

## **God's Law is Good, But God's Son is Better (Romans 2:12-29)**

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*(12) For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. (13) For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. (14) For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. (15) They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them (16) on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.*

*(17) But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God (18) and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; (19) and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, (20) an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth-- (21) you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? (22) You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? (23) You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. (24) For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."*

*(25) For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. (26) So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? (27) Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. (28) For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. (29) But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God. [Romans 2:12-29 ESV]*

### **Practical Application**

1. I need Jesus, you need Jesus, they need Jesus, we all need Jesus. We all need to be saved. We all need a Savior.
2. People need to understand the good news (Gospel) and the bad news. We all need the gospel.
3. The religious and the irreligious need Jesus. The "moral" and the immoral need Jesus.
4. God's law is good, but God's Son is better!
5. Here we are talking primarily about the moral law, not the civil or ceremonial law of Israel.
6. All people have sinned and all people need to be forgiven by God.
7. God's law shows us what is right and wrong and it shows us that we have all fallen short of its standard.
8. The law can't save us, but Jesus Christ can. The "good, ethical, and upright" need Jesus just as the bad, unethical, and crooked need Jesus.
9. For the true Christian, Jesus is our righteousness, and we are justified in Him, through Him, by Him, and for Him.
10. God's law is written on every human heart. God has given every person a conscience that helps them know right from wrong.
11. Only the perfect judge can perfectly save you from the consequences of disobeying His perfect law.
12. All of us have been hypocritical at some point in our lives. Jesus is the only person who was never hypocritical.
13. When we sin we dishonor God. We were created to glorify and honor God in all we do. Jesus alone can free us and empower us to do what we were created to do from the heart.
14. We all need a circumcised heart. Only Jesus can circumcise our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit of God.
15. It is this new heart that enables us to grow in maturity, deep obedience, and love.
16. Do you live ultimately for the praise of people or the praise of God? Live for the praise of God.
17. The Son of God can liberate you and empower you to live for God and to experience the fullness of His blessing.

### **Announcements**

- Youth Event (6th-12th): Reverb Event on November 17-18. Contact David Barrero for more details.
- Operation Christmas Child: We are collecting shoes boxes for children around the world until Nov. 19th. For more information see Mrs. Diane Davis, Delight Davis, or Mrs. Bessie Dean.
- Wednesday night Awana & Adult Small Group Bible Study is back this week from 6:30-7:30. Kids can eat dinner at 6.