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- Verse 19 picks up the thought from verse 9 which was briefly interrupted with 10-18
 - Read 3:9 & 19-20
 - All under sin (9)
 - Every mouth may be closed (19)
 - All the world may become accountable to God (19)
- Who is the 'we' referring to?
 - In 3:8-9 the 'we' referred to believers – the Church
(See Hal's notes from lesson # 21)
 - So, in verse 19 the 'we' is also referring to believers – the Church
- Know – perfect-active-indicative
(action which has been completed and stands completed in the present)
 - Know – *oida* – to know absolutely, a sure knowledge



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- ‘That whatever the law says’ - What does the law say?
 - Exodus 19:3-8
 - If you obey then you will be blessed – perfection was required
 - James 2:10
 - Blessings were conditional on obedience
 - This does not nullify God’s grace in the OT but it did bring in the element of conduct preceding blessing.
- ‘The law speaks to those who are under the law’ – is this the Jews only or also the Gentiles?
 - Read Chapter 2:12-16
 - Before the cross, if a Gentile wanted to come into a relationship with God they had to come through the Jewish law.
 - The Gentiles weren’t given promises through the law
 - Yet if they wanted to enter into a relationship with God they had to come through the Jewish law
 - Therefore, it seems that it is the Jew and Gentile being included here.
 - **Notice that every mouth stopped and all the world accountable – this includes the Jews and Gentiles.**
 - Under – *en* – those referred to are within the sphere of the law



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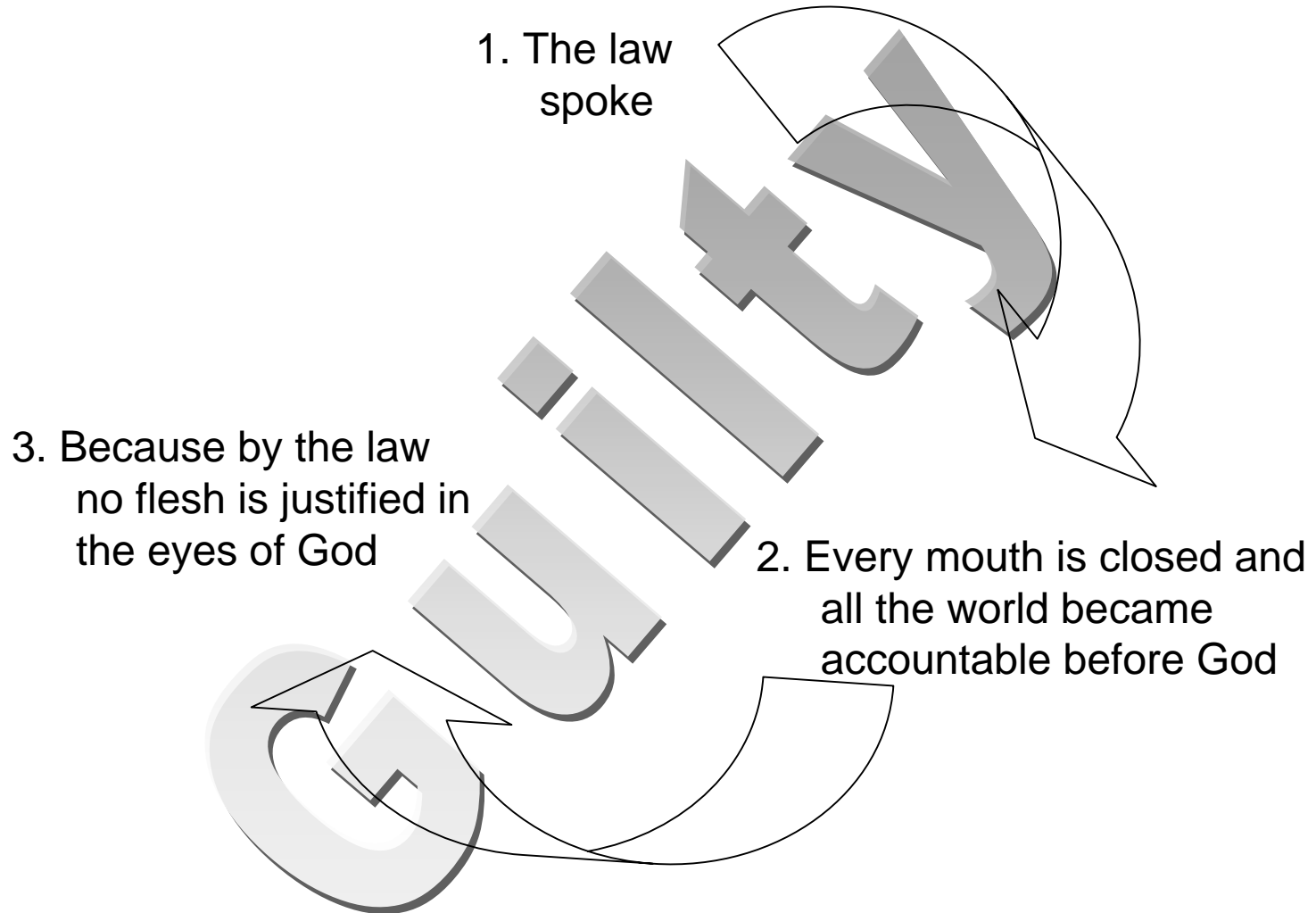
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- The law speaks so that: (Says and speaks are both verbs, present, active, indicative)
 - ‘Every mouth may be closed or stopped’
 - All mankind is included in this
 - Meaning – fenced in, block up, stop up, close up
 - Courtroom setting where the defendant has no more to say in response to the charges brought against him. (Moo)
 - ‘May be closed’ - verb, aorist, passive, subjunctive
 - Galatians 3:21-24
 - ‘All the world may become accountable to God’
 - All mankind is also included in this
 - Accountable or answerable to or liable to prosecution
 - God is both the one offended and the judge who weighs the evidence and pronounces the verdict. (Moo)
 - Accountable - is the only place this word appears in scripture
 - ‘may become’ – verb, aorist, middle, subjunctive



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- Verse 20 tells what the works of the law (doing right) cannot do and what it can do
 - It cannot make mankind justified in God's sight
 - It can bring the knowledge of sin
- Law (doing right) can not make mankind justified in God's sight
 - 'works of the law' repeated in Romans 3:28, Gal. 2:16, 3:2,5 &10
 - It actually reads all flesh will not be justified
 - *Pasa* – is left out of the translation, in this context it means all.
 - No flesh – is meaning no man, flesh is referring to mankind
 - 'will be justified' – verb, future, passive, indicative
 - Justified – dikainoo – the root of this word is the same as the Greek word which is translated righteous, righteousness justification, just, justifier
 - Justified – be declared righteous by God and to be viewed by Him as if one has never sinned
 - Vincent – "the act or process by which a man is brought into a right state as related to God"
 - Therefore the law cannot be the act or process which brings one into this relationship with God
 - Romans 3:21-31
 - Talking about being justified before God not before man



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- Law brings the knowledge of sin
 - So, why was the law given if keeping of it cannot bring justification and it brings the knowledge of sin?
 - Romans 7:7-14
 - Knowledge – *epignosis* – more of an experiential full knowledge.
 - What do you think that this kind of experiential knowledge which is brought about by the law is intended to do?
 - The intent of the law was to bring the human race down in humility, seeing their sinfulness and need for a Savior.
 - Sin here is singular – referring to the nature and power of sin in mankind.



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- Conclusion
 - Guilty - All under sin, every mouth may be closed, all the world becomes accountable to God – doing right cannot help
 - Now mankind is ready for salvation based on faith.
 - Whosoever believes will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)
 - We are no longer under the law but under grace (Romans 6:14)
 - For by grace are we saved through faith and not of ourselves it is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8)