

Intro--Days of world problems. Men think solution is in a new order which they try to bring in. Cf. new Elizabethan age. But man is neglecting 3 imp't facts: (1) World prob are ultimately and basically individual. Not UN but U. (2) What are the real problems? a. the wrongs of the world. But basic prob is wronging God --our debt to Him. b. How can men live together in a right manner? But basic prob is the whole matter of duty. Not solved by education. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] c. Food, health, research symptoms of 3rd prob--death. 3 are debt, duty, death. (3) New order which solves basic issues is not in future but is offered for present. Why hasn't church then had more affect? Bec few individuals have heeded God's offer of pres solution for basic prob of individual. Key are words "But Now"

I. PROBLEM OF DEBT OR SINS--Past.

A. The Problem stated, Rom. 3:9-18.

1. The first contributing cause--man's character, 9-12. None righteous, Adam only innocent. Unprofitable use of milk going sour. None doth good, i.e. utility.
2. The second contributing cause--man's conduct, 13-18.
  - a. In word, 13-14. Corrupting, deceitful, uncharitable, blasphemous.
  - b. In deed, 15-18. Murderous, oppressive, quarrelsome, impious. These are the very symptoms which world recognizes. Why not take God's analysis of the problem?

B. The Problem solved, Rom. 3:21-26. God's rightness

1. The Source of righteousness, God.
2. The Simplicity of righteousness, apart from law.
3. The Manifestation of it (in X) word used of Incarnation. He showed God's righteousness.
4. The Attestation of it, in Script.

Note key words in vs 21, But Now.

## II. THE PROBLEM OF DUTY OR SERVICE--Present.

### A. The Problem Stated, Rom. 6:19-20.

Uncleaness (internal) and lawlessness (external), 19,  
It is a state of freedom, 20 but also of slavery,  
19.

### B. The Problem Solved, ~~Rom 6:19-20~~

1. Freedom from sin, 6:22. This is the ruling principle. Freedom to serve.
2. Freedom from law, 7:6. UN can only say, "You must". Can't say, "Do you love me?" like X did. HAI illus.
3. Filling of X, Col. 1:26-7. X in you. To give guidance, power, wisdom, to solve every prob connected with service and present life.

## III. THE PROBLEM OF DEATH OR SECURITY--Future.

How do I know that I have beld the right thing and that debt is discharged? How know that service is worthwhile bec may involve hardship? By res of X. If He not raised, then still in sins, 17 ("As long as the security is not out of the prison, it must be concluded that the debt is not paid"), and hopeless in this life, 19.

The Solution of the problem and the assurance that probs I and II are solved is His res.

1 Cor 15:20, But now.

Guaranteed (1) Same victory, for He firstfruits and means rest of harvest assured.

(2) Same destination, Jn 14:3.

Conclusion--If unwilling to face I and II must face III bac rāsen X means living X, and that means that I and II are real prob. I omitted in each case "thru X our Lord". Clearly stated in Rom 3:22. Faith in X. Object is all impt. Illus getting into car in coal mine. Some held sides. Made no diff if weak or strong, Diff was whether trusting cable or string.

If trust, probs solved. Matt 11:28. God has done something Now. But now is also a ques to you. Will you accept.

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