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Thoughts on Romans

3:19 *Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them that are under the law: that all the world become guilty before God.*

Law codes have been a mainstay of civilizations for thousands of years. The first known law code was written by Hammurabi, an Akkadian king, about 1753 BC. It pointed out that such things as murder, theft, and destruction of property were wrong and subject to punishment.

God gave His Law to Moses about 1446 BC. His Law, of course, carries far more implications than that of Hammurabi or any other laws devised by man.

Why is that so?

The simple answer is this: God is God (holy, sovereign, immutable, and eternal); man is man (weak, sinful, and not able to understand spiritual things. “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” ([1 Corinthians 2:14](#)).

This is the first point of the Gospel. God has the right to tell His creatures (all of mankind) what to do, what to be, and what to believe. Further, He has exercised that right through the Law He gave to Moses.

The word “law” in this verse is νόμος in the Greek (nomos in English). This word is related to a Greek verb νέμω (in classical Greek literature). The idea is “to allot.”

Because God knows what is best and is the Ruler of mankind, He has determined (allotted) what we should do and what we should not do.

All of mankind is subject to the Law of God: [Romans 3:19](#) makes that abundantly clear.

It is also clear that all the world is “guilty before God.”

Unfortunately, most people do not understand this (consider [1 Corinthians 2:14](#) again). Most want to “do their own thing” or not bother considering what God thinks.

It is a fearful thing to realize “that every mouth may be stopped.” When an unsaved individual stands before Holy God he really cannot offer any legitimate excuse for his sin!

An amazing truth is found later in [Romans 5:6](#): “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”

God hates sin and its punishment is sure! But He died “for the ungodly.”

May we present the universality of man's sin, the weakness of man to do anything about it, and the awful consequences of rejecting our Savior!

But even more important, may we present the message that Jesus died to pay the price of salvation!

Perhaps the words of this great hymn will help illustrate these truths:

Jesus Paid It All

Elvina M. Hall

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!

Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

Lord now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone,

Can change the leper's spots, And melt the heart of stone,

Jesus paid it all! All to Him I owe!

Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

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