

Romans

No One Is Righteous ([Romans 3:9-20](#))

Read: No One Is Righteous (3:9-20)

Explain: No One Is Righteous (3:9-20)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

Hughes: This is called a _____, which literally means "stringing pearls."

What do the words mean?

9 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 [sin, _____], **10** as it is written:

[from [Psalm 14](#)] **"None is righteous** [innocent, holy, just, righteous], **no, not one;**

11 no one understands [puts together, comprehends, considers, understands];

no one seeks [searches out, investigates, craves, seeks] **for God.**

12 All have turned aside [deviated, shunned, declined from piety, gone out of the way]; **together they have become worthless** [rendered useless, spoiled, unprofitable];

no one does good,

not even one."

13 [from [Psalm 5:9](#)] **"Their throat is an open grave;**

they use their tongues to deceive [to be guileful, to use deceit]."

[from [Psalm 140:3](#)] **"The venom of asps is under their lips."**

14 [from [Psalm 10:7a](#)] **"Their mouth is full** [swelled out, full] **of curses** [_____, imprecation, curse] **and bitterness** [acridity, bitterness]."

15 [from [Isaiah 59:7-8](#)] **"Their feet are swift to shed blood;**

16 in their paths [roads, progress, route, distance, journey, way] **are ruin** [concussion, utter fracture, complete ruin, destruction] **and misery** [wretchedness, calamity, misery],

17 and the way of peace [peace, prosperity, quietness, rest] **they have not known."**

18 [from [Psalm 36:1b](#)] **"There is no fear** [*phobos*; fear, alarm, fright, terror] **of God before their eyes** [vision, eyes, sight, envy (from the jealous _____ glance)]."

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped [fenced in, enclosed, blocked up, stopped], and the whole world may be held accountable [under sentence, condemned, guilty] to

God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified [rendered just, rendered innocent, freed, justified, be righteous] **in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge** [recognition, full discernment, acknowledgement] **of sin.**

Are there any repeated words?

Are there any repeated topics?

What are some observations of the text?

Kroll: Paul continues with his “trial” to determine guilt or innocence. The charge: The whole world is innately sinful. But is there enough evidence for a guilty verdict? . . .

Next comes the indictments. There are ____ counts total. . . . The verdict: _____

Apply (What is the point?)

1. All men are sinners
2. No one is righteous
3. Every part of man is sinful
4. The Law shows us our sinfulness

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. ____ are all sinners
2. We are _____ righteous
3. _____ part of us is sinful and unrighteous
4. Be thankful for the _____

Next week: The Righteousness of God Through Faith (3:21-31)

Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: [Romans](#) (ESV)
- Church: bit.ly/FlemingSS
- Tools: bit.ly/romans2017

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read ([Romans](#))
- Talk (about [Romans](#)—bit.ly/romans2017group)
- Send (feedback to Jim (jim314@yahoo.com) by Wed)