

The Book of Romans - Scripture: Romans 2

Main Idea: Knowing the truth does not make us right with God. What it produces in us reveals whether we understand it.

Context (7-Point Flow):

1. The gospel saves both Jew and Gentile.
 2. Some Jews struggled to accept that Gentiles could truly be saved.
 3. Their objection was that Gentile culture was deeply broken and sinful.
 4. Paul agrees that their culture is broken and under God's judgment.
 5. But then Paul turns the focus toward the Jews.
 6. Knowing the law did not make them righteous, it exposed their hypocrisy.
 7. Conclusion: Both Gentiles and Jews need a Savior.
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Main Point 1: Obedience

Explanation:

The Jews knew what was right, but they were not consistently living it out. Paul confronts this directly. Knowledge without obedience leads to hypocrisy.

Truth Statement:

We were meant to be people who know better and do better.

Challenge:

Ask yourself honestly: Am I obeying God when it is inconvenient, unseen, or difficult? Where has knowledge not yet turned into action?

Main Point 2: Humility

Explanation:

Even with knowledge, believers still struggle and fail. That reality should not produce pride, but humility. We know the truth, yet we do not always live it.

Truth Statement:

Those who know better but do not always do better should be deeply humble.

Challenge:

Do you approach others with judgment or humility? Where do you need to confess, admit weakness, and rely more fully on God?

Main Point 3: Gratitude for Grace

Explanation:

When we see the gap between what we know and how we live, it should lead us to gratitude. God's grace meets us in our failure, not because we deserve it, but because He loves us.

Truth Statement:

The gospel is good news for people who fall short.

Challenge:

Are you living with a deep gratitude for grace, or have you grown casual toward it? Let gratitude shape how you view both yourself and others.

Reflection:

It is easy to see the brokenness in culture. And in many ways, that assessment is not wrong. The greater danger is assuming that knowledge makes us different at the core.

Romans 2 reminds us that knowing the truth is not enough. If that knowledge produces pride, judgment, or hypocrisy, then we have misunderstood it.

The gospel should produce obedience, humility, and gratitude. These are the marks of someone who truly understands grace.

Both those who do not know better and those who do know better still fall short. That is why we all need Jesus.

Next week, we turn to the hope of the gospel. Christ meets broken people and brings salvation.