



ROMANS

LESSON TWO KNOWING CHRIST

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REFLECTION



Disciplines		
MEDITATION <i>Psalm 1:2</i> His delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.	SUBMISSION <i>Job 22:21</i> Submit to God, and you will have peace; then things will go well for you.	SOLITUDE <i>Mark 6:31</i> "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."
PRAYER <i>Colossians 4:2</i> Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.	STUDY <i>Psalm 119:15</i> I will study your teachings and follow your footsteps.	SERVICE <i>Ephesians 6:7</i> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people.
CONFESSION <i>James 5:16</i> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.	WORSHIP <i>Psalm 96:9</i> Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.	GUIDANCE <i>Proverbs 15:22</i> Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.
FASTING <i>Luke 5:35</i> But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast."	SIMPLICITY <i>Ecclesiastes 7:29</i> This is all that I have learned: God made us plain and simple, but we have made ourselves	CELEBRATION <i>John 15:11</i> I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

- In the last lesson, you saw how in the beginning people deliberately rebelled, and now every generation experiences the results of the rebellion.
- Repentance is the first step that begins the journey home, and the gospel offers the hope for that journey.
- What steps have you taken recently to deepen your relationship with Christ?

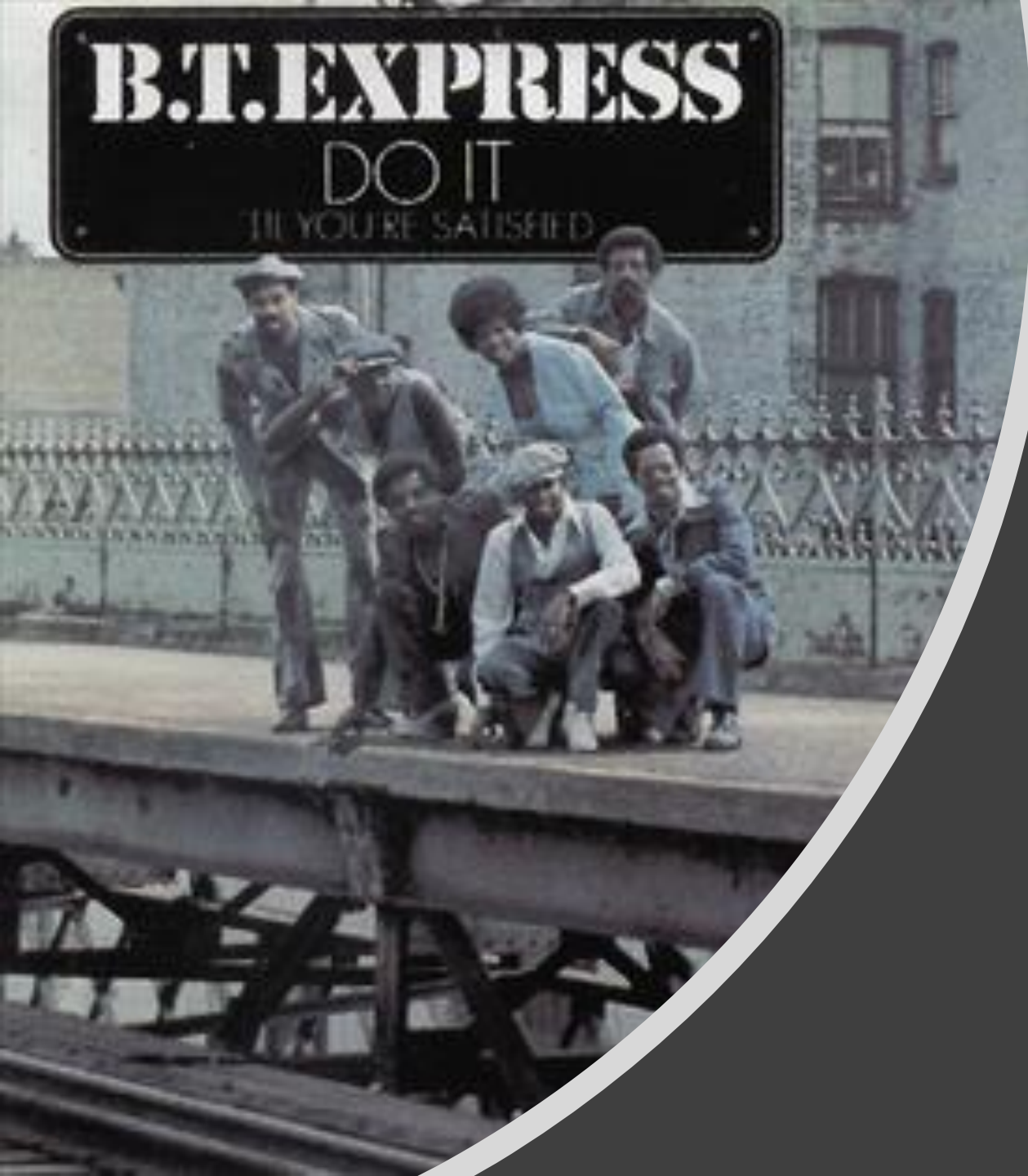
SITUATION

- Paul was aware that his audience had a divided worldview – Jewish and Gentile – and that he needed to get the attention of two kinds of thinking.
- In this next part of his letter, he addresses the self-confident Jewish mindset that assumed a special place in God's plan, as well as the Gentile mind that was proudly self-reliant.
- Both ways of thinking needed to undergo a change of perspective by seeing the human condition from God's holy perspective.



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OBSERVATION –
Romans 2:1-16

EXPLORATION

1. What reason did Paul give for advising the believers to avoid judging others?
2. What does Paul say was God's purpose for extending kindness toward the believers?
3. What guidelines does Paul say that God will use to reward or punish people?
4. If hearing the law does not make people right with God, what does?
5. How can you tell right from wrong? What guides you in this?
6. What does it mean to have the requirements of God's law written on your heart?

INSPIRATION

Satan's best tools of destruction are not from outside the church, they are from within the church. A church will never die from the immorality in Hollywood or the corruption in Washington. But it will die from corrosion within from those who bear the name of Jesus but have never met him, and from those who have religion, but no relationship.

Judas bore the cloak of religion, but he never knew the heart of Christ.

LET'S MAKE IT OUR GOAL TO KNOW HIM...DEEPLY!



REACTION

1. What similarities do you see between Judas and the people Paul addressed in this letter?
2. How does Paul explain the difference between being religious and being right with God?
3. How would you define hypocrisy? Why do you think it is so harmful to the church?
4. What are some examples of spiritual corrosion that you see in the church today?
5. In what subtle ways does Satan try to corrode your relationship with Christ?
6. How can you guard against Satan's attacks?

LIFE LESSONS

**HAPPINESS IS FOUND
WHEN YOU STOP
COMPARING YOURSELF
TO OTHER PEOPLE.**

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*“Comparison is the most
poisonous element in the
human heart because it
destroys ingenuity and it
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- One area of relentless temptation we can expect to encounter involves our tendency to compare ourselves with others. This type of judging has only one purpose: to make ourselves feel better, superior and spiritually safe.
- Paul shows that comparisons simply deny the truth that we all stand before a holy God as fallen creatures in desperate need of his mercy. When we forget to include ourselves in that picture, we can't see others clearly.

DEVOTION

Father, we have all taken wrong paths and made wrong choices. We know your law, yet we choose to ignore it. We strive to impress others with our knowledge of you when our hearts are far from you. Forgive us, Father. Guide us into a truer, deeper relationship with you.

