know."
- 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."
- 19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law,  
     so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.
- 20 Therefore **no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law;  
     rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.**

**Understanding “*The Implication of ‘All Sin’*”**  
**(The bold-print questions below are for application)**

- 1. In verses 1-8, Paul summarizes his conclusions that the Jews are guilty of sin by exposing and answering three troubling questions stirring in the minds of Jews. Look at verses 1, 3, and 5. What were their questions and what were Paul’s answers?

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- 2. What are the bolded and underlined phrases in verses 10-12? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. What do these statements imply? \_\_\_\_\_  
Notice, they are all in quotations marks. What do we learn from this (vs. 20)? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 3. Very carefully look at the progressive and all-inclusive impact of sin on man (vs. 11-12). What do these three statements about man cause us to see as the impact of sin on us? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 4. Take time to use the verse index in the margin of your Bible to note the locations of the verses being quoted in Rom. 3:13-18. \_\_\_\_\_

What do these quotes further reveal about the impact of sin on us? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 5. Look at verse 19. What does the law do to man (to us)? \_\_\_\_\_

What conclusion does the law set before us? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 6. In verse 20, “therefore” can be seen as “because” explaining why the whole world is guilty of sin. What do you learn from this statement? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 7. **In light of what you know about the gospel, how or why would Paul’s extensive effort to portray all people as responsible for sin and accountable to God be in some way “GOOD NEWS?”** \_\_\_\_\_

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