

ALL ARE UNDER SIN

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1. Christian Revivals going on all around the world
2. The Catholic church is shrinking
 - a. But non-denominations churches are growing
 - b. Denominational churches are growing
 - i. Baptists
 - ii. Methodists
 - iii. Presbyterian
 - iv. Mormon
 - v. Pentecostal churches
3. There is a revival taking place where people are reaching out to God
 - a. Looking for purpose, meaning, value, direction, hope and love
 - i. FOX News is running a special on the Youth Movement toward Christianity
 - ii. The influx of young people to faith in Jesus
 - iii. Charlie Kirk and Turning Point USA
 - iv. All the praise and worship of Jesus
4. Many people have tried all kinds of alternative ways to connect with God.
 - a. Looking to nature
 - b. Looking to rocks and crystals
 - c. Astrology
5. Some have taken more extreme approaches to reach God
 - a. Offered their children on an altar,
 - i. hoping to appease their god.
 - b. Some have cut themselves,
 - i. hoping to win the approval of their deity.
 - c. Some have laid on beds of nails,
 - d. walked on hot coals
 - e. hit themselves with whips.
 - f. Some have killed chickens
 - i. and placed the carcasses
 - ii. on their makeshift altars.
 - g. Some have prayed toward Mecca
 - i. and recited their prayers.

- h. Some have prayed the rosary
 - i. or said “The Our Fathers” prayer
- i. Some have given huge sums of money.

6. How is it possible that all these people are all lost and going to Hell?

7. **First**, we must understand that

MAN HAS A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM – SIN

Isaiah 59:1–3

*“Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.
But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.
For your hands are stained with blood,
your fingers with guilt.
Your lips have spoken lies,
and your tongue mutters wicked things.”*

8. Sin separates us from God

- a. **No** amount of worship, praise, sacrifice, prayer
 - i. can redeem us from our sin
- b. The most religious person in the world
 - i. cannot nullify the consequences of sin

Romans 3:10–12

*“As it is written:
“There is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands,
no one who seeks God.
All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.”*

9. First three chapters of Romans addresses the Law

Romans 3:19–20

“Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.”

- a. The Law cannot save us

- b. The **LAW** only makes us aware of sin
- c. And it is **SIN** that separates us from God and His Holiness
 - i. And how we are all under the umbrella of sin
 - ii. Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, pagan

10. There are **two forms of Law** address in these chapters.

11. Roman Chapt.1:18 – 2:16

- a. ADDRESSING THE GENTILES
- b. Judged on the basis of Moral Law

Romans 1:18–20

“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.²⁰ For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

- c. How much more plainly could God have been than just **looking around at the creation** itself.
 - i. The balances of nature,
 - ii. The artistic flair
 - iii. The intricacies of life form
 - iv. All suggest and **INTELLIGENT DESIGNER**
- d. Man has **no** excuse to think otherwise
 - i. Other than their own foolish pride
- e. This passage: **Answers the questions**
 - i. about those who live in Africa
 - ii. who never heard of Jesus Christ
- f. Their judgment will be on the basis of law – MORAL LAW

12. Romans 2:17 - 3:8

- a. ADDRESSING THE JEWS
 - i. They had the written Law passed down from Moses
 - ii. The Mosaic Law outlined what was sin and offensive to God

Hebrews 10:28

“Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.”

13. The conclusion which applies to the entire human race:

Romans 3:9

“What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.”

14. Again, the question: **How do we reconcile in our minds all these people are all lost and going to Hell?**

Romans 3:21–25

*“But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.”*

- a. Once again, **All Have Sinned**
- b. **All (every living person) has fallen short of God**
- c. NOBODY has earned the right to go to heaven

ILLUSTRATION

Have you ever heard of an **Escape Room**? I did this once.

The concept is this: You and your team are locked in a themed room where you have a certain amount of time to find clues, solve puzzles, and discover keys and combinations to escape the room before your time is up!

Once the door is locked behind you, you can't get out until you solve the puzzle, or until the time is up. To be honest, I didn't particularly enjoy the experience.

But, imagine being in an escape room that literally has **NO WAY OUT**. No matter what you do, or how hard you try, there is simply no way out.

- a. **Sin is like an escape room** that has no way out
 - a. when you make that attempt on your own.
- b. We can't escape sin on our own.
- c. We can't do it on our own terms, in our way.
- d. We don't have the ability or power to do it.
- e. There is no escape from sin on our own power.
- f. As it states in **Romans 6:23**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- a. What every human being deserves is
 - i. Death.
 - ii. Separation from God
 - iii. Eternal punishment
 - iv. **Because all have sinned**

15. The fact that God has given the gift (a key) to open door to enter heaven is **unfathomable**
 - a. Totally undeserved
 - b. Unmerited
 - c. Bible calls it GRACE
16. The gift is an open door
 - a. Through the blood of Jesus
 - b. (Vs25)
17. So, IS IT FAIR that those people in Africa who never heard of Jesus are destined to eternal punishment?
 - a. Absolutely – YES
 - b. Heaven isn't promised to everyone
 - c. It is only offered to everyone

Romans 2:6

“God “will give to each person according to what he has done.”

Romans 2:11-16

“For God does not show favoritism. All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.) This will take place on the day when God will judge men’s secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.”

18. Therefore, we can’t allow sentimentality or emotions **to cloud our perspective** on the condition of the world
 - a. Especially towards those who are **devoutly religious**
 - i. Bayside is lost
 - ii. The Methodist church is lost
 - iii. Catholicism is lost
 - iv. Islam is lost
 - v. Judaism is lost
 - vi. Eastern religions are lost
 - vii. All are still under Law
 - viii. All are still accountable for SIN
 - b. Doctrinally these groups haven’t discovered the key to unlock grace
 - i. They are still trapped in the Escape Room

- ii. They are using all the wrong keys
 - 1. Faith alone
 - 2. Worship
 - 3. Works
 - 4. Blind compliance to their preachers/ministers

19. God reveals the key for opening the door for grace in:

Romans 6:3–7

“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.”

- 20. When a person is baptized into Christ
 - a. Their accountability for their sin no longer comes into play
 - b. Their sins are forgiven
 - c. They are raised into a new life
 - d. They are then freed from sin and the consequences of sin
 - e. Death

21. For the true baptized Christian, they are no longer under the judgment of law (moral or commandments)

Romans 7:4

“So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.”

Romans 3:24

“we are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus .”

- a. **Justification** is a legal term which means
 - a. “to be set right”
 - b. or “to declare not guilty.”
- b. And so, Jesus is our justification.
- c. In Jesus we are declared innocent.
 - a. Even though we are guilty sinners,
 - b. we are acquitted.

22. That is the good news – we are no longer accountable for our sin

Romans 8:1–2

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.”

23. So what is our response to this good news

Romans 6:12–15

“Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!”

- a. Because of God’s grace
- b. We make every effort to keep from sinning
 - i. We’re not perfect
- c. But when we fall down,
 - i. We get right back up

2 Peter 3:13–14

“But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.”

Let me close with this scripture

Ephesians 4:1–2

“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”