

IRON LEAGUE MEN'S STUDY

PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

ROMANS 2

Lesson 3

Day 1: Read Romans 2:1-11

In Romans 1 Paul demonstrated the guilt of all mankind before a righteous God. In Romans 2 he proved that even the self-righteous, who judged others, were condemned. What did he say to those who *judge*? (Romans 2:1a)

- a. Why does the self-righteous man have no right to *judge*? Romans 2:1b

Day 2: Read Romans 2:12-16

Read Romans 2:14-15 (ESV) and answer the following questions: *for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them.*

- a. Although Gentiles do not have *God's written law*, how do they show that they *know* it?
- b. How does our *conscience* validate *God's law*?

- (1) Clearly, man inherently knows what is right and true. How does this substantiate Paul's argument concerning man's accountability in Romans 1:18-21?

Day 3: Read Romans 2:17-24

In Romans 2:17-20 Paul listed the claims made by those who are *called a Jew*. Note these claims:

- a. Verse 17
- b. Verse 18



c. Verse 19

d. Verse 20

(1) Compare these self-righteous claims with Jesus' parable in Luke 18:9-14. What do you see?

Day 4: Read Romans 2:25-29

In Romans 2:25-29 Paul addressed *circumcision*. To the Jews this was a source of pride and distinction from other nations. In fact, some Jews believed outward circumcision guaranteed salvation. What did Paul declare about *circumcision* in Romans 2:25?

Day 5: Review

According to Paul, why do the following people need the Gospel:

a. Blatant sinners (Romans 1:18-32)

b. Respectable sinners - outwardly good people (Romans 2:1-11)

c. Jews (Romans 2:12-29)

Review Romans 2:4. Share a way you have experienced the *riches* of God's:

a. *Goodness*

b. *Forbearance*

c. *Long-suffering*

