**THERE IS NO ONE RIGHTEOUS**

**Romans 2:17-3:20**

**Key Verse: 3:10**

*“As it is written: ‘There is no one righteous, not even one…’”*

1. Read 2:17-24. To whom does Paul address these verses (17a)? What did they boast about, and on what basis were they right (17b-20)? How did they abuse their privileges (21-23)? What was the result (24)?
2. Read verses 25-29. What did circumcision mean to the Jews (Ge 17:11)? How is circumcision related to the law, and what is the real issue (25-27; Gal 5:3)? What is true circumcision (28-29; Dt 10:16, 30:6)? How can we avoid religious hypocrisy and please God?
3. Read 3:1-8. What advantage is there in being a Jew, or in being circumcised (3:1-2; 9:4-5)? Why can’t human unfaithfulness nullify God’s faithfulness (3-4)? How do unfaithful people try to justify themselves and what do they deserve (5-8)?
4. Read verses 9-18. Why are Jews not better off than Gentiles (9)? What is Paul's conclusion about all human beings’ sinful state in their attitude, actions, and nature (10-18; Eph 2:3b)? How does this help us understand ourselves and God’s righteous judgment (Heb 9:27)?
5. Read verses 19-20. Who are those “under the law”? What do these Old Testament quotations (10-18) say to them (19)? What do the words “every mouth” and “the whole world” imply? What is Paul’s conclusion regarding works of the law (20)? To whom does the law ultimately lead us (Gal 3:24)?