

Romans

Lesson 3: Romans 2:17-3:20

Have you ever tried to share the gospel with someone who thinks they are a good person? Even when you help them understand that they have sinned against God, they will often conclude that there are bad people in this world, but they are still good. There is something in the heart of fallen man that says, "I am a good person." It is called pride. Pride passes judgment upon others without looking in the mirror. This is what the Jews were guilty of. However, Paul says that everyone—Gentile and Jew—stands guilty before God. After Paul explains that the Gentiles are guilty before God (1:18–32), he continues to show that Jews are guilty before God as well (2:1– 3:8). Then he explains that the whole world stands guilty before God (3:9–20). Let's dive in and see what Paul has to say about mankind's position before a holy God.

Read Romans 2:17–24 1. In verse 17, what three ways does Paul describe the Jews he is addressing?				
2.	In verse 18, what three ways does Paul describe the Jews he is addressing?			
3.	In what five ways did the Jews display their "confidence" in verses 19–20?			
4.	In verse 21a, what is Paul condemning the Jews of?			

5. In verses 21b–22, what three areas of sin are the hypocritical Jews guilty of?

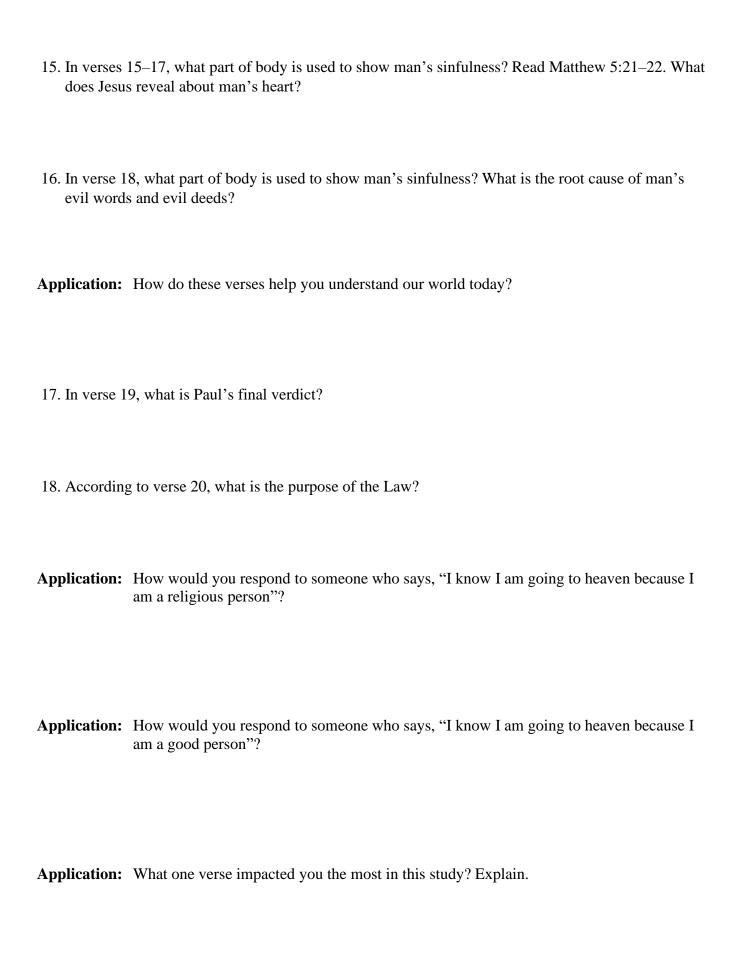
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Read Romans 2:25–3:87. In verses 25–27, what does Paul say is better than the religious ceremony of circumcision?				
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10. In verses	3–4, what does Paul tell us about God?	
	5–8, how does Paul answer his critics who accused him of saying, "Let us do evily come"? What will God do to all sinners?	that
Application:	There is a teaching today called Free Grace Theology (also called "easy believis teaches that repentance is not necessary for salvation, but all one must do is "bel How would you answer someone who holds this view? What are the dangers of teaching?	ieve."
Read Roman	as 3:9–20	
	9, what charge does Paul reiterate?	
	10–12, Paul, quotes the Old Testament to show the universal condemnation of mass with the four "none" phrases in these verses.	an. Fill in
"There is	none	,,,
	none	,,,
	none	,,,
	none	
	13–14, what part of body is used to show man's sinfulness? What does Jesus say atthew 12:34?	about

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