

PAUL: THE BAD NEWS FIRST – ROMANS 3:9-18

SERIES: THE GOSPEL PAUL TAUGHT

²² But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:22 (NLT2)

GOSPEL – middle English version of an old English term 'godspel,' meaning "glad tidings" or "good news."

Ironic: The Gospel of Jesus Christ starts with _____ first:

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Romans 1:18 (NKJV)

¹⁰ As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; **Romans 3:10 (NKJV)**

²³ For the wages of sin is death, **Romans 6:23a (NKJV)**

1. THE _____ STATE OF _____

⁹ What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

¹⁰ **As it is written:** "There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ *There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.*

¹² *They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."*

¹³ *"Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced 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 they have not known."*

¹⁸ *"There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

Romans 3:9-18 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Their conduct shows that what the Law commands is written in their hearts. Their consciences also show that this is true, since their thoughts sometimes accuse them and sometimes defend them. ¹⁶ And so, according to the Good News I preach, this is how it will be on that Day when God through Jesus Christ will judge the secret thoughts of all.

Romans 2:15-16 (TEV)

2. THE ARRAIGNMENT

✓ **A legal arraignment is where the accused is brought o court to answer formal charges.**

⁹ What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. **Romans 3:9 (NKJV)**

○ **Both Jews and Gentiles are _____ before _____.**

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? **Romans 7:14, 24 (NKJV)**

3. THE INDICTMENT

A. Sin Debauches Our _____

B. Sin _____ Our Conversation

C. Sin Debases Our _____

¹ The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. ² The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. ³ They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; *There is none who does good, No, not one.* **Psalms 14:1-3 (NKJV)**

⁹ For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part *is* destruction; Their throat *is* an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue. **Psalms 5:9 (NKJV)**

³ They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps *is* under their lips. Selah **Psalms 140:3 (NKJV)**

⁷ Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction *are* in their paths. ⁸ The way of peace they have not known, And *there is* no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace. **Isaiah 59:7-8 (NKJV)**

4. THE VERDICT

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those 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 no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. **Romans 3:19-20 (NKJV)**

⁵ So I said: "Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." **Isaiah 6:5 (NKJV)**