

Studies In Romans

(Romans 2:1-16)

1. Is hypocrisy excusable?

No: *“(1) Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. (2) But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. (3) And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God” (Romans 2:1-3)?*

- Truth is revealed, thus no excuse (**Romans 1:18-20**; cf. **Acts 17:30-31**).
- Your judgment will come back on you (**II Samuel 12:1-14**, **Matthew 7:1-5**, **Luke 19:20-26**, and **Romans 2:21-22**).
- The Judgment of God is according to truth (**Psalms 96:13**, **Ezekiel 18:19-32**, and **John 12:48**).
- There’s no escaping the righteous Judgment of God (**Proverbs 11:21**).

2. What does the goodness of God lead to for receptive people?

Repentance: *“Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance” (Romans 2:4)?*

- Don’t despise, but be thankful that God is forbearing (**Psalms 136:1-3**).
- His goodness and longsuffering should lead to repentance (**II Peter 3:9-15**).
- Yet, some people even think God is too merciful and want Him to destroy all whom sin (**Luke 9:51-56**).
- We need to always be mindful of how longsuffering God has been with us all (cf. **I Timothy 1:12-16**).

3. What does a hard and impenitent heart cause God to do in the Judgment?

Causes God to give wrath: *“But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God” (Romans 2:5).*

- **II Chronicles 30:8**, **Proverbs 29:1**, **Zechariah 7:11-12**, **Hebrews 3:5-4:11**, and **II Peter 2:9**.

4. Do you have any impact on what will happen to you on Judgment Day?

You have complete control in that you will be judged based on your deeds: *“(6) Who will render to every man according to his deeds: (7) To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: (8) But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and*

wrath, (9) Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; (10) But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile” (Romans 2:6-10).

- According to your deeds whether good or bad (**Isaiah 3:10-11, Jeremiah 17:10, Ezekiel 18:30, Matthew 16:27, II Corinthians 5:10, Galatians 6:7-9, and Revelation 22:12**).
- God determines the good or bad (**Matthew 7:21-23**; cf. **II Timothy 3:15-17**).
- Anguish is a “nice” way of putting it (**Matthew 25:41-46, Mark 9:42-48, II Thessalonians 1:6-9, and Revelation 21:8**).

5. Is God a respecter of persons?

No: *“For there is no respect of persons with God” (Romans 2:11).*

- **Deuteronomy 10:17, II Chronicles 19:7, Acts 10:34, and I Peter 1:17.**

6. Would one have escaped Judgment if they died outside of the law?

No: *“(12) For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (13) (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. (14) For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: (15) Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)” (Romans 2:12-15).*

- Everyone, regardless of being Gentiles not under the Law of Moses, were/are always accountable to God (**Psalms 47:8, Psalms 96:10, Psalms 98:9, and Isaiah 26:20-21**).
- There was a lesser accountability under the Law of Moses (**Acts 17:30-31**).
- However, when God instructed the heathen He expected obedience as servants (**Jeremiah 25:9**) and punished them when they did not obey Him (**Jeremiah 25:11-12**).
- Not the hearers of the Law are blessed (**Luke 11:28 and James 1:21-25**).
- The Gentiles did not know the Law, as did the Jews (**Psalms 147:19-20 and Romans 3:1-2**; cf. **Ephesians 2:11-17**).
- God allowed the Gentiles to be a Law unto themselves (**Acts 14:16**). Remember though, this is what was in place before the Law of Moses was given even for Israel (**Genesis 18:19**).
- There are things man knows naturally, without the commands of Moses (**I Corinthians 11:14**).
- Defiled conscience = sin; knowing you’re wrong and without excuse (**John 8:1-11**).

7. Will you and I answer to the Lord according to the words of inspired men?

Yes: *“In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel” (Romans 2:16).*

- There are no secrets from God (**Psalms 44:21, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, and I Corinthians 4:5**).
- We will be judged by the Gospel (**John 12:48**). Even as it was taught through the Apostles, for these too are the words of God (**Romans 16:25, I Corinthians 2:9-13, I Corinthians 14:37, and I Thessalonians 4:1-8; cf. I Timothy 1:11**).