

Silenced? Romans 2:1-3:20

Do you struggle with the chaos of our world? Do you feel fully connect to life around you? It is easy to be distracted, and disillusioned by the world. The Book of Romans tells us of the hope that we have as believers, the joy and peace that is found when we put God at the center of our life.

- Good by comparison: “I’m better than they are.”
- Good by legacy: “I’m extremely religious.”
- Good by manipulation: “God, cut me some slack.”

Application

- 1) What are some of the arguments that you hear people make to prove that they are a good person? How do you explain the sins that you commit? Do explanations for sin show disrespect for or a lack of appreciation for God’s kindness?
- 2) Read Mark 12:28-31 and contrast the Great Commandment with the description of humanity in Romans 3:10-18. What does this mean for the way that you view life and how you will live your life?
- 3) What is the definition of sin? Did the use of a “scale” and the “target” in the sermon help or hinder your understanding? How so?
- 4) People will stand in silence before God at the judgement. Why? Read Romans 3:19. What are you doing to be ready for that moment?

Memory Verse

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

- Romans 3:19 NIV

Prayer: Some have summed up the Gospel this way, “We are far more broken than we dare to imagine. But we are far more loved than we could dare to hope.” Until we understand our brokenness we will not be truly thankful for God’s love and forgiveness.

Read Romans 3:20. Spend some time quietly reflecting and praying about your brokenness.

1. How have you debated God or challenged God on His standard of righteousness? (The Law is outdated, it has no place in today’s culture, it is not fair, or it doesn’t apply to you...)
2. How have you tried to prove you are goodness by following a list of rules? (I’m doing better than they are...)
3. Thank God for His love, His kindness, His mercy. Be as detailed as you can be!