

There is No Escape...Except Jesus

Romans 2

TIMELESS TRUTHS....ROMANS - WEEK #2
1MOSAIC CHURCH
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Paul's Epistle (Letter) to the Romans

Date: Penned by the Apostle Paul in ~57 AD from Corinth while on his 3rd Missionary Journey.

- Paul did not plant the church, so wrote an introductory letter – which is a theological and logical masterpiece.
- Paul did have friends there: See Romans 16:3-15.

Theme: **How can a sinful person be made righteous before a holy, perfect, and just God?** (Hint: Faith in Jesus)

Key Words:

Gospel 12x

Wrath 12x

Grace 26x

Faith 39x

- I. Romans 2:1-6 The Self-Righteous are Guilty
- II. Romans 2:7-11 God Judges everyone Impartially
- III. Romans 2:12-16 Gentiles are just as Guilty even though they did not have the Law (OT)
- IV. Romans 2:17-24 Jewish Violation of The Law – They do the same sinful things as the Gentiles
- V. Romans 2:25-29 The Issue of Circumcision

NLT Romans 2:1-6 *You* may be saying, "What terrible people *you* have been talking about!" But ***you*** are just as bad, and ***you*** have no excuse! When ***you*** say they are wicked and should be punished, ***you*** are condemning ***yourself***, for ***you*** do these very same things. ² And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. ³ Do ***you*** think that God will judge and condemn others for doing such things and not judge ***you*** when ***you*** do them, too? ⁴ Don't ***you*** realize the ***riches*** of his kindness, tolerance, and patience that God is showing ***you***? Or don't ***you*** care? Can't ***you*** see how kind he has been in giving ***you*** time to turn from ***your*** sin? ⁵ But no, ***you*** won't listen. So ***you*** are storing up terrible punishment for ***yourself*** because of ***your*** stubbornness in refusing to turn from ***your*** sin. For there is going to come a day of judgment when God, the just judge of all the world, ⁶ will judge all people according to what they have done.

NLT Romans 2:7-11 ⁷ He will give eternal life to those who persist in doing what is good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers.⁸ But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and practice evil deeds. ⁹ There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on sinning – for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. ¹⁰ But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good – for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favoritism.

NLT Romans 2:12-16 ¹² God will punish the Gentiles when they sin, even though they never had God's written law. And he will punish the Jews when they sin, for they do have the law. ¹³ For it is not merely knowing the law that brings God's approval. Those who obey the law will be declared right in God's sight. ¹⁴ Even when Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, instinctively follow what the law says, they show that in their hearts they know right from wrong. ¹⁵ They demonstrate that God's law is written within them, for their own **consciences** either accuse them or tell them they are doing what is right. ¹⁶ The day will surely come when God, by Jesus Christ, will judge everyone's secret life. This is my message.

NLT Romans 2:17-24 ¹⁷ If you are a Jew, you are relying on God's law for your special relationship with him. You boast that all is well between yourself and God. ¹⁸ Yes, you know what he wants; you know right from wrong because you have been taught his law. ¹⁹ You are convinced that you are a guide for the blind and a beacon light for people who are lost in darkness without God. ²⁰ You think you can instruct the ignorant and teach children the ways of God. For you are certain that in God's law you have complete knowledge and truth. ²¹ Well then, if you teach others, why don't you teach yourself? You tell others not to steal, but do you steal? ²² You say it is wrong to commit adultery, but do you do it? You condemn idolatry, but do you steal from pagan temples? ²³ You are so proud of knowing the law, but you dishonor God by breaking it. ²⁴ No wonder the Scriptures say, "The world blasphemes the name of God because of you." {Isaiah 52:5, Ezekiel 36:20}

NLT Romans 2:25-29 ²⁵ The Jewish ceremony of circumcision is worth something only if you obey God's law. But if you don't obey God's law, you are no better off than an uncircumcised Gentile. ²⁶ And if the Gentiles obey God's law, won't God give them all the rights and honors of being his own people? ²⁷ In fact, uncircumcised Gentiles who keep God's law will be much better off than you Jews who are circumcised and know so much about God's law but don't obey it. ²⁸ For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the Jewish ceremony of circumcision. ²⁹ No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not a cutting of the body but a change of heart produced by God's Spirit. Whoever has that kind of change seeks praise from God, not from people.

NIV **John 3:1-10, 16-18** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."³ In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, **no one can see** the kingdom of God **unless** he or she is born again." ⁴ "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" ⁵ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, **no one can enter** the kingdom of God **unless** he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again...'⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?..." ¹⁶ **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.** ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.¹⁸ Whoever believes [exercises faith] in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Communion at its core is Four Things: **Remembrance, Reflection, Receiving, and Rejoicing**

*NIV **1Corinthians 11:23-29** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in **remembrance** of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in **remembrance** of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves [**reflection**] before they eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on themselves.*