

## SERIES: THE ROMAN ROAD

The Plague of **Self-righteousness**1. “The Plague of **Self-righteousness**” has **infected** all people, not only the Jews

Romans 3:9

Romans 2:14, 17, 29

Psalm 51:1-3

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What then? **Are we better than they?** Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

**Romans 2:17**

Indeed you are called a Jew, and **rest on the law**, and make your boast in God, . . .

2. Paul is reminding the Jew, “The Plague of **Self-righteousness**” spreads from the heart of **a fool**

Romans 3:10-12; Psalm 14:1-3; Exodus 32:1-8; Acts 7:38-41

**Romans 3**

<sup>10</sup> As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. <sup>12</sup> They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one.”

**Exodus 32:8**

“They have **turned aside** [Psalm 14:3, Romans 2:12] quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’”

The Pharisees listened to the voice of God through Moses but **turned aside** to worship the false god of **power** to **control** Israel, instead of being controlled by the all-powerful God.

*Matthew 12:17-19*

The Jews **turned aside** from believing Jesus to **preserve** their self-righteousness, rather than to confess they were slaves to sin.

*John 8:28-33; Isaiah 64:5-6*

Judas spent 3 years following Jesus, and yet **turned aside** from Him for the love of **money**.

*Matthew 26:14-16; John 12:4-6*