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The verdict

Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. **10** As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous—not even one. **11** No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. **12** All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one.” **13** “Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies.” “Snake venom drips from their lips.” **14** “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.” **15** “They rush to commit murder. **16** Destruction and misery always follow them. **17** They don’t know where to find peace.” **18** “They have no fear of God at all.” **19** Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. **20** For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. *Romans 3:9-20*

Sin: Hamartia means to **miss** the **mark**

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. *Romans 3:23*

Transgression: Parabasis means a **willful**, deliberate violation or act of **disobedience**.

The **Word** not only teaches us about the **history** of God but the **heart** of God.

Only fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt and their actions are evil; not one of them does good! **2** The LORD looks down from heaven on the entire human race; He looks to see if anyone is truly wise, if anyone seeks God. **3** But no, all have turned away; all have become corrupt. No one does good, not a single one! **4** Will those who do evil never learn? They eat up my people like bread and wouldn’t think of praying to the LORD. *Psalms 14:1-4*

Our **good** apart from the **righteousness** of Jesus **isn’t** good enough.

But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect. *Matthew 5:48*

Useless: **sour**, **spoiled** or **over ripe**

James 1:2-12

No matter how **good** we are, we will **never** be good enough apart from **Jesus**.

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“If you come to God as a braggart comes, in the pride of your own way, Then the God of grace will hide His face and send you empty away. If you come to God as a beggar comes, with the plea of your bitter need, Then the King of kings will give good things, and make you rich indeed.” **copied**

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