

1. **SERMON REFLECTION: *SOMEONE READS THE PASSAGE FIRST*:** Then Someone gives a brief (5 minute tops) recap/summary of Sunday’s sermon

2. **Main Point: Apart from Christ, everyone is unrighteous in the eyes of God.**
 - a. **Grand Points of the Text :**
 - i. **The Charge: All are under the power of sin (v. 9)**
 - ii. **The Testimony: This charge is confirmed by God in His Word (v. 10-18)**
 - iii. **The Verdict: All are unrighteous & powerless to save themselves (v. 19-20)**
 - b. ***“What convicted/impacted you personally about Sunday’s sermon?”***

3. **LEARN: What does this section of scripture teach us?**
 - a. **Intro**
 - i. With what movie quote did Pastor John open his sermon? Have you seen that movie? Why was that movie quote appropriate for this section of scripture?
 - ii. Can you describe what you would be feeling if you were on trial before the Lord Jesus Christ to account for your life? Would it be like the song “I can only Imagine” by MercyMe?
 - b. **Point #1) The Charge: All are under the power of sin (v. 9)**
 - (1) `Why does Paul ask “Are the Jews any better off?”
 - (2) Who does Paul say God has charged with sin?
 - (3) Was the Jew better off in a trial before the Lord Jesus Christ for having known scripture? Or worse. What about someone how says they are a Christian?
 - (4) Will you be on trial before Jesus after this life is over? If so, what do you think the verdict will be? Why?
 - (5) What is sin?
 - (a) Define lawlessness.
 - (b) Define righteousness and unrighteousness? Missing the mark, stepping off the path, stepping over the line
 - (6) Why is it important to notice that Paul talks about the charge is about “sin” and not “sins”? What does it mean to be “under sin”?
 - (7) Do you still have a sin nature after being saved?
 - (8) Is there a difference between doing sin and practicing sin?
 - (9) Do you have free will before you are saved? How do the concepts of the sovereignty of God and having a sinful nature help with a understanding of biblical free will?
 - (10) Prior to salvation, did you love lawlessness? Is there any area in your life where that is still true? How does this relate to the Lordship of Jesus the Messiah, the Christ

c. #2) The Testimony: This charge is confirmed by God in His Word (v. 10-18)

- (1) Paul backs up this claim that all are under sin by quoting from the following Old Testament passages: Psalm 14:1-3/53:1-3, Psalm 5:9, Psalm 140:3, Psalm 10:7, (maybe Proverbs 1:16), Isaiah 59:7-8, Psalm Psalm 36:1. What is common theme in all of those passages.
- (2) If there is not even one person who is righteous, is it possible for any to do good works while still a sinner?
- (3) Can the unsaved seek God but not find him? Why or why not?
- (4) Can the unsaved seek God? Why or why not?
- (5) What type of sins do verses 3:13-14 focus on?
- (6) What type of sins do verses 15-17 focus on?
- (7) Are there any sins that sins don't involve your mouth or your feet (location)?
- (8) Does the “fear of God” in verse refer to only respect or does it include actual fear? Why or why not?
- (9) If you were on trial before the Lord Jesus Christ, what would the specific charges be against you?
- (10) If you were on trial before the Lord Jesus Christ, what defenses could you assert?
- (11) If you were on trial before the Lord Jesus Christ, who would you call as your witnesses?
- (12) Who would God bring to testify against you? Why is this important to remember? What would God's witness say about your life? About yesterday? Today?
- (13) Do you believe in the total depravity of the unsaved? Why or why not?
- (14) Even after salvation, are our good acts are tainted by sin?

ii. #3) The Verdict: All are unrighteous & powerless to save themselves (v. 19-20)

- (1) Why does the Law stop the mouth of the whole world?
- (2) What did Pastor John say are the three purposes of the Law?
- (3) in Daniel 5 and the story of King Belshazzar of Babylon, why should TEKEL inspire fear in any unsaved person?
- (4) Why, when faced with all of the foregoing, can we still have hope?
- (5) Imagine your life, and this world, if Christ had not come and died for our sins and raised for our justification.

4. **Homework/contemplation/meditation:** Christ provides rest and life through the ordinary means of grace (Word, sacraments, prayer, fellowship/small groups). How are you doing with each of these? How can you do better?

5. **Closing:** *Praying for one another*