

## No One Is Righteous - Romans 3:9-20

**Topics:** Accountability, Basics of the Faith, Deceit, Disobedience, Excuses, Favoritism, God, Judgment, Law, Rebellion, Righteousness, Salvation, Sin

### Open It

- \* 1. In what ways are all people the same?
- 2. How would baby-sitting a two-year-old for a week influence your opinion about the goodness or badness of humans in general?

### Explore It

- 3. How did Paul compare himself to others? (3:9)
- \* 4. How are Jews and Gentiles alike? (3:9)
- 5. Who is righteous? (3:10)
- 6. What is our natural tendency toward God? (3:11)
- 7. What is the result of turning away from God? (3:12)
- \* 8. What is human nature? (3:12)
- 9. How do our conversations and speech reflect our sinful nature? (3:13-14)
- \* 10. What are the characteristics of people who stand condemned before God? (3:13-18)
- 11. What does God's law show us about ourselves? (3:19)
- 12. What is the purpose of having God's law? (3:19-20)
- 13. What reward does a person receive for observing the Law? (3:20)

### Get It

- 14. How do you feel when the Bible describes you as standing guilty before God?
- 15. How can Christianity be described as "good news" when it teaches that all people are guilty before God?
- \* 16. What reasons would you give for describing people as either basically good or basically evil?
- \* 17. How would you explain this passage to a person who believes that he or she is good and not guilty of any serious sins?
- 18. How will God judge His chosen people, the Jews?
- 19. How can we sin with our mouth?
- 20. For what are we accountable to God?
- 21. What misinformation about God's judgment have you believed at one point in your life?

### Apply It

- \* 22. What "laws" do you need to put aside in your life in favor of the true righteousness God offers?
- 23. With what believer could you meet and spend time in prayer and confession? When?