

Sermon Notes

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LESSON 3

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### Without Excuse

*Read Romans 2:1 - 3:8 and answer the following questions:*

1. (2:1-5) Why are the Jews without excuse?
  
2. (2:12-16) On what basis does God judge people?
  
3. (2:12-16) How are Jews and Gentiles alike in judgment?
  
4. What “law” do the Gentiles have?
  
5. (2:17-24, 25-29) What two things won’t save the Jews?

6. (3:1-8) What four questions are asked and what is Paul's reply to each?



**Memory Verses:**

Romans 2:14-15 "Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.

Romans 3:10-12 "As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

For VerseMinder go to <http://soundliving.org/verseminder.shtml>

**Personal Reflection**

We know that we are saved by grace alone, but the way we live out our faith has eternal consequences. Do you find that you are persistently, though not perfectly, pursuing the things of God? Why or why not?

The Jews trusted in the law and circumcision for their righteousness. Their belief that God would overlook their sin in light of their heritage was incorrect. How can we guard against the same error; believing that good works will compensate for our sin?

God is always righteous. In light of your present circumstances, do you believe it?

Where do you find the work of the Spirit in this passage?

How can you cooperate with His leading?

Thoughts/Questions/Prayer Response:

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