

# Romans

## Chapter 2

However, if we judge others for things that we ourselves do, it is inexcusable. If we have the Law, it is even worse. Sin is condemned in both cases. Inexcusable for your sins before God just like the one you are condemning. Also directed at the Jews who had the Law.

God's judgment is based on Truth. We should know that judgment will come. So you cannot escape. BUT, He leads you to repentance because of His Love and Grace. If you judge and are "holy," you don't look at it in its fullness.

If you are hard and not repentant, you store up wrath for the day of judgment. Greek means no sensitivity.

There will be justice; there is never injustice. There is Grace.

It will not matter if you are a Jew or a Greek. No partiality in punishment or in reward. Peter and Cornelius Acts Chapter 10. Wall of partition is broken down. Only one salvation now.

Lifelong struggle, right conduct, aiming for Heaven. Paul always talks about a race. Persevere to the end. Heaven is glory, honor, peace. According to their deeds. See also Titus 3:5.

Judgments: Gentiles had only natural laws and their consciences. So, they are judged by that; not by the Law of Moses. Light they have been given. So, if they have not heard of Christ, they can still be saved. They have a sense of good and evil in their hearts even though they don't have the Divine Law. They will also get justice.

If you have the Law, you will be judged by the Law. On the Day of Judgment, Jews will be judged by the Law and Gentiles by what "light" they have within them.

The Judgment will be through Jesus. Every idle word. Hearts are searched. He rules with a rod of iron.

V17: now he turns specifically to the Jews. They were the Covenant people. They had the Law. They should know His Will; they were instructed from the Law. They were to be a light to the Gentiles. Salvation comes from the Jews.

They boasted that they were children of Abraham. They had pride in this and the fact that THEY had the Law and the nations did not. They were confident in their priests and the Temple also. They boasted in God. John the Baptist confronts them. Jesus confronts them.

Since you teach others, do you teach yourselves? If you boast in the Law and break it, you dishonor God. Therefore you blaspheme God among the Gentiles.

Circumcision will profit you if you keep the Law. If not, it is like uncircumcision. You will not be different than the Gentiles. If the uncircumcised keep the righteous Law, it's better. They would even be able to judge the Jews.

There are outward signs; like circumcision, but there is the heart. Circumcision of the heart is what is important. In the Spirit not in the letter of the Law. Later Paul will say that these are the true children of Abraham. To be a child of Abraham, you must do the works of Abraham; not just biology. John 8:39.