

InsideOUT series

Week 4 Outline

3.7.21

Romans 3:9-20

God's Law and Our Consciousness

I. Glass Shattering Moments are "Spoiler Alerts" (Romans 3:9)

- A. Glass Shattering Moment: Imagining to be clothed with a righteousness that was actually nonexistent (our right standing with God)
- B. Scripture: Review of Romans 1:1 - Romans 3:8
- C. Question: *What shall we conclude then?*
 - 1. ALL under the power of sin
 - 2. Sin not sins

II. Mankind's Depraved Character (Romans 3:10-12)

- A. Our Character: No one is righteous, no, not one
- B. Scripture: Psalm 14:1-3 and Psalm 53:1-3
- C. Question: *Who is the exception?*
 - 1. The righteousness of God is the standard, perfectly manifested in Jesus
 - 2. We are fish that cannot swim

III. Mankind's Depraved Conduct (Romans 3:13-17)

- A. Our Conduct: Sin affects our heart, soul, strength, and mind
- B. Scripture: Romans 3 (Spotlight) & Psalm 119:105 (Lamp); Ps. 5:9, 10:7, Isa. 59:7-8
- C. Question: *How does this impact how we think of sin?*
 - 1. Sin affects every bit of our lives
 - 2. If the color of sin is blue — every aspect of us would be some shade of blue!

IV. Mankind's Depraved Cause (Romans 3:18)

- A. Our Cause: The fear of God is left out of our thinking
- B. Scripture: Psalm 36:1
- C. Question: *What advantage is it to have Scripture if we all are under sin?*
 - 1. Sin — the dethronement of God with a view of the enthronement of oneself
 - 2. Sin — at the center of sin is the letter "I"

V. Glass Shattering Moments are God's Means of Grace (Romans 3:19-20)

- A. Glass Shattering Moment: The Law is to unmask us and show us we are sinners
- B. Scripture: Grappling with a Genesis 3 world before Romans 3:21ff (Isaiah 53:6)
- C. Question: *How should we respond to the law and our consciousness of sin?*
 - 1. No Road This Way: works of righteousness
 - 2. The Way: the person and work of Jesus Christ on the cross

THROUGH THE LAW WE BECOME CONSCIOUS OF SIN,
PREPARING US FOR THE PROCLAMATION
OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST