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Thoughts on Romans

3:10-11 *As it is written, There is none righteous, no not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*

In writing "As it is written," the Apostle probably had Psalm 14:1 in mind: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."

There are very few *dogmatic* atheists in the world today. By *dogmatic* atheists we mean people who will not even consider the fact that God is the Creator of all things, that He is involved in all the affairs of men, or that He even exists!

There are undoubtedly billions of *practical* atheists and agnostics in the world today.
By *practical* atheists we mean people who live as though there is no God. They would not be comfortable in saying "there is no God," but ignore Him in every aspect of their lives.

Agnostics "believe" the existence of God cannot be proven scientifically and generally live their lives in the same way as practical atheists.

But no matter what "belief" an unsaved person has, these verses apply!

Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, declares not only that there is none that "doeth" good (as David wrote in the Psalms); he declares "there is none righteous." In other words, the natural state of man is unrighteous and therefore *doing* righteous things is impossible apart from the miracle of regeneration.

He makes that declaration quite emphatic by saying "no, not one" (οὐδὲ εἷς is literally, "not even one").

In verse 11 the Apostle explains how thorough man's depravity really is.

Consider "There is none that understandeth." Many have heard spiritual truth from various sources, but they simply do not understand it. Paul expands on this important point in writing to the church at Corinth.

First, he wrote, "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:17-18).

Second, he declared, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: *neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned"* (I Corinthians 2:14).

Conclusion: without the working of the Holy Spirit in an unsaved person's mind and heart, that person is UNABLE to understand any spiritual thing.

This author has presented the Gospel to people all over the United States through tracts, preaching, and one-on-one conversations. Unfortunately, many simply do not understand it.

Further, as the Apostle says here, “there is none that seeketh after God.”

This is the outworking of “none righteous,” and “none that understandeth.”

Some mistakenly feel that there are people all over the world just waiting for someone to present the glorious message of the Gospel to them. There is none that seeketh after God!

These well-intended people think most who hear the Gospel will be saved as soon as they hear it.

Jesus said something quite different: “*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth unto destruction, and MANY there be that go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it.*”

So, what are true believers to do? Present the Gospel in obedience to our Lord’s command and trust the Holy Spirit, not our own “persuasive powers” to accomplish the miracle of regeneration!

We will continue these thoughts on Romans in next month’s newsletter.