

GUILTY AS CHARGED – PART 2

ROMANS 3:13-20

In **ROMANS 3:13-18**, Paul gives us an X-ray/CT/MRI of the lost sinner, from head to foot.

- In **ROMANS 3:13, 14** emphasis is on human speech—the throat, tongue, lips, and mouth.
- In **ROMANS 3:15, 16** Paul pictured the lost sinner's feet or ways.
- In **ROMANS 3:17** God deals with the lost sinner's mind.
- In **ROMANS 3:17, 18**, which cites **PSALM 36:1**, the lost sinner's arrogant pride and ignorance is in view.

THE REST OF THE 13 COUNTS AGAINST US

FIRST, THE VILE WORDS OF THE ACCUSED v. 13-14

7. The seventh charge of Paul's indictment is that by nature fallen mankind is **SPIRITUALLY DEAD**.
8. The eighth charge is that by nature fallen mankind is **DECEITFUL**.
9. The ninth charge is closely related to the previous one—man **TRIES TO HIDE HIS SIN**.
10. The tenth charge in the indictment continues the imagery of speaking, describing **UNGODLY SPEECH**.

THE CRUMMY CONDUCT OF THE ACCUSED **v. 15-17**

11. The eleventh charge is that the ungodly are **INNATELY MURDEROUS**.
12. The twelfth charge in the overall indictment, and the second one that is manifested in man's conduct, is that of **GENERAL DESTRUCTIVENESS**.
13. The thirteenth and last of the charges in Paul's indictment of condemned man is that of his **PEACE-LESS-NESS**.

**SCRIPTURE MAKES CLEAR THAT MANKIND
IS LOST IN SIN WITHOUT GOD.**

THE MOTIVE OF THE ACCUSED v. 18

The basic sinful condition of men and of their spiritual deadness is evidenced by the fact that, for the unsaved, “*there is no fear of God before their eyes.*” **PSALM 36:1**

- *Fearing God* has both **POSITIVE** and **NEGATIVE** elements.
- In a **POSITIVE WAY**, every true believer has reverential fear of God, an awesome awareness of His power, His holiness, and His glory.
- The **NEGATIVE ASPECT** of the *fear of God* has to do with dread and terror. All believers should have a measure of that kind of fear, which acts as a protection from sinning.

WE MUST HAVE BOTH TYPES OF FEAR.

THE VERDICT v. 19-20

- Every unredeemed human being, Jew or Gentile, is “*under the law*” of God and “*accountable to God.*”
- God is the Creator, Sustainer, and Lord of the entire universe, and it is therefore impossible for anyone or anything to be outside His control or authority.
- Man has neither the ability nor the inclination within himself to obey God perfectly.
- Verdict: *under* the law there can be no sentence but death. **PRAISE GOD FOR GRACE—WHICH FREES US FROM THE VERDICT!**