

Diagnosis, prognosis — what hope?

Romans 1:18-3:20

The problem with the world is...

The problem with the Gentiles is...

1:18-32 God is angry with degenerate people

Why? Because people reject their knowledge of God

How? God “gives them over...”

When? Now

2:1-16 God is angry with moralists

Why? The same reasons, and more

When? In the future

How? Judgment according to works

Who? Everyone, without favouritism

The problem with the Jews is...

2:17-29 Aren't the Jews God's chosen people?

Yes, but the law doesn't help if you don't obey it

Yes, but God isn't impressed by outward appearance

3:1-8 Possible objections to the argument so far

What value is their in being a Jew?

Does human unfaithfulness discount God's faithfulness?

If our sin makes God look good, is he right to judge us?

The problem with everyone is...

3:9-20 Conclusion: All people are 'under sin'

What does sin look like?

rejection of God

what comes out of the mouth

a violent way of life

If it's true for the Jews, then its true for all

God's diagnosis

- God's revelation

- Human sinfulness

God's prognosis

- Who? Everybody, even the self-righteous

- Why? No one measures up, even the 'good person'

- How? With justice

What hope?

- God's mercy (2:4; 1:17; 3:21)

- Shamelessly trusting God