The Trial of Mankind

(Romans 3:9-26)

1. THE ACCUSED

Rom. 3:9 “both Jews and Gentiles…all under sin”

Rom. 3:9-12 (Emphasize the words “none” and “all)

1. THE CHARGE
2. OUR CHARACTER IS SINFUL.

By nature: Rom. 3:10, 11 “none righteous” Rom. 8:7

By choice: Rom. 3:12 “all gone…none…doeth good”

1. OUR CONDUCT IS SINFUL

In word: Rom. 3:13-14 “throat … tongues … lips … mouth”

In deed: Rom. 3:15-16 “their feet … their ways (whole life)”

In thought: Rom. 3:17-18 “way … not know” “no fear of God.”

1. THE WITNESSES.

Rom. 3:9 says, “we have before proved,” i.e. in Chapters.1-2.

1. THE WITNESS OF CREATION.

Rom. 1:20 “creation … so that they are without excuse”

1. THE WITNESS OF CONSCIENCE.

Rom. 2:14-15 “their conscience also bearing witness.”

1. THE WITNESS OF THE LAW.

Rom. 2:12 “shall be judged by the law.”

1. THE WITNESS OF THE GOSPEL.

Rom. 2:16 “God shall judge … according to the gospel.”

Each witness to us, if rejected, becomes a witness against us. All mankind has had the testimony of Creation and Conscience. The Jew’s guilt is greater; he had these two witnesses and also that of the Law. TODAY man’s responsibility is greatest, for Gospel has been added also.

1. THE JUDGE.

Rom. 3:19-20 “all the world … before God … in His sight.”

Man is not qualified to act as judge (Rom. 2:3, 5)

God alone has the knowledge to give a just verdict, and the power to enforce His decision.

1. THE VERDICT AND THE SENTENCE.

Rom. 3:19 “guilty” The justice of the verdict is apparent; no defense is offered… “every mouth stopped.” Matt. 22:12.

Rom. 6:23 “death” Sin is a serious matter. Ezekiel 18:20.

1. THE EXECUTION.

Rom. 3:25 “Christ Jesus … a propitiation.” In our stead He paid the penalty for ALL the sins (#2) of ALL men (#1)

Isaiah 53:6; John 1:29; II Cor. 5:21; I Peter 2:24

1. THE SEQUEL.

God not only took away our sins, He also gives righteousness.

Rom. 3:22. His righteousness is placed on all who believe.

Rom. 3:24. His righteousness is declared ours (justification).

NEXT LESSON: Rom. 3:21-31. Could men be saved before Christ died? Why? What is the difference now? What is propitiation?