

*Romans#049*

*“No One is Righteous”*

*Romans 3:10-18*

*John 16:8-11*

**In the interest of clarity, the whole world is lost and in need of a Savior.**

With the exception of Jesus Christ, there has never been a person born on planet earth without the need for a Savior.

*If people are unaware of the problem, why would they desire a solution?*

Man is dead to God while living in this world; born that way and continuing that way until salvation adjustment to the justice of God.

The completed part of the Scripture in Paul's day, the Old Testament canon, lives and abides forever and therefore he provides documentation from something that is absolute and will be with us throughout all eternity as well as at the present time.

**With man, being *righteous* has an integrity connotation; it means to fulfill duty toward God.**

We are born without righteousness and why do we have to be reminded of this?

*Because we are stimulated by human praise and that's a sign of spiritual death.*

At salvation, we receive the righteousness of God and at maturity, we receive blessings from the justice of God.

**The justice of God has correctly placed the entire human race under the indictment and condemnation of spiritual death.**

Spiritual death is not only the status of man, but spiritual death describes man's inability to do anything about it.

**The unbeliever can't understand the Gospel and that's why it is necessary for the ministry of God the Holy Spirit under '*common grace*' to make the information clear.**

Part of spiritual death, is not only lack of God's perfect righteousness but the fact that man cannot understand Him and His attributes; how they function and apply to His creatures; what His policy is and how to have relationship with Him.

Man can overcome his ignorance with regard to human phenomena but man does not have the ability to overcome his ignorance with regard to spiritual phenomena.

***Common grace* is the work of the Holy Spirit in revealing the gospel to the unbeliever.**

A dead man cannot understand the things of life and the spiritually dead unbeliever cannot understand the things of God.

**The only thing Jesus Christ could not be judged on the cross for, was rejection of His work, *John 3:18,36*.**

The only way we can be righteous is to believe in Christ and the very second that we do, we receive

God's righteousness.

**The unbeliever in his spiritual death and ignorance, with his lack of righteousness, seeks to provide something that will gain the attention of God.**

**As a result of maladjustment at the justice of God at salvation, the rebellious, self-righteous unbeliever becomes worthless, useless, or depraved.**

**Without the integrity of God, man is nothing, accomplishes nothing, improves nothing, reforms nothing and attains nothing.**

**Freedom and prosperity in the nation can only be meaningful and permanent when related to divine integrity.**

**Being slandered or maligned is like being struck by a cobra and the real victim is not the one being slandered but the one who believes the gossip.**

**The venom is not going into the victim, it is going into the people who listen.**

**This is the reality of maladjusted rebellion saturated with sins of the tongue, expressing the whole system of evil.**

**Words are like the venom of the cobra; verbal bullets to destroy others.**

**Mankind creates the evil by which he destroys himself, or others, in historical disaster.**

**Peace in verse 17 does not refer to a relationship between several people or an attitude but a state of prosperity in the sense of tranquility or blessing and sometimes prosperity in the sense of freedom from war.**