

Romans 2:1-31

Lesson Four

*“Our Father, we love Thee for Thy justice. We acknowledge that Thy judgments are true and righteous altogether. Thy justice upholds the order of the universe and guarantees the safety of all who put their trust in Thee. We live because Thou art just and merciful.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, righteous in all Thy ways and holy in all Thy works. Amen.”* A.W. Tozer

DAY ONE: Romans 2:1-29

1. What one or two main thoughts or Scriptures spoke to your heart from last week’s lesson or overview? Share this with your group.
2. What is God’s provision for our sin? **John 1:29**
3. How do we access this? **1 John 1:9**
4. Many people feel superior to the “pagans” described in chapter one, yet what does Paul say about religious people in **Romans 2:1**?
5. Look up **1 Corinthians 10:12** and comment.

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one" Romans 3:10

Challenge: Using your study tools, do a word study on “*righteous*.”

- a. How do you become righteous?
 - b. Allow God to examine your life. Is righteousness evident?
6. Look up **Romans 14:4**. How does this change the way you view other servants of God?

7. Read **Matthew 7:2-5**. This passage speaks about judging brothers and sisters in the Church. The battle that rages around us day to day as we live in this *world* is enough. As Christians we are to edify one another. One definition of the word **Edify** is **“to promote growth in Christian wisdom, affection, grace, virtue, holiness, blessedness in someone’s life.”** (WORD Search Commentary)
- a) List some ways that we could **edify** a brother or sister in Christ.

*“It’s Your kindness that leads me to repentance
It’s Your blood that brings forgiveness
It’s Your mercy that brings me here to Your Throne of Grace!”*
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DAY TWO: Romans 2:1-29

1. Righteousness is produced by genuine salvation. On the other hand, a lack of salvation results in unrighteousness. Look up the following references and note how they confirm this statement.
- a. **1 John 3:1-12:**
- b. **Galatians 5:19-21:**
- c. **Ephesians 5:5-10:**
- d. **James 2:14-26:**
2. Read through **Romans, Chapter 2**. Using the chart below, pull out key words and phrases. Title the segments and chapter.

Vs.	Romans 2:1-24	Vs.	Romans 2:25-29
Segment Title:		Segment Title:	
Chapter Title:			

3. Often when we judge others, we ourselves are doing the very same things. What are the results of judging our brothers or sisters in a harsh manner, according to **Romans 2:5**?

4. Look up the following words from verse 5 and list definitions in the chart below. Be sure to use your study tools!

Hardness	Impenitent	Treasuring Up

5. How will God render judgment to people according to **Romans 2:6**?

6. In the chart below, contrast the two groups of people listed in **Romans 2:7-10**:

vs	Continuing to Do Good	vs	Self Seeking and Disobedient

7. When a person sins, it always affects someone else. When you are that someone else who is affected, what is your desire toward the one who sinned?

a) What is sin, according to **1 John 3:4b**?

b) Who does David say sin is against according to **Psalm 51:4**?

c) God is an impartial judge, and we will all stand before God and give account one day. Does your heart need to be changed toward sinners? What do **Romans 2:11** and **Colossians 3:25** say? Write it out here in your own words:

8. How does **Zechariah 7:9** speak to your heart?

*“But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion,
and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in mercy and truth.”
Psalm 86:15*

DAY THREE: Romans 2:12-14

1. Why was the law given according to:
 - a) **Galatians 3:24**?
 - b) **Romans 7:7**?

2. What provision does God give to His children in order for them to obey His statutes, according to **Romans 1:5**?

3. Look up **Deuteronomy 11:27-28**, and record what it says with regard to obedience:

4. Who are those who sinned without the law, according to **Romans 2:12 - 14**?
 - a) Where does **Hebrews 8:10** say God will write the law?
 - b) Look up and write out Psalm **119:11**:

5. Since God gave the Law to the *Jews*, does it apply to us today?
 - a) What does **2 Corinthians 9:8** say enables us to live in a way that is pleasing to God?

6. Look up the following verses and comment below:
 - a) **James 1:22-25**:
 - b) **Matthew 7:21-27**:

7. Fill in the blanks. Commit this verse to memory if you can! *“For not the _____ of the law are just in the sight of God, but the _____ of the law will be justified”.* **Romans 2:13**

DAY FOUR: Romans 2:15-20

1. Where does it say the moral law of God is written according to **Romans 2:15**?

2. What is a conscience? Back it up with Scripture, if you can.
 - a) According to **Romans 2:15**, what does our conscience do?

 - b) When you are living in a way or doing something that is against God’s Word or His character, does your conscience *excuse* or *accuse* you?

- c) **Stop and pray.** Depending on how you answered the previous question, either thank God or ask God to help you.
- d) Look up and record what **Hebrews 10:22-23** says, let it be your prayer today.

3. According to **Romans 2:16** what will God judge?

- a) Look up and write out **Hebrews 4:13**.
- b) What happens to our relationship with God when our conscience excuses our actions that are not pleasing in His sight according to **Isaiah 59:1-2**?
- c) How does God judge us? Back up your answer with Scripture if you can.

Challenge: Read and meditate on **Psalm 119**, allow it to penetrate your heart, increasing your love for His Word!

4. Read **Romans 2:17-20**, list the 10 things in which the Jews prided themselves?

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| 1) | 6) |
| 2) | 7) |
| 3) | 8) |
| 4) | 9) |
| 5) | 10) |

5. Are there things in the list above that you pride yourself in? Be honest and list them below:

Remember, “He is faithful to forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9.

6. Is there ever a time that it is okay to have pride?

7. Look up the following verses, and record what they have to say about pride:

- a) **James 4:6:**
- b) **1 Peter 5:5:**

“Grace, Grace to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love”
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DAY FIVE: Romans 2:21-29

1. Sometimes we, as Christians, get caught up in hypocritical living. We sometimes put higher standards on others than we can maintain. Complete the following chart listing the particular problems that the Jews had in **Romans 2:21-23**:

High Standard of Living For Others	Reality of Their Living
1)	1)
2)	2)
3)	3)
4)	4)
5)	5)
6)	6)

2. In **Acts 5** we read one of the greatest examples of how God views hypocrites. Read the story of Ananias and Sapphira and comment on what happened to them:
3. How can we keep the Word of God from being blasphemed, according to **Titus 2:1-8**?
4. What do you think we must do to avoid hypocrisy in our life?
- a) Look up **1 Corinthians 4:7**, and allow it to sink deep in your heart!

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties;
And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalm 139:23-24*

5. The Jews valued rituals; it made them feel that they could obtain favor with God. One of the most important rituals was circumcision. Why did the practice of circumcision begin? Look up **Genesis 17:9-14** for your answer:
6. What is more important to God, *physical* circumcision or *spiritual* circumcision? Look up the following Scriptures to help with your answer.
- a) **Galatians 6:15**:
- b) **Deuteronomy 30:6**:
- c) **1 Corinthians 7:18-19**:

7. What does **Hebrews 9:9-14** say about the rituals of the Jews?
- a) Who is the only One who can fulfill the ordinances of the Law set forth by God, according to Matthew 5:17?
8. What is Paul's final conclusion regarding the ritual of circumcision, according to **Romans 2:28-29**?
9. Is there something that you have been depending on for your salvation or sanctification in Jesus other than the finished work of Christ? There is no ritual or act that we can do apart from trusting in His grace. It is not in our efforts that we will be pleasing to our Lord! Look up the following verses and allow God to speak to your heart with regard to the provision of His grace for your life!
- a) **Philippians 2:13**:
- b) **Titus 2:11-14**:
- Challenge:** Use your study tools to distinguish the complete meanings of salvation and sanctification.
- **Salvation:**

 - **Sanctification:**
10. How are you going to apply the study this week to your daily Christian walk?
- a) You can begin by remembering what the word "**edify**" means and put it into practice!
11. Write out **Romans 2:29** from memory here, if you can:

Jesus is our example...
"Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth";
who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten,
but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" **1 Peter 2:22-23**