

## The Verdict – Guilty as Charged Diagnosis – Death

### I. Review

- A. Romans 1:1-17 “I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ”
- B. Romans 1:18 – 32 Man’s ungodliness and unrighteousness
  - 1. Suppression of the truth
  - 2. God gave them up to uncleanness, vile passions, and a debased mind.
- C. Romans 2: 1 – 11 The religious moralist  
Quick to judge others, but guilty yourself
- D. Romans 2: 12 – 22 God’s judgment will include everyone  
The Jews had the law and circumcision, a sign of God’s covenant, but they are still guilty.

### II. Building the argument – the case: “There is none righteous, no not one.” Romans 3: 1 - 20

- A. God will always be faithful and just (vs. 3).
- B. Challenge and response
  - 1. What is the advantage of being a Jew? (vs 1 – 2)
    - a. Keeper of the oracles of God
    - b. God’s covenant with the Jewish people still exists.
  - 2. Shall (Jewish) lack of faith cancel out the faithfulness of God? (vs 3-4)
  - 3. Is God unrighteous in inflicting wrath on us? (vs 5)

4. Is God bringing glory to himself in letting us sin? (vs 6, 8)
  - a. "I speak as a man."
  - b. "By no means."

### III. **The verdict is in – guilty as charged.**

A. "There is none righteous, no not one."

B. The list – Romans 3: 11 – 12

None is righteous, no, not one;

<sup>11</sup> no one understands;  
no one seeks for God.

<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;  
no one does good,  
not even one."

C. The diagnosis – death

1. Diseased from HEAD TO TOE

<sup>13</sup> "Their throat is an open grave;  
they use their tongues to deceive."

"The venom of asps is under their lips."

<sup>14</sup> "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

2. Desperate Condition

<sup>15</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

<sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery,

<sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known."

<sup>18</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

There is hope - BUT NOW!!