

*Paul's Letter to the*

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# 3 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS ABOUT HUMANITY

ROMANS 3:9-18



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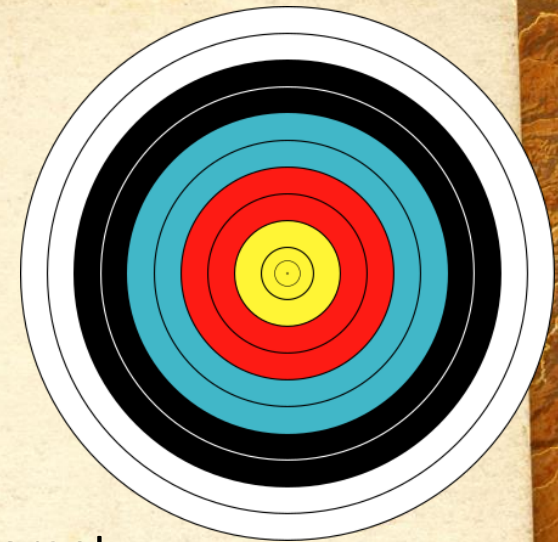
1. Universal (ALL of mankind are sinners, everyone!)
2. Absolute. (Every aspect of our being: Top to bottom, inside and out)
3. Without Hope. (Unless God steps in....)

## ROMANS 3:9-18

9. What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;
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12. ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."
13. "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING," "THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS";
14. "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS";
15. "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,
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17. AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN."
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# WHAT IS SIN?



- Missing the mark.
- Humanity “misses the mark” every time.
- There might be varying degrees of closeness to the target.
- Some people might come closer than others—but ALL of us miss the mark.
- What’s the Bullseye?
  - ✓ **Perfection!**
  - ✓ A just and holy God demands it.
  - ✓ That was the state in which He created mankind, and nothing short of perfection—perfect righteousness will satisfy our perfect God.
  - ✓ God does NOT lower the bar.
  - ✓ He can’t
  - ✓ Sin means you have fallen short of what God commands and demands.

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1 Cor 2:14 "But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he **cannot understand** them, because they are spiritually appraised."

Eph 4:18 "So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being **darkened in their understanding**, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them"

Ps 14:2-3 "The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any who **understand**, Who seek after God. They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.

Phil. 2:21 "For they all seek after their **OWN interests**, not those of Christ Jesus"



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## PAUL PAINTS A PICTURE OF UTTER HOPELESSNESS FOR MAN



- ✓ We are sinful and love our sin.
- ✓ We don't understand God nor do we SEEK God.
- ✓ We willing and enthusiastically turn from Him to go our own way.
- ✓ We are useless (worthless), rancid, and foul.
- ✓ Our hearts are wicked, our throat, tongue, lips, and mouth, are filled with deception and poison.
- ✓ Our feet run to do evil, we walk in the path that sows discord and unrest.
- ✓ And through it all we STILL have no fear of a Holy God!

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