



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Series: ROMANS. The Power of the Gospel

Today: Romans 3:1-20 | Living Under the Influence

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Sin means to M_____ the M_____. Hamartia. (Greek: Hah-mar-TEE'-ah)

This does not mean we have aimed at the correct target and missed, but as sinners we've AIMED at the wrong mark and hit it dead center. - Dr. Al Truesdale, "Sin"

1. We have A_____ M_____ the Mark.

Romans 3:9 (NIV)

*What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that **Jews and Gentiles alike** are **all under the power of sin.***

2. Jews & Gentiles are A_____ in this together.

3. We are ALL U_____ the I_____ of the P_____ of S_____.

• Paul shifts from something I have done, to something I am under the influence of.

"We should not think of sin as a composite of individual misdeeds. Rather, it is a malevolent cosmic power whose goal is to corrupt God's creation, to imprison and visit death upon it. Individual sins reveal the malevolent agency as universally operative."
- Fleming Rutledge, "Not Ashamed of the Gospel"

4. Sins influence is revealed in our E_____ B_____.

Romans 3:10-12 (NIV)

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; 11 there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

1. Sins influence is revealed in our C_____.

Romans 3:13-14 (NIV)

"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."

2. Sins influence is revealed in our C_____.

Romans 3:15-18 (NIV)

15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 ruin and misery mark their ways, 17 and the way of peace they do not know." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

3. Sins influence is revealed in our C_____.

All 3 of these areas reveal our T_____ D_____.

Romans 3:19-20 (NIV)

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 God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.**

What does Paul conclude? No one is declared R_____.

"Militantly, sin aims at disrupting God's purposes." - Fleming Rutledge

5. Sin S_____ us from:

- G_____
- O_____
- O_____

How can we respond?

Romans 12:1

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to **offer** your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

*If you **confess** your sins, he is faithful and just to forgive your sins and cleanse you from all unrighteousness.*

Reflection & Response:

- Has sin separated you from God? from Others? from Yourself?
- What do you need to offer to Him today?
- What do you need to confess in order to receive forgiveness and cleansing?