

Romans: Living and Breathing the Gospel
Week 5
Romans 3:1-20

1. According to Paul, what advantage is there to being a Jew? According to Paul, in what way is there no advantage to being a Jew? What larger point is he trying to make? Why does it even matter to us today?
2. What does Paul mean when he says that “all are under sin”? How do you feel about that claim? Why?
3. What is “the law”? What purpose does it serve?
4. Paul makes a long list of the effects of sin on sinners in verses 10-18. Think about each of the following:
 - Our legal standing
 - Our minds
 - Our motives
 - Our wills
 - Our tongues
 - Our relationships with others
 - Our relationship with God

How do you see the effects of sin in your own life?

5. What are some of the ways you have tried in the past or are trying now to “justify” your life? What has been the result of those efforts?
6. Why do both “rebels” and “good people” need the gospel? How would you explain the gospel to someone who doesn’t believe in the existence of God? How would you explain the gospel to someone who thinks they are good enough for God?
7. Why do you need the gospel? How do you remind yourself of the gospel when you’re tempted to feel pride about your goodness or despair about your sin?
8. How does this passage convict, challenge, and comfort you?
9. Continue to think about thriving in the new year. What step will you take in each of the following areas?
 - a. **Live and breathe the gospel**—What environments will you commit to in the new year to grow?

- b. Love your church family**—How will you use what you have been given to build up our church?
- c. Lead a friend to Jesus**—Who are you praying for? How will you become a better listener and make time for spiritual conversations? What risks do you need to take?

Jesus,

Help me to understand the truths of your gospel, grow closer to you in my daily experience with you, and share your message of hope with _____. Please give me what I need to take my next step.