

# We Welcome You This Morning



International Baptist Church  
of Eindhoven





# **Bible Reading**

Romans 3:9-20

**9** What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. **10** As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one;

**11** there is no one who understands;  
there is no one who seeks God.

**12** All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one.”

Romans 3:9-20

- 13** "Their throats are open graves;  
their tongues practice deceit."  
"The poison of vipers is on their lips."
- 14** "Their mouths are full of cursing and  
bitterness."
- 15** "Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
**16** ruin and misery mark their ways,  
**17** and the way of peace they do not know."  
**18** "There is no fear of God before their eyes."



**19** 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. **20** Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.



‘Forgive us our debts’

Romans 3:9-20

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# Modern culture in the west

- We either do evil or make a mistake...

Dividing the world in 'goodies and badies'

- Goodies sometimes make mistakes...

For nobody is perfect

# The Lord's Prayer

- *Forgive us our debts (Matthew 6:12)*
  - *Reveals our situation before God*  
*= man is accountable before God =*
- *Forgive us our sins (Luke 11:4)*
  - *Reveals the nature of our behaviour*  
*To sin = to miss the mark (cf. Judges 20:16)*

# Romans 3:9-20

1. Vs. 10-12: no-one (3x) is righteous
  - Ecclesiastes 7:20
2. Vs. 13-14: sin related to speech
  - Proverbs 10:19 and James 3:1-12
3. Vs. 15-17: devastating effects of sin
  - Isaiah 59:1-8

- No fear of God -

# Confession precedes Forgiveness

*1 John 1:9 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.'*

True confession is:

- Honest, specific, audible – Psalm 32:1-5

True confession includes:

- Acknowledgement of personal *and* corporate debts

# Litany of Reconciliation

Coventry Cathedral, England

1. The hatred which divides nation from nation,  
race from race, class from class,

**Father forgive**

2. The covetous desires from people and nations  
to possess what is not their own,

**Father forgive**

# Litany of Reconciliation

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3. The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

**Father forgive**

4. Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

**Father forgive**



# Litany of Reconciliation

Coventry Cathedral, England

5. Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

**Father forgive**

6. The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

**Father forgive**

# Litany of Reconciliation

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7. The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves  
and not in God,

**Father forgive**

Our debts have been paid

Our sins have been forgiven

# Forgiveness sets us Free

*Ephesians 1:7 'In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...'*

*Colossians 1:13,14 'For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.'*

*Jeremiah 31:34 'They will all know me... for I will forgive...'*

