



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

Lesson 10

Name: _____

Read Romans 2

We like to think we are not so bad. Secretly we believe that we are good and God would never condemn us. We have received a special gift from

God – the Bible. This is called God's special revelation. Even with God's special revelation, however, many were and are ungrateful and going through the form of religion, insincerely, and not practicing what they preached. We all have become self-righteous and we all need the righteousness of God.

1. How quick we are to point fingers. We like to compare ourselves with ourselves, and say, I'm not as bad as him. We condemn ourselves by _____ others (Romans 2: 1). We judge others for their actions and in our hearts, desire the same thing. Paul asks us all, do you think that you will escape the _____ of God? No, we will not. If we are honest with ourselves, we must say that we have despised 3 things of God, namely, _____, _____, and _____. Not only did we despise these things, but with hardness and _____ hearts, we are treasuring up (the building up of) to ourselves the _____ of God and the _____ judgment of God, for God will render to every man according to his _____ (Rom. 2: 6).
2. The holy law of God is the standard to which we are all measured. But what about those who have never had the law (or gospel/Bible for that matter). Will they be judged differently? _____, but they will still perish. They may not have the law, and therefore could not obey the law, but they are a law to _____, because the law is written on their _____.

This law is seen because their _____ accuses or excuses them, for the _____ of men, God will judge according to the gospel (Romans 2:12-16).

3. Paul turns to the Jews (2:17-24) who make a _____ of God, and confident that they are a guide of the _____, an instructor of the _____, teachers of _____. If they taught others, why did they not teach _____? They preached that a man should not _____, _____, and commit sacrilege, but they did the same. (*Sacrilege = an action that shows disrespect for something holy*) The Jews made their boast in the _____, yet broke it, dishonoring God. Do we do the same? (*Boast =to talk proudly of what you can do or what you own to impress others*). This hearing and not doing of the law caused the Gentiles to do what? _____

4. The Jews were set apart by circumcision, but many of them trusted in this sign of the covenant. Here (Rom. 2: 25-29), Paul rebukes them saying that by being a breaker of the law, their circumcision becomes _____. A Jew is one that is one _____, not in the flesh, but that of the _____, in the spirit, those who don't seek the praise of men but of _____.

Paul continues with the writing of justification by faith and righteousness by faith. We will never receive this faith that makes us righteous, without first confessing that it is not in us. Paul here in greater length than any other place in his epistles quotes from the O.T.

Read Romans 3

showing that, without God, our best works are but filthy rags, that all of a believer's righteousness is in Christ, and that there is no reason to boast in our works.

5. The Jews had many advantages. The biggest advantage was that to them were committed the _____ (sayings) of God. The holy scriptures were given to them, and the prophets who spoke the word of God were given to Israel generally. Think of how few people were saved in the O.T. outside

the Jewish umbrella. Name two with their nationalities.
_____, _____ (Luke 4: 27, Ruth 2: 2)

6. Let us look into our own hearts. God is the _____
(Romans 3: 6). Unbelieving hearts will always fight against God and His righteous judgments. We all are under _____ (Romans 3: 9). We also deserve God's judgments.
7. Note the texts Paul quotes here in Romans 3: 9-18. Write out the specific sins of mankind here.
- a. Psalm 14: 1-3 _____
 - b. Isaiah 53: 1-3 _____
 - c. Psalm 5: 9 _____
 - d. Psalm 140: 3 _____
 - e. Psalm 10: 7 _____
 - f. Isaiah 59:7,8 _____
 - g. Psalm 36: 1 _____
8. We may protest, "But, I do seek the Lord!" Be still! What is the purpose of these hard sayings? "That every _____ may be stopped and the world may become _____ before God." Paul makes a clear distinction between law and gospel. "For by the law is the _____ of _____."
9. After the Holy Spirit shows the pathway to heaven blocked up by the justice of God, represented in this chapter by God's Holy Law, a person may seek another way, but he cannot find one. (See Genesis 3: 24). He recognizes that he cannot enter heaven (Paradise) with one sin. He needs the righteousness of the Savior (Romans 3: 21-24), "even the righteousness of God which is by

Total Depravity: Total depravity is often dismissed because we don't act as bad as we could. So what is total depravity? Everyone is born spiritually dead, helpless, passive, unable to desire spiritual good, and enslaved to sin. We have done worse than the devils. We have sinned against God's grace. The devils have never done this, because they have never been offered grace. This doesn't mean that people will act as bad as they could. It means that sin is in all parts of our being, including our mind and will, so that man cannot save himself. Our will is contrary and our ability is paralyzed. We cannot do what is pleasing to God without being made willing and enabled to do God's will. The unconverted cannot please God and believers not following the Spirit also cannot please God.

_____ of Jesus Christ. (Note: Righteousness is earned by Christ – therefore it is called the faith of Jesus) unto all them that _____; for there is no difference: for all have sinned and come short of the _____ of God.

Everyone has an inborn instinct that fairness matters. Humans have an appetite for justice. Is God fair? We must remember the supremacy of God's justice. God rewards good, punishes evil, and does not confuse the two (Ex. 23:7). Our just God, through Christ, has taken sinners who are criminals without a doubt and declared them, "not guilty." We may often forget how shocking forgiveness is if we minimize or do not think about the holiness of God. The Bible goes to great lengths to make this forgiveness more startling. A murderer goes to heaven, but a moral scribe goes to hell – this seems wrong! How can this happen? It is only through a propitiation, the sacrificial offer of Christ, that God's anger is turned away. The fact that God is angry is often overlooked. God is angry with the wicked every day!

10. Through the Propitiation, the Lamb, Christ, God can be _____ (require payment) and the _____ (provide a way of redemption) (Rom 3:26). Herein is love, not that we loved Him, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be a _____ for our sins (I Jn 4:10). (*propitiation = to appease the wrath of God so that His justice and holiness will be satisfied and He can forgive sin*)

11. Only in Christ can mercy and grace come in a righteous way to the sinner. Some may think that Paul is destroying or making void the law. Paul counters this in v.31 stating emphatically, "God forbid: yea we _____ the law." We must not mix law and gospel, but we must understand that the law has an important purpose (knowledge of sin) in bringing us to the feet of Jesus. Only God can be _____ and the _____ of him that believeth in Jesus (v.26). This means that God remains just (true to his nature) and still declare sinners free from sin (justified), because Christ paid for that sin on the cross.

Evaluator: _____

Meditation: Christ's Love (*from Gems by R.M. McCheyne*)

When I stand before the throne, dressed in beauty not my own;
When I see Thee as Thou art, love Thee with unsinning heart,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know- not til then – how much I owe.