

**STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS**  
**IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

**Lesson 4 - God's Righteous Judgment - [Romans 2:1-16](#)**

Read the following verses in the Last Days Bible or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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***The Fairness of God's Judgment***

**2** But consider now, all you who are passing judgment on others—you are inexcusable, because when you pass judgment on others and then practice the same thing yourself, you are condemning yourself!

**2** Yes, we all agree that God is just and unerring in His judgment against those who do such things.

**3** But listen, man, do you actually believe that when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things, and then continue doing them yourself, that you will escape the unbiased and unerring judgment of God?

**4** Or do you think you can get away with your contemptible attitude toward the abundance of God's kindness, tolerance, and patience toward you? Don't you realize that God, *in giving you all this time*, is showing His kindness toward you so that you'll turn from your sin and turn to Him?

**5** But the way you're going now, in your hardness, and stubborn, unrepentant attitude, you are piling up a mountain of wrath that will be released upon you on the Day when God's great wrath is revealed in righteous judgment.

**6** *Don't be fooled!* "God will reward each person according to what his actions deserve." (*Ps. 62:12*)

**7** There are some who with patient endurance, continue doing what is good and right. They seek for glory, honor and immortality. They will be given eternal life!

**8** But those who live to please themselves and refuse to obey the truth, but obey unrighteous—they will most definitely receive wrath and indignation,

**9** great suffering and anguish upon every person who practices doing evil, especially for the Jew, but also for everyone else.

**10** But everyone who practices doing what is good and right will receive glory, honor, and great peace. Again, this is especially true for the Jew, but also for everyone else,

**11** For God judges without partiality.

<sup>12</sup>All who have sinned without knowing God's written laws will perish just the same, in spite of not knowing the written laws. And all who have sinned in spite of knowing God's laws, will be judged by those very laws.

<sup>13</sup>Because no one is made free of guilt before God by just hearing what God commands. It's those who do what God commands who are free of guilt.

<sup>14</sup>In fact, when Gentiles, who don't have God's written laws, still instinctively obey their own conscience and thereby do what God has commanded, they are in effect obeying God's commands, even though they don't have the Law of Moses.

<sup>15</sup>They give evidence that the requirements of God's laws are actually written in their hearts. Their conscience, which sometimes accuses them and other times defends them, also shows that this is true.

<sup>16</sup>*God will take all these things into consideration* on the Day when through Jesus Christ, *God's appointed Judge*, He will judge the secrets of all people, according to the Great News I preach.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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34. When we judge others, what do we do to ourselves? ([2:1](#))
35. God will judge those who do wrong. We know that His judgment is right. We judge others who do wrong, but we do wrong ourselves. How can we avoid His condemnation? ([2:2-3](#); [Rom. 5:9](#))
36. For what reason is God kind, tolerant, and patient? ([2:4](#))
37. What keeps people from acknowledging and repenting of their sins? ([2:4-5](#))
38. What is God's reaction to stubbornness? ([2:5-6](#))
39. On what basis will God render His judgments? ([2:5-8](#))
40. What are the qualities of those who gain eternal life? ([2:7](#))
41. What characteristics do condemned people display? ([2:8](#))
42. How can Jews expect to be treated by God? ([2:9-11](#))
43. How can Gentiles expect to be treated by God? ([2:9-11](#))
44. How will those who know God's law be treated compared to those who never heard God's law? ([2:12-15](#))

45. How will God judge people? ([2:12-16](#))

46. When will the Law judge people? ([2:16](#))

## Lesson 5 - The Jews and the Law - [Romans 2:17-29](#)

### *The Jews and the Law*

<sup>17</sup>Yes, you are called a Jew, and you're relying upon the fact that you have the rules and regulations given you by Moses. You boast that you are God's chosen people.

<sup>18</sup>You claim you know how God wants you to live—having superior standards of morality, and knowing right from wrong because you've been taught from the Law.

<sup>19-20</sup>You are, you insist, a guide for the blind—a light for those in spiritual darkness—able to correct the foolish and teach the ignorant. That's how sure you are that in the Law you have all knowledge and truth.

<sup>21</sup>You, then, who teach others, don't you teach yourself? You who teach that it's wrong to steal, do you steal?

<sup>22</sup>You who teach, "You must not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor the worship of idols, do you rob God of tithes, offerings, and the passionate worship you owe Him?

<sup>23</sup>You who boast about having God's Law, are you bringing shame on God by breaking the Law?

<sup>24</sup>As the Scripture says,

"The name of God is being scorned by the Gentiles because of your actions."  
(*Isa. 52:5*)

<sup>25</sup>Circumcision is indeed profitable if you obey the Law, but if you break the Law, your circumcision is of no more value than if you had never been circumcised!

<sup>26</sup>So, if a man who is not circumcised obeys what the Law requires, won't God regard him as good as circumcised, even though he isn't?

<sup>27</sup>And won't the uncircumcised person, who obeys what the Law requires, condemn you, when you still break the Law, although you have the written code and are circumcised?

<sup>28</sup>Because one is not truly a Jew just because of visible evidence, nor is true circumcision a visible, physical thing.

<sup>29</sup>No, the evidence that one is a real Jew is on the inside. And true circumcision is a circumcision of the heart. A changed heart produced by God's Spirit, not because of written laws. And he will be praised by God, even if not by others.

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47. What special relationship did the Jews have with God? ([2:17-18](#))
48. How did Jews describe themselves in relation to Gentiles? ([2:19-20](#))
49. Of what did Paul accuse the Jews? ([2:21-24](#))
50. Why would the Gentiles blaspheme God's name because of the Jews? ([2:21-24](#))
51. What was the purpose of circumcision? ([2:25-26](#))
52. What is more important to God than being physically circumcised? ([2:26-27](#))
53. How did Paul redefine what it means to be a Jew? ([2:28-29](#))
54. What is more important than physical circumcision? ([2:29](#))
55. What is more important than knowing God's written law? ([2:29](#))
56. Whose approval does a true Jew seek? ([2:29](#))
57. What makes a person a true Christian?