

WE ALL FALL SHORT

Because of the Testimony of the Bible

Romans 3:9-18

What does the Bible have to say about human nature? Paul will seek to answer this question through a series of Old Testament quotations in Romans 3. These quotations will show how every man, woman, and child falls short of God's standard. No person, Christian, Jew, or Gentile will be able to stand before God based on the clear testimony of the Word of God.

**No one (_____ included) has
a leg to _____ before God.**

**The Law declares us to be _____
and _____ before God.**

**The Law declares our _____ being
to be at _____ before God.**

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Getting Started

1. What is your favorite thing to do on July 4th?
2. What's your favorite proverb that doesn't come from the Bible?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Psalm 14. What should be the hope of God's people in a world surrounded by the sinful and unjust?
4. Read Psalm 140:6-8. What should our prayer be when people speak poisonous words against us?
5. Read Psalm 36:1-2. Who does the sinner admire most as he rejects the fear of the Lord?
6. Read Isaiah 59:1-2. What is the Lord's call to the sinner who is separated from the Lord due to his sin?

Living It Out

7. If Paul did not write Romans 3:9-18 to defend himself, why do you think he shared all these Old Testament passages?
8. What do we gain by receiving regular reminders of who we are apart from the saving grace of Jesus Christ?
9. How does honesty about our own sinfulness highlight the glory of the Gospel?