- Introduction for Romans 3
  - Not what that is for...
  - Rom 3:20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
- Structure and Overview
  - Diatribe 18 "?"
  - Justify/Just/Righteous/Declare Righteous *dikaios* Pardon /= Not Guilty
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    - Psa 51:4
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    - V13 Throat is... grave Psa 5:9; 140:3 [Jer 5:16; James 3:8]
    - V14 Mouths... curses Psa 10:7
    - V15 Feet... shed blood... way of peace Isa 59:7-8 [Prov 1:16;
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    - V16 Fear of God... eyes Psa 36:1 [Pro 8:13; Deu 25:18]
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  - False believer Do you have Jesus-faith?
  - Unbeliever It is too good to be false.