

Timeless Truth

ROMANS: CHAPTER TWO

WEEK TWO | CANDACE JERKINS



TIMELESS TEACHING |

I. WAKE UP... RECOGNIZE THE SIN.

We are all screw ups who need the grace and forgiveness of God.

Sin is a big deal no matter how seemingly small by the world's standards. Any sin is still an abomination to our holy God.

We are not just dusted with sin, but we are saturated with it. It is who we are.

We don't need a fairy godmother to change our dress. We need a holy God to transform our hearts.

Extra Notes:

II. WAKE UP... RECOGNIZE THE SAVIOR.

A. See rightly who God is

B. See what God has done

C. See the lies we easily believe

Beauty of the gospel... we can't do enough so God did it for us!

God saved sinners through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

What was imputed to us in the garden, sin, was taken away at salvation. What is imputed at salvation, Jesus' righteousness, takes the place of our sin.

There is nothing man could do to save himself.

Beauty of the Gospel... isn't do. The beauty of gospel is... it's already been done!

Extra Notes:

III. WAKE UP... RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A STRATEGY.

Nothing will turn people away from Jesus or the church quicker than hypocrisy.

Examine Your Heart

Regularly assess your own life for areas of hypocrisy. Are there ways in which you judge others while failing to address similar issues in your own life?

Examine Your Walk

Strive to be a doer of the Word, not just a hearer. Seek to apply biblical principles in your daily actions and decisions.

Examine Your Conviction

Be attentive to the Holy Spirit's conviction in your life, allowing Him to guide you in righteousness.

Extra Notes:

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ROMANS 2:29 NLT

DAY ONE

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ROMANS 2:29 NLT

Why do we need a change of heart?

Read Genesis 3

Who made Adam and Eve question God? _____

Who chose to eat the fruit? _____

What was God's response to Adam and Eve after they sinned? How did that action point to Jesus?

What were the consequences for their sin?

How does that scene in the garden impact us today?

How *should have* Adam and Eve responded to the serpent?

How *should we* respond to the enemy's schemes today?

(hint: James 4:7-8, Ephesians 6:10-18)

PRAYER MOMENT |

Ask the Lord to help you to recognize the schemes of the enemy and have a plan for when he tries to deceive you.

DAILY REMINDER |

Remember God's faithfulness to you. Write down several ways God has been faithful! When we focus on God's faithfulness, we won't be tempted by schemes of the enemy or overwhelmed by our circumstances.

FURTHER READING |

Genesis 2

James 4:7-8

Ephesians 6:10-18

Epic of Eden by Sandra L. Ritcher

*"Therefore, just as sin came into the world
through one man, and death through sin, and so
death spread to all men because all sinned."*

Romans 5:12

DAY TWO

ROMANS 2:1-4 |



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CAN'T YOU SEE THAT [GOD'S] KINDNESS IS INTENDED
TO TURN YOU FROM YOUR SIN?

ROMANS 2:4 NLT

Read Romans 2:1-4

What was the problem with these believers?

How does God feel about their behavior? _____

What is God's response to the sin? _____

What attributes of God do we see displayed in these verses? (List the attributes and explain.)

Read Romans 2:5-16

What do we learn about God's judgement in these verses?

The laws that God gave Moses were for the peoples good. The law was to be a mirror. What did/does the law reveal?

Read John 3:17: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

According to John 3:17, why did Jesus come? _____

Why is that GOOD NEWS for us?

According to Romans 2:4, what does God's kindness lead us to?

God's kindness is past, present and future!

- He has been kind (past tense)... He has not judged us yet though we deserve it.
- He is kind... (present tense)... we have fallen short of His glory, yet He holds back His judgment against us.
- He will be kind... (future tense) He knows that we will sin tomorrow and the next day, yet He holds back His judgment against us.

PRAYER MOMENT |

Ask the Lord to reveal any unconfessed sin in your life. Ask him to help you hate your sin as much as we hate sin in others.

DAILY REMINDER |

Thank him for coming to our rescue!!!

FURTHER READING |

Galatians 4:4-5

"The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself or less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less.."

Tim Keller

DAY THREE

ROMANS 2:5-11 |



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HE WILL JUDGE EVERYONE ACCORDING TO WHAT THEY
HAVE DONE.

ROMANS 2:6 NLT

Read Romans 2:5-11

What will we be judged for? (vs 6) _____

What is the reward for those who do good? _____

What is the consequence for those who do evil? _____

Read Romans 3:9-10: For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one...”

Read Romans 3:23 “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”

According to these verses, do we fall into the “good” category or “bad” category? _____

PRAYER MOMENT |

Ask the Lord to help you see that your sin deserves judgement and that you fall short of His perfect standard on your own. Thank him for the truth of His word that reveals this to us.

DAILY REMINDER |

When we realize a problem, we can then find a solution. God has graciously revealed our sin problem to us and praise God, HE IS ALSO THE SOLUTION!

FURTHER READING |

Romans 6:23

1 John 1:8-10

"The recognition of sin is the beginning of salvation."

Martin Luther

DAY FOUR

ROMANS 2:17-20 |

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YOU KNOW WHAT HE WANTS; YOU KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT
BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT HIS LAW.

ROMANS 2:18 NLT

Read Romans 2:17-20

What are the Jews relying on (trusting in)? _____

Read Ephesian 2:8-9.

Why is that thinking wrong?

The terms "Jews" and "Gentiles" are pivotal in understanding the narrative of the Bible, representing two distinct groups of people with unique roles in God's redemptive plan. The Jews, also known as Israelites or Hebrews, are the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, chosen by God to be His covenant people. The Gentiles, on the other hand, refer to all nations and peoples outside of this covenant lineage.

The Jewish people trace their origins to Abraham, with whom God made a covenant, promising that he would be the father of a great nation (Genesis 12:1-3). This covenant was reaffirmed with Isaac and Jacob, whose twelve sons became the patriarchs of the twelve tribes of Israel. The Jews were chosen to be a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6), tasked with being a light to the nations and upholding God's laws.

Throughout the Old Testament, the Jews are depicted as God's chosen people, recipients of His law, and the bearers of His promises. Despite their frequent disobedience and idolatry, God remained faithful to His covenant, sending prophets to call them back to righteousness and foretelling the coming of the Messiah. (The Bible Hub)

Unbelieving Jews felt exempt from God's judgment because of their decent from Abraham. Believing Jews still were trusting in rituals. Both were wrong. No one can fix their sinful hearts.

PRAYER MOMENT |

Ask the Lord if you are trusting in anything, but him for salvation. Or trusting in anything for daily strength other than him. We can easily rely too quickly on other things: tradition, faith of others, caffeine, people, relationships, material possessions, drugs, alcohol. Ask him to reveal the things that you're trusting in.

DAILY REMINDER |

He is completely sufficient to care for us here on earth and forevermore!

FURTHER READING |

John 14:6

Acts 4:12

Proverbs 3:5-6

*"Christ alone can bring lasting peace -
peace with God - peace among men and
nations - and peace within our hearts."*

Billy Graham

DAY FIVE

ROMANS 2:25-29 |

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A PERSON WITH A CHANGED HEART SEEKS PRAISE FROM
GOD, NOT FROM PEOPLE.

ROMANS 2:29 NLT

Read Romans 2:25-29

Define circumcision.

“The origin of the circumcision ceremony is found in the Old Testament, where God establishes His covenant with Abraham. In Genesis 17:10-12, God commands Abraham: “This is My covenant with you and your descendants after you, which you are to keep: Every male among you must be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between Me and you. For the generations to come, every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring.”

This commandment signifies the physical and spiritual bond between God and His people, marking the Jewish people as set apart for God's purposes. The act of circumcision is not merely a physical procedure but a profound symbol of faith and obedience to God's covenant.

In the New Testament, circumcision becomes a point of theological discussion, particularly in the context of the early Christian church. The Apostle Paul addresses the issue in several of his epistles, emphasizing that physical circumcision is not a requirement for salvation. In Romans 2:28-29, Paul writes, “A man is not a Jew because he is one outwardly, nor is circumcision only outward and physical. No, a man is a Jew because he is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code.”

Paul's teachings highlight the transition from the Old Covenant, which emphasized physical signs, to the New Covenant, which focuses on spiritual transformation and faith in Jesus Christ. This shift underscores the belief that salvation is available to all, Jew and Gentile alike, through faith.” (The Bible Hub)

Why is the ritual of circumcision not necessary in terms of covenant anymore?

Define circumcision of the heart.

We need to daily evaluate and remove anything that keeps us from loving and serving God. This process can be painful, but it's for our good and God's glory. Knowing Jesus personally and intimately leads us to make necessary changes not out of duty, but out of devotion and love for Him.

Read Hebrews 12:1-2: "Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

According to this verse, what do we throw off? What 2 things are we encouraged to do?

1.) _____

2.) _____

Why is this important if we want to have eternal impact?

PRAYER MOMENT |

Ask the Lord to reveal anything that needs to be removed from your life. Ask him to give you the boldness and courage to make any necessary changes so that you can live an unhindered life that impacts others.

DAILY REMINDER |

An unhindered life is a life that can positively impact others for eternity.

FURTHER READING |

Hebrews 12:1-3

Ephesians 2:8

Romans 5:1

"If we understand what lies ahead for those who do not know Christ, there will be a sense of urgency in our witness."

David Jeremiah