ROMANS 3:10-23 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - (SERMON MP3)

Righteousness is defined as the quality of being morally right and without sin. Only God is perfectly righteous. From Rom 1:16-17 discuss how the righteousness of God is revealed through the Gospel? What is meant by the phase, "The righteous shall live by faith?



Read Rom 1:18-23 and identify 3-4 manifestations of unrighteousness in the lives of the irreligious (specifically the Gentiles in this passage). Some people struggle with the judgment of God on sinners. Do you think that God is just in punishing the wicked? Give some of your reasons.



- Did you notice how that the irreligious of Rom 1:18-23 were aware of a holy standard? What are some ways in which even those who deny God demonstrate an awareness of moral absolutes?
- How can the religious person be just as unrighteous as the irreligious? Read Rom 2:1–2.

Paul wants us to understand the reality of our depravity. Our sinfulness is so great that pretending that it is not there or trying to cover it with our own self-righteousness will not remove the coming judgment of God. Examine Rom 3:10-18 and find the portion of the text that communicates the effects of sin in our lives.



Our legal standing - vs. 10:_____

Our wills - vs. 12:_____

Our minds - vs. 11:_____

Our tongues - vs. 13:_____

Our motives - vs. 11b:_____

- Our relationships vs. 15-17:_____
- Our relationship with God vs. 18:_____

This might be review for those that heard our preaching series on the 10 Commandments, but read Rom 3:19-20 and share what the law accomplishes. Explain what it cannot do and what it does very well.



Technically the terms "righteous" and "justify" come from the same word. Discuss the differences and the connections between these two words. To help with that, righteousness is defined as the quality of being morally right and without sin. Justification would be defined as the act of God's grace in declaring sinners fully acquitted and counting them as righteous before him on the basis of the finished work of Christ, received through faith alone.



Rom 3:24 tells us that we "are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." What are some ways that we can try to justify ourselves before God? What are some of our motives for self-justification? What are some ways that Christians forget that God's grace is a gift?

Read this George Whitefield quote out-loud. "Our best duties are as so many splendid sins ... you must not only be made sick of your ... sin, but you must be sick of your righteousness, of all your duties and performances. There must be a deep conviction before you can be brought out of your self-righteousness; it is the last idol taken out of your heart." Share with at least one person how you are self righteous.

Propitiation - The appeasement of wrath by the offering of a gift or sacrifice. Jesus made propitiation for the sins of humanity by his suffering and death. Reread Rom 1:18 and Rom 2:5. Both the irreligious and the religious demonstrate that they are unrighteous. What do the unrighteous deserve? Read the following verses talk about Christ taking the wrath of God for sinners.

Romans 3:25 whom [Jesus Christ] God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

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:9–10 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we rethat we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.	might live through him. In this is
w, in light of what we have just studied: Why do rebels need the gospel?	MSN Miller
How would you explain this to someone who rejects the existence of God?	
Why do good people need the gospel?	
How would you explain this to someone who thinks they are good enough for God?	PRAYER REQUESTS
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How do you remind your heart of this when it is tempted to feel pride about goodness or despair about sin?