

The Book of Romans

This Week:

Lesson: Romans Chapter 2.

Next Week:

Homework Scripture Read: Romans Chapter 3

Lesson Text:

Romans 2:1-2	Conclusion to Ch 1, mankind without excuse
Romans 2:3-11	Introduction to Judgment
Romans 2:11-16	Judgment by deeds whether Jew or Gentile
Romans 2:17-25	Falling short under the Law
Romans 2:26-29	Righteousness greater than circumcision

Discussion:

- **Note** the overall theme of Ch 2 is debunking the auto-righteousness of the Jews
- **Note** the dangers of writing run-on sentences, as Paul has done in vs. 12-16. ☺
- **Discuss** (vs 11-16) judgment by works as the true foundation of righteous judgment, remember that in the end, Christians are saved by the righteousness of Christ, not their own righteousness. Therefore, this passage is not contrary to the Gospel, it is part of a detailed examination of Romans 3:23
- **Note** the significance of circumcision. Circumcision was commanded to Abraham for himself and all his male descendents as a mark in the flesh identifying them with God. Joined with the Law of Moses, circumcision becomes a symbol of being righteous “because I’m a law-abiding Jew, God’s own people.”
- **Discuss** the concept that Paul is leading to with vs 14-16 and 26-29. Is this an argument for righteousness outside of the law, or that the Law is not required for righteousness.

Open Question:

Would the world be a better place if modern laws worldwide adhered to the Law of Moses? Would it be any different from today?