

# Discussion Guide

Guilty

March 23/24, 2024

## PART 1: RECAP

Last week Paul took on objections a Jew in his day might have made to justify himself compared to the Gentiles. While there were advantages to being a Jew, God's grace still extended to the Gentiles. In our passage this week, Paul explains that all people are guilty and under the control of sin. We can learn from this passage that you cannot save yourself, but what you cannot do on your own God has provided for you through Jesus.

- Has anyone ever done a random act of kindness for you? Have you ever done one for someone else?
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## PART 2: READ ROMANS 3:9-20

- What does it mean to be "under sin's control"? (vs. 9)
  - Read Romans 1:20-23. How do these verses, along with 3:19, prove Paul's point that the whole world is accountable to God?
  - Why do works of the law not justify people in God's sight anymore? (vs. 20)
  - How does knowledge of sin come through the law? (vs. 20)
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### PART 3: REFLECT

- How has corrupt speech changed in form from Paul's time to ours?
  - How do you feel after reading the list Paul wrote in verses 10-17?
  - Have you ever heard a non-Christian say they don't need Jesus, or they're a "good person"? How do you respond to that?
  - If good works don't justify us before God, why do we still do them?
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### PART 4: MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 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.

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### PART 5: NEXT STEPS:

- I am thankful for the grace of God gifted to us through Jesus Christ.
- I recognize that I am guilty, under sin's control, and incapable of rescuing myself from the penalty of sin.
- I will make it a priority to attend Easter weekend services, and invite others to come with me.

