



## THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS "All Together Now" Romans 3:9-20

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The human race is severely fragmented. No one denies it although many ignore it while some look for common ground on which some semblance of unity might be built. Paul states common ground that is largely overlooked but, if properly appreciated, could work wonders.

### I. All Under Sin.

A. The conclusion. v. 9

'Religious' sinners are no better than 'irreligious' sinners.

B. The charge. vv. 10-18

1. Sin—a factor that must not be ignored.

a. Sins are fruits.

b. Sin is root.

2. Sin—a force that cannot be dismissed.

a. All under sin's control.

b. All under sin's condemnation.

3. Sin—a fault that will not go away.

a. A fault running through human character.

i. Spiritual declension—'none righteous.'

ii. Intellectual deprivation—'none who understands.'

iii. Volitional disinclination—'none seeks...'

iv. Moral deviation—'all gone out of the way.'

v. Social destruction—'none does good.'

b. A fault running through human conduct.

i. Throats like open tombs.

ii. Tongues practiced in deceit.

iii. Lips paralyzing with poison.

iv. Mouths full of bitterness.

v. Feet rushing to violence.

vi. Eyes unfocused towards God.

c. A fault running through the human condition.

i. Their path is strewn with ruin.

ii. Their pursuit of peace is futile.

iii. Their pride dismisses God.

### II. All Under Law. v. 19

A. The law—Moses and Old Testament – Jews.

B. The law—written on the heart – Gentiles. Romans 2:15

C. The law—shuts every mouth.

D. The law—finds everyone guilty.

### III. All Under Pressure. v. 20

A. Humanity is incapable of deserving justification.

B. Humanity is inexcusable because it understands sin.

C. Humanity is inescapably dependent on Divine grace.

**Conclusion:** Human solidarity is found in common sinfulness, guilt, and need. Denial of this leads to further disunity.