PROPOSITION: Christian upbringing/Bible knowledge brings many benefits, but it doesn’t give anyone any advantage when standing before the Holy God. We must receive Jesus’ righteousness by faith.

I. Review
   A. God’s marvelous grace
   B. Sin is deeper and more intentional than we see
   C. The downward progression from continual moral sin

II. Is there an advantage in Christian upbringing?  **YES** Romans 3:1-8
   A. We’ve been entrusted with the very words of God Rom 3:1-2 (9:4-5)
   B. What if some Christians walk away? Rom 3:3-4
   C. Doesn’t our wrong actions show God’s holiness more? Rom 3:5-6
   D. Why not sin since God brings good from all? Rom 3:7-8

III. Is there an advantage in Christian upbringing?  **NO** Romans 3:9-20
   A. All humans are enslaved to sin Rom 3:9
   B. Evidence of depth of corruption from 6 Old Testament passages Rom 3:10-18
      (Ps 14:1-3; Ps 5:9; Ps 140:3; Ps 10:7; Isa 59:7-8; Ps 36:1)
   C. Every human is contaminated (not righteous) Rom 3:19-20

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