



Romans

Lesson 3 Chapter 2

After his introduction in Chapter 1:1-15, Paul begins his explanation of the state of humankind when they refuse the Gospel and attempt to ignore what God has revealed about Himself. Using their own reasoning, humankind will always end up in a digressing state of unrighteousness because of their own depravity. Paul confronts this issue because, although the Jews believed this about the Gentiles, they did not believe it of themselves. Because they were God's chosen people, they thought they were somehow far less sinful than the rest of the world. They believed their futile attempts at keeping God's law were

sufficient for a righteous standing before Him. After a clear description of the state of people attempting to live without faith in God (1:16-32), now in Chapter 2 Paul states that any man (Jew) who passes judgment on the unrighteousness of another man (Gentile) is under judgment himself because "...you who judge practice the same things." Romans 2:1. Now that Paul has laid the foundational truth that all stand under the curse of sin, in the following chapters he will unfold with great detail one of the greatest truths of Christianity, the righteousness of God imputed to man through Jesus Christ

REVIEW OF CHAPTER 1

1. *In what way has God revealed Himself to all people?*

2. *What kinds of behaviors will be exhibited in a society that chooses to ignore God?*

READ CHAPTER 2

3. *What kinds of things could Paul be referring to that these people were judging others for but doing themselves?*

4. *Those attempting to live by the Law felt that God had been kind, forbearing, and patient with them because of **their** righteousness. What does Paul state was God's purpose for His kindness to them?*

5. *What sins does Paul identify in them, and what would eventually be the result of their unrepentance? 2:5-6*

6. *From vs. 7-10, contrast the two kinds of people and God's response to each.*

7. *Paul's statements from 7-10 could be misunderstood to say we are saved by our works. Why would this be a wrong interpretation of his meaning? 1 Corinthians 1:30-31; Galatians 2:15-16, 3:3-9; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5*

8. *Although the verses from question 5 affirm the truth that we are not saved by works, from the following passages explain what part good works play in our salvation.*
 - Ephesians 2:10*
 - 1 Timothy 6:18-19*
 - Titus 2:14, 3:14*
 - 1 Peter 2:12*
 - James 2:14-26*

9. *According to vs. 12, what is the difference between those who "sin without the Law" and "those who sin under the Law?" What do you think this means?*

10. What is Paul's point in vs. 13-16?

11. What is Paul's complaint against the Jews in vs. 17-24?

*12. Though circumcision was established by God as a sign of the covenant between Abraham's descendants (Genesis 17:10-11), what is it that God really wants from His people?
Romans 2:25-29*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
