



Family preparation for congregational worship on January 08, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 3:9-20 (ESV): ⁹What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹²All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." ¹³"Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." ¹⁴"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." ¹⁵"Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶in their paths are ruin and misery, ¹⁷and the way of peace they have not known." ¹⁸"There is no fear of God before their eyes." ¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Discuss:

1. Who is righteous?
2. What is our natural tendency toward God?
3. What does God's law show us about ourselves?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that He knows us totally and that He completely loves us. Praise the Lord that He uses us to draw others to Himself. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for greater faithfulness in use of your time. Pray for Timothy and Jane Silcott as they minister to different churches. Pray for those Christians who are under persecution around the world. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize (January): "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." ***John 1:1-3 (ESV)***

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*Jesus is tenderly calling you home, calling today, calling today.
Why from the sunshine of love will you roam He will not turn you away.*

Calling today, calling today, Jesus is calling, Is tenderly calling today.

*Jesus is waiting, o come to Him now, waiting today, waiting today.
Come with your sins, at His feet lowly bow; come and no longer delay.*

Calling today, calling today, Jesus is calling, Is tenderly calling today.

"Jesus Is Calling", The Celebration Hymnal, #482, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997

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ALREADY	ASIDE	ASPS
BECOME	BETTER	BOTH
CHARGED	CURSES	DECEIVE
EVEN	FULL	GOOD
GRAVE	GREEKS	JEWS
LIPS	MOUTH	NONE
OPEN	RIGHTEOUS	SEEKS
THEN	THROAT	TOGETHER
TONGUES	TURNED	UNDERSTANDS