

Paul said he became the servant of the church,
being assigned to deliver a message

“The secret is this:

Christ in you, the hope of glory to come.

He it is whom we proclaim.

We admonish everyone without distinction,
we instruct everyone in all the ways of wisdom,
so as present each one of you as a mature member
of Christ’s body.”

Read Colossians 1:24-28 NEB 1961

Everyone is Guilty
Romans 1:18-3:20

Romans 1:18-21 **humans are hard-wired to be moral creatures through the conscience,** Genesis 3

Likeness *is* similarity. ***Likeness*** is to say that God gave to mankind some form of His moral characteristics – and enough so that we could represent Him to any observer

Everyone is Guilty, 1:18-3:20

Romans 1:18

The wrath of God is revealed...

*a fitting response assigned to someone
according to their action*

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Romans 1:18-21
all hear God because He is reaching out
Romans 10:14-21

*“I was found by those not looking for Me;
I was clearly shown to those who never asked
about me”*

Isaiah 65:1

Everyone is Guilty, 1:18-3:20

OBJECTIONS TO EVERYONE IS GUILTY

*You cannot call on God unless you believe in Him,
you cannot believe unless someone tells you,
which God must tell someone to do*

Romans 10:14-15

Isaiah describes these very messengers
from God

Isaiah 52:7

OBJECTIONS TO EVERYONE IS GUILTY

Well, Israel did not obey the good news of Isaiah

Romans 10:16-17

That is true, and
it is also true that Israel was repeating history

Isaiah 53:1

OBJECTIONS TO EVERYONE IS GUILTY

*We insist Israel never had the chance
to hear the good news*

Romans 10:18

Their voice (the oracles of God) have gone out into
all the earth... to the ends of the world

Psalms 19:4

OBJECTIONS TO EVERYONE IS GUILTY

But what if Israel did not understand?

Romans 10:19-21

God was found by those (Gentiles) not looking for Him; being clearly shown to those who never asked about Him

Isaiah 65:1

**The Lie of Romans 1:25 and Genesis 2:16-17 is
I will be my god, because God can't be trusted**

The danger of self-establishment is why Christ
*“did not regard equality with God a thing to be
grasped.”* Philippians 2:6 (1-8)

**You can live a moral life without God,
but it is not the same thing as relinquishing
your right to yourself**

Romans 1:18-32

Romans 1:25 The Lie

The Bible does not say that God punished the human race for one man's sin, but that the *nature of sin entered* into the human race through one man

*The nature of sin being
my claim to my right to myself*

Genesis 2:16-17

Romans 2:15

Conscience (Greek; **to become aware in one's mind**)

Acts 24:16

Regardless of what others do, Paul wants his conscience to be so sensitive to the Spirit that he can live with respect towards anyone

- **The conscience looks to a standard in order to base a decision on, either to God's Spirit or to another it prefers**

This explains why conscience is different in different people

Conscience Romans 2:15

Choices are made in the soul (consisting of your mind, will and emotions)

- *therefore* we can consider the conscience as perhaps the eye of the soul

*For the conscience to be seeking and following a standard,
explains why the soul sometimes fluctuates
when faced with temptation*

Romans 2:29

the first mention of the Spirit

He is credited as influencing your heart
to the things of God

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Romans 3:1

What is the advantage of being a Jew?

- Israel was chosen by God to receive His word for life, **Romans 3:2**
- Israel was first to the table of faith in the one true God, **Romans 3:2, 11:11-18**
- Israelites are covenant friends of God for the sake of the patriarchs of faith
Romans 11:28

Romans 3:9

All are ...*ruled by sin (noun)*

meaning *a source of action* or something
inside of you producing acts

*No one is more capable than the other
to avoid sin*

Romans 3:19, 23; 11:32, Galatians 3:22

Romans 3:20

Justified

Justification *is the infusing of God's righteousness, so as to make one righteous; whether the conforming of the **person** or their **behavior***

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Romans 3:20 **justified**

a right *behavior* according to the Divine standard

Performing the works synonymous with

The Mosaic Law will not be the evidence (future tense) that a person had a right *behavior* with God

Acts 13:38-39, Romans 2:13; Galatians 2:15-17