

It is not good enough to just know the Word, but we are to do as the Word says or it will be of no effect.

Find out what the Word says, and just do it!

While the Gentiles do not have the law they do the things contained in the law by nature, which is written in hearts by the conscience bearing witness, and their conduct between themselves.

2. Give an example of Romans 2:14,15. _____

THE JEW AND THE LAW (Romans 2:17-29)

This section of Scripture in the last part of Chapter 2, left the Jews and the Gentiles in the same place before God in the respect of sinfulness.

1. (a) When is one not a Jew? (Romans 2:29) _____

(b) According to that same verse, what is the true circumcision? _____

SECOND STUDY

RIGHTEOUSNESS IN RELATIONSHIP TO JUDGE OTHERS IS TO CONDEMN SELF (Romans 2:1-9)

1. (a) In the things in which we judge (criticize) others, do we do the same things? (Romans 2:1)

(b) If we do the same things, do we escape judgment? (Romans 2:2,3) _____

If we harden ourselves against those we are judging for those things we see in them, and remember not that they can come...*to repentance*, to *which...the goodness of God* leads; and how He was good to us; led us to repentance; forbore (was patient with) us; and was longsuffering toward us, while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8): --we are treasuring up unto ourselves the wrath of God *against the day of wrath* (Romans 2:5). God is the One who...renders...to every man according to his deeds (Romans 2:5,6). Knowing that God is the Judge, and not we ourselves. If we then judge, we are "playing God!"

2. For what, do those according to Romans 2:7, who continue in patience in well doing seek? _____

3. What do those receive who are contentious; and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath? (Romans 2:8,9)

4. (a) What two people groups are included in the blessings and curses of above questions 2 and 3? (Romans 2:9) _____

(b) In what order? (Romans 2:9)

First _____

Second _____

GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS (Romans 2:10-16)

Again, in Romans 2:10, Paul mentions...*to the Jew first* and then,...*also to the Gentile*. He is talking here, about the...*glory, honor, and peace* that comes to every man that worketh good. First it comes to the Jew, and then to the Gentile .

I Peter 1:7 says,...*That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: --Our deeds will be there to speak for themselves. We are known; and will be remembered: not just for what we believe, but what we did with what we believed.*

So our deeds leave their record behind them, and that record in the judgment day will testify to what our character was when we were here on earth. ¹

For there is no respect of persons with God (Romans 2:11; ref. Job 34:19; Acts 10:34; Ephesians 6:9).

Romans 2:12 ----*For as many as have sinned without the law shall also perish without the law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law.*

Before the law there was an oral law, a law of conscience; a law on the light received. So even when they did not have the law, they will still be judged without the law. Examples being: when Cain killed Abel, he knew there would be consequences because other people would be affected and he knew he did wrong. God pronounced judgment on him (Genesis 4:11-15). In 1921 B. C., in the country Ur, the population worshipped idols (the sun being one of the idols). Abram and his family were involved in this kind of worship (Genesis 11:28-31; 15:7). God called Abram out of Ur, and away from this worship of other gods, from which he was told to leave his family behind (Genesis 12:1). Of course, we understand, at this time the Mosaic Law had not been given. We can find the oral law in Genesis 26:5 ---- *Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.* ---- Here, God pronounced blessings upon Abram and his seed and eventually changed his name to Abraham.

All this took place before the Mosaic Law. No mosaic law will be cited against non Jews. But those who have the law will be judged by the law.

1. Who will be justified before God according to Romans 2:13? _____

1. Pulpit Commentary, Volume XVIII, p. 66.