



# CLOSER ISN'T THE SAME AS CHANGED

GOSPEL LIFE: ROMANS SERIES: EPISODE 2 OF 16

*Romans 2*

- ROMANS 1 EXPOSED OPEN REBELLION.
- ROMANS 2 EXPOSES POLITE REBELLION.

## SECTION 1: The Moral Judge Is Guilty (Romans 2:1–11)

*Therefore you have no excuse,  
O man, every one of you who judges. (2:1)*

👉 JUDGING SIN DOES NOT MEAN YOU'VE ESCAPED SIN.

YOU KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT — AND STILL DON'T ALWAYS DO IT.

*Do you suppose... that you will escape the judgment of God? (2:3)*

*Do you presume on the riches of His kindness... not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? (2:4)*

*You are storing up wrath... (2:5)*

**KEY VERSE** *For God shows no partiality. (2:11)*

## SECTION 2: The Law Cannot Save Anyone (Rom 2:12–24)

- GENTILES WHO DON'T HAVE THE LAW
- JEWS WHO DO HAVE THE LAW

*It is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous... but the doers. (2:13)  
Gentiles... show that the work of the Law is written on their hearts.  
(2:14–15)*

*God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. (2:16)  
You who preach against stealing, do you steal? (2:21)*

*The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you. (2:24)*

**SECTION 3: External Religion vs. Internal Transformation (Romans 2:25–29)**

*Circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the Law... (2:25)*

*A Jew is not one outwardly... (2:28)*

*Circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit. (2:29)*

**ROMANS 1 SAYS:**👉 THE REBELLIOUS ARE GUILTY.

**ROMANS 2 SAYS:**👉 THE MORAL AND RELIGIOUS ARE GUILTY.

**ROMANS 3 WILL SAY:**👉 EVERYONE IS GUILTY.

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