

UNVARNISHED TRUTH of life:
One Great Problem

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The shortfall of humanity

Romans 3:9-12

What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

¹⁰ As it is written:

“There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ There is none who understands;

There is none who seeks after God.

¹² They have all turned aside;

They have together become unprofitable;

There is none who does good, no, not one.”

The shortfall of humanity is SIN

- What separates us from God is **sin**. We aren't strong enough to remove it, and we aren't good enough to erase it. For all of our differences, there is one problem we all share. We are separated from God.

The shortfall of humanity is SIN

- This is the great shortfall of humanity. We're a long way from our Heavenly Father and can't see Him for the sin blocking our view.

The condition of humanity

Romans 3: 19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

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- A dead flower has no life. A dead body has no life. A dead soul has no life.



The windfall of humanity

Romans 3:21-22

- *But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on*

The windfall of humanity is Jesus Christ

- The way out of our sinful condition is through Jesus. If the shortfall of humanity is sin; the windfall for humanity is Jesus Christ. We don't need someone to fix us up; we need someone to raise us up. We are the corpse, and He is the corpse-caller. We are the dead, and He is the dead-raiser.

The task of humanity
Romans 3:23

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The task of humanity is to admission

- So what must we do?

Admit that we “have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (v. 23).

The task of humanity is not to get up (we can't), but to admit that we are dead. Not to raise ourselves from the dead (we can't), but to receive the one who specializes in resurrections. Not to camouflage our corpse (we can't), but **to call on Christ to save us.**

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