I. PAUL’S ACCUSATION AGAINST MANKIND (Romans 3:9)

9. What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

II. PAUL’S EVIDENCE AGAINST MANKIND (Romans 3:10-18)

10. As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

13. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:
14. Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:
15. Their feet are swift to shed blood:
16. Destruction and misery are in their ways:
17. And the way of peace have they not known:
18. There is no fear of God before their eyes.

III. PAUL’S CONCLUSION REGARDING ALL MANKIND (Romans 3:19-20)

19. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

20. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

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9. 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.
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10. 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.”

13. “Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit.” “The poison of vipers is on their lips.”

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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
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.

PRACTICAL POINTS:

1. We need to be obedient to God daily because everyone is influenced by the power of sin (Romans 3:9).

2. With a world population of almost 5 billion people, we still cannot find one person who in himself is righteous (Romans 3:10).

3. As believers, we must resist the temptation to turn away from God, because He is our only help over sin’s influence (Romans 3:11-12).

4. A person’s conversation clearly reveals the condition of their hearts (Romans 3:13-14).

5. Giving in to any sin will put us on a slippery slope leading us away from God (Romans 3:15-18).

6. There will be no excuse for sin at the final judgment (Romans 3:19-20).
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