

Romans

(11) The final set of indictments

The final 4 of 14 charges from the voice of Scripture...3:15-18

11. **Conduct:** What is the first charge about our conduct? vs.15 Mt.5:21-22

Quick to shed blood. Wars, genocide, murder, and hatred... It's in our fallen nature.

12. What is the second charge about our conduct? vs.16

Destruction (break in pieces to utterly destroy) resulting in misery. Senseless crimes.

13. What is the third charge about our conduct? vs.17 Jer.6:14

We don't know the fundamentals of producing peace. Everyone talks about it, but...

So what is the summary of man's conduct in these last 3 charges?

We prefer wars and hatred with total destruction above everything. No genuine peace.

14. **Motive:** Why is sinful man this way? What sums it all up? vs.18

There is no fear of God. On our own we simply disrespect His awesome power.

There are two kinds of "fear", terror and reverential. Which one is this?

This is terror. There is no terror of God in our eyes. And the same is true of reverential

Summarize the 14 charges in your own words.

The conclusion and then, the Good News...3:19-21

Who is it that is "under the law" and why does Paul focus here in his conclusions? vs.19

The Jews (not Gentiles) are under the law. They hold the "highest" moral/spiritual ground

Since the Jews are "the best", if Scripture proves their guilt, what is obvious about the rest? vs.19

Every mouth will be silenced and the whole world is accountable to God. Everyone...

And what is the inescapable conclusion about the function of the Law? vs.20

NO ONE is ever declared righteous (saved) by keeping the Law. The Law reveals our sin.

Why is this such a critical cornerstone of the Scriptures? vs.19-20

The Jews trust in the Law for salvation. Gentiles trust in 'works' for salvation. NO WAY

If the Law was not meant to save, why then did God give it? Gal.3:21-24

The Law was a tutor, schoolmaster, to confront/restrain sin and lead the sinner to faith.

Then how do we explain passages like Luke 18:18-23? Didn't Jesus teach salvation by the Law?

Jesus used the Law to "lead him". The ruler lied to Jesus and himself.

What is further revealed about the ruler in vs.22-23?

He was selfish and greedy and unwilling to repent. Real issue is 'follow me'.

What should have happened in this encounter?

The ruler should have confessed he couldn't keep the Law and pleaded for mercy!

And what is the wonderful truth next revealed by Paul? 21

Separate from the Law there is a righteousness (salvation) FROM GOD. It's a gift...
