

**No One is Righteous**  
A Study of the Book of Romans  
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**Key Truth:** God uses the Law to reveal both our Sin and our Savior.

In these verses, Paul reaches the end of the first point of his theological argument: Mankind is thoroughly corrupted by sin and is therefore totally condemned. Here he begins to turn a corner – a significant corner – in providing a solution to the desperate problem we face in our sinful state. The law is the standard by which God will judge all people, but in that very same law, God designs a kind of “loophole” through which we can escape that punishment, and indeed be counted righteous before God. That “loophole” is the very Son of God, Jesus Christ.

## **DISCUSS**

Read **Romans 3:9-20** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “**No One is Righteous.**”

## **DIG IN**

**1. The Universality of Human Sin.** (Romans 3:9-12)

In what ways do people often attempt to downplay or even deny their own depravity?

In verses 10-12, what are some things you notice about how Paul describes the sinfulness of man?

In verse 12, Paul says, “together they have become worthless.” In what ways have human beings become worthless because of sin? In what other ways do human beings still have value?

**2. The Extent of Human Sin.** (Romans 3:13-18)

From verses 13-18, restate the kinds of descriptions Paul makes of the depraved human heart. In your opinion, what is so striking about these descriptions?

Do you find anything particularly troubling about what Paul says in verse 18? If so, what?

**3. The Revelation of Human Sin.** (Romans 3:19-20)

Why would everyone be accountable to God (v. 19) even though many have never read the Scriptures?

In what ways are all people “under the law” (v. 19)?

In what ways does Jesus Christ represent God’s “legal loophole” in the utter condemnation of sinful man (see Galatians 4:4-5; Psalm 2:6-8; and John 17:1-2)?

In what ways does Psalm 2:12 speak of how we may take advantage of that “loophole?”

## **DO**

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?