

# **The Sins of Good People**

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Scripture Basic: Romans 2:1-3:20

Focal: Romans 2:1, 17-24, 3:9-10, 19-20

Outline

## II. What God Has Done for Man: Justification by Faith (1:18-11:36)

### A. What It Is (1:18-5:21)

#### 1. Universal need of righteousness (1:18-3:20)

##### a. Gentiles lack righteousness (1:18-32)

##### b. Future judgment for all sinners Jew or Gentile (2:1-16)

(1) Jews not exempt (2:1-4)

(2) Basis of judgment (2:5-15)

(3) The judge: Christ (2:16)

##### c. Jews lack righteousness (2:17-3:8)

(1) Though they have the law (2:17-24)

(2) Though they have circumcision (2:25-29)

(3) Any advantage then to being a Jew? (3:1-8)

##### d. Old Testament proof (3:9-20)

(1) Psalm 14:1-3 (3:9-12)

(2) Psalm 5:9, 140:3, 10:7 (3:13-14)

(3) Isaiah 59:7-8 (3:15-17)

(4) Psalm 36:1 (3:18)

(5) Even the Jews (under the Mosaic Law) stand speechless  
before God (3:19-20).

Applications:

1. All men face a day of reckoning before Almighty God when their lives will be evaluated. There will be no "respect of persons" (privileged characters). Unless a person can demonstrate perfect righteousness, he will stand condemned. No exceptions.
2. No man, however "religious", will be able to demonstrate such righteousness. Thus all will stand condemned.
3. God has graciously taken pity upon man's hopeless state and has provided the required perfect righteousness for those who will identify themselves with His crucified Son (see 3:21-30).
4. Those who cast themselves upon the mercy of God through Christ are exempt from the penal judgment of God, because Christ has already taken that judgment for them (8:1).