

The Book of Romans 3:9-12

Key Phrases

- ✓ *We:* The _____ in Rome
- ✓ *Under sin:* _____ and _____ by sin
- ✓ *As it is written:* The whole world is under sin because _____ said so.
- ✓ *There is none righteous:* There is no one _____ to get to heaven.
- ✓ *None who understands:* Nobody understands the things of _____.
- ✓ *None who seeks after God:* Nobody chooses to follow God in their _____.
- ✓ *They have all turned aside:* They have turned their _____ on God.
- ✓ *Unprofitable:* _____, _____; the Hebrew equivalent was used to describe milk that had become rancid.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel about Paul's claim that "all are under sin?" How do you think the world feels about it?
2. How do we see the effects of our sin on our life, thoughts, and relationships?
3. What does understanding the Bible as the "ultimate authority" in your life look like in the world and in the church today?
4. What are some ways well-meaning believers have created more issues in the church by trying to understand/explain the most complicated "things of God?"
5. How do you respond to the truth that God sought you out before you sought him out? What difference does that make to you?
6. How do we reconcile Paul's statements in Romans 3 about our "total depravity" with his statements in Romans 1 about us being "without excuse?"
7. How can having an understanding of our sinful nature and complete dependence on God challenge us to live more holy lives, full of power and purpose?