

SERMON NOTES

Date: January 31, 2016

Title: Under the Power of Sin

Text: Romans 3:9-20

Big Idea: The failure to honor God is a universal problem. Both Jews and Gentiles together are under the power of sin and have failed to keep God's law; consequently, no one is righteous.

I. Introduction

- The world teaches that humanity is fundamentally good and all we need is the right environment to help us reach our full potential.
- The Bible teaches that our hearts are corrupt, our minds are depraved, and our desires are enslaved to the passions of sin. We need a Savior.

II. Paul summarizes his entire argument by explaining from the Old Testament that God is just to *arraign, indict, and condemn* the entire human race.

A. Our Arraignment (v. 9)

B. Our Indictment (vs. 10-18)

1. Unrighteousness (vs. 10-11)
2. Waywardness (v. 12)
3. Deceitfulness (vs. 13-14)
4. Destructiveness (vs. 15-17)
5. Haughtiness (v. 18)

Sin is pervasive. It has infected our entire being. Theologians call this *radical depravity* or *total inability*.

C. Our Condemnation (vs. 19-20)

III. Conclusion

Though our condition under the power of sin is radical and there's nothing we can do about it, God can! There is a divine solution to our problem. Christ has died for us. He's paid our debt and taken our punishment. We are loved and faith we can be forgiven.

