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# Accountable to God

Romans 3:1-20

## Jewish Objections

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- Objection 1:
  - Does Jewishness mean anything?
- Response:
  - Yes! The Jews have the words of God.

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- Objection 2:
  - Some Jews were unfaithful, but God will keep his promises and rescue them, won't he?
- Response:
  - No!
    - God can be true to his word and still judge the unfaithful Jews.

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- Objection 3:
  - Our sin highlights God's righteousness, so he shouldn't punish us Jews.
- Response:
  - No!
    - God is just, and he's going to judge the whole world.

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- Objection 4:
  - My sin increases God's glory, so I'm really doing something good.
- Response:
  - That's absurd. God's glory is not justification to sin.
  - You deserve your condemnation.

## The Extent of Sin

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- When it comes to sin, are Jews any better off than Gentiles?
  - No, all are under sin.

## The Extent of Sin

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- There is no one who is righteous before God.
  - Every person is affected by sin.
  - Every aspect of a person is affected by sin.

## The Extent of Sin

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- There is no defense that can be made.
  - We must answer for our sins.
- No one will be declared righteous by the works of the law.
  - Rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

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- Humanity cannot argue its way out of God's righteous judgment.
- Everyone stands guilty before God.