**Resident Evil**

*Romans 3:10-12*

**Passage Background and Context Information**

* In Romans 3, the Apostle Paul has filed the final charge. People are not inherently good. All humanity is under sin. We all are in the grip of evil. We are dominated by sin’s dread sway, experiencing spiritual decomposition. We are collaborators with evil.
* We exist in a state that theologians call “total depravity.” This means evil itself affects every part of our being, not that we are as bad as we can be, but that every aspect of our lives, including our mind, emotions, sexuality, conscience, and will, is adversely affected by sin. Our whole nature is permeated with evil. Our relationships also suffer because society can be no better than those who constitute it. Because of the deceitfulness of sin, we are blind to it. Sin has stealth. We see its devastating impacts without seeing it. Our souls are deprived of the power to resist sin. We inevitably sin. Sin lives in people, and people live in sin.
* This is a bold claim, a serious charge. What’s the proof? What are the symptoms of this sickness?

**Bible Verse**

###### Romans 3:10-12 (CSB)

10as it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one.

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

12All have turned away; all alike have become worthless. There is no one who does what is good, not even one.

**1. \_\_ \_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_.**

* **Evidence #1 \_\_****\_\_\_ is continually\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (11a, 12b)**
* **Evidence #2 \_\_\_** **\_\_\_\_** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **and \_\_\_\_\_\_** **\_\_\_\_\_. (11b)**.
* **Evidence #3 \_\_ \_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (12a)**

**Test**

* **Luke 19:10** For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”
* **John 6:44-45** 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets: And they will all be taught by God. Everyone who has listened to and learned from the Father comes to me —
* **John 16:8** When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment:
* **Acts 26:18** to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a share among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

**Pray**

I want to model a brief prayer you can pray after me. Will you pray with me?

“Jesus, I confess I am a sinner. I deserve Your judgment of death and hell. But I believe You love me, came down for me, lived a perfect life, and shed Your blood and died on the cross for my sins. I also believe that God raised You from the dead for the forgiveness of my sins, to change me, and grant me everlasting life. Please forgive me, change my heart, and give me eternal life. I believe You are my Forgiver and God. I give my life to love, obey, and make much of You! In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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Heavenly Father, we recognize as You say there is nothing in ourselves that has accomplished salvation. It is the gift Jesus provided for us, giving us a righteousness, a peace, and a joy we could never earn. May we all grow in grace and not rely upon our own performance as a basis of knowing whether we have a relationship with You. It is through Your righteousness imparted to us that then makes our performance not a matter of earning merit with You, but a way of saying thanks to You for all You’ve done. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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