

**This is what I'm like – Romans 3:9-20**  
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Introduction

- What has Paul been seeking to prove in Romans so far?
- Who is in his sights in Romans 1:18-32?
- Who is in his sights in Romans 2:1 - 3:8?
- What does he do in this morning's passage?

i The charge

- In **v9**, are the Jews in a more favourable position before God than the Gentiles?
- What charge does Paul make?
- What does it mean to be “**under sin**”?
- Who is Paul describing here?

ii The evidence

- What does Paul deal with in **v10-12**?
- What six things does he say about all people as they naturally are in those verses?
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  - (ii)
  - (iii)
  - (iv)
  - (v)
  - (vi)
- What does Paul deal with in **v13-14**?
- What is he basically saying here?
- What does Paul deal with in **v15-17**?
- What universal truth does those verses describe?
- What does Paul deal with in **v18**?

- Why does this get to the very heart of the matter?
- Pulling all of v10-18 together, what doctrine is Paul teaching?
- Does this mean that every person is as bad as he/she could be?
- What does it mean?
- Why does this create a situation from which we cannot break free in and of ourselves?
- Who does the seeking when someone becomes a Christian?
- Who is Paul describing here?

### iii The verdict

- What verdict does Paul demand in v19-20?
- What does it mean that **“every mouth will be silenced”**?
- Who are **“those who are under the law”**?
- How, then, can Paul say that **“the whole world [will be] held accountable to God”**?
- What good does the law do?
- Who is Paul describing here?

### Conclusion

- Why does Paul take us to this grim conclusion?
- What hope do we have?
- What needs to be done for that hope to become real to someone?
- What are two practical lessons Christians need to learn from this sobering passage?
  - (i)
  - (ii)