

November 10 Discussion Questions - Flesh

Romans 3:9-24

Review

The 1.8 billion people on earth who have never heard the gospel are **under judgment** (Rom. 1:18-20; Jer. 51:6,17-18; Is. 61:1-2; 63:3; Luke 4:18-19).

Without hearing the gospel, **no one** will repent (Rom. 3:10-11) because **sin** rules over them (3:9).

- The final proof that all people sin (Rom. 3:23) is that all people **die** (Rom. 6:23)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

	Outside of Christ People are Under Sin (v. 9)	In Christ People are Under Grace (6:14)
Mind	Confused by sin (v. 11,17; Is. 59:7-8; Rom. 1:18,21; 2:1)	Renewed - Clear about Truth (Ezek. 36:26; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Cor. 2:14,16; 8:5)
Body	Controlled by sin (v. 10,12,14-15; 7:24)	Redeemed - Free from Sin (v. 23-24; 7:24-25; 8:2)
Spirit	Consumed by sin (v. 12,13,18; Ps. 5:9)	Righteous - United with God (8:10)
Destiny	Eternal Death (5:21; 6:23; 2:8-9)	Eternal Life (6:23)

Connect

1. Have you ever begun eating food only to realize that it was moldy or rotten? How did you react? =)
2. In what way is mold similar to sin?

Read Romans 3:9-24

Discuss

3. To what degree has sin affected humanity? What are the ramifications of this?
4. What does it mean to be "under sin?" Compare this to being "under grace."
5. Total Depravity teaches that sin pollutes and affects every part of who we are. Elaborate on what parts are affected and how they are affected.

6. What is “justification?” How is this a remedy for our sin?
7. How is God’s wrath against sin different than God’s discipline for sin? Who receives each?

Apply

8. How have you seen sin at work as a “controlling power” in the life of another person? What specific truth or promise of Christ would they need to believe to find freedom?
9. Which of these controlling aspects of sin have you seen at work in your life: selfishness, addiction, bitterness, or pride? Explain. In what way(s) has Christ saved you?
10. If there are 1.8 billion people who are confused, controlled, and consumed by the power of sin, how does the Gospel break into their lives? How does this affect the way you relate to the person you named in question #8?

Pray

11. Spend time praying for the power of sin to be broken in the lives of friends, family members, or prodigals.