

Romans 3:23

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This week we are taking a journey down the Romans Road.
The first phase of our journey takes us down a road that we are all familiar with, but seldom go down.

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You can ask almost anyone and he or she will tell you that they have sinned. We all know this, but we seldom tend to think about it. We do not like to think that we have sinned, because when we admit that we have sinned, then we are saying that we are not perfect, or that we are a bad person. However, what we tend to forget is the three letter word here “all”, meaning everybody. Your mom and dad have sinned, your grandma and grandpa have sinned, your pastor or any pastor in the church has sinned, and even your children have sinned. No one is exempt from the fact that we have ALL have sinned.

Not only have all sinned, but we have all fallen short of the glory of God. To fall short is to fail. God is without sin, and no matter how hard we may try; we will never measure up to God. Every time we try to do a good deed, we find ourselves doing hundreds of bad deeds. The one good that we may do will never outweigh the all bad we do, so we fail at trying to be perfect.

So looking at these things, it's no wonder many try to stray away from this road, because it causes people to see that they are not perfect, in a world that says that you need to be perfect. This world tries to make the outside perfect with all sorts of artificial things like creams and injections and surgery, even selfies people take most of the time they use an app, so what we are seeing is not the real you. Nevertheless, no matter how hard you try to make the outside look perfect, inside we are all far from perfect.

Even Jesus said: ***Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Matthew 23:27***

Not a fun trip so far? Tomorrow's road takes us to the penalty for our imperfection. The journey may not be fun at the beginning but the end results will be better than anything you could imagine.
But, you must complete the journey before you enjoy the benefits.

† ***Revelation 22:12-17 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may***

enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.