
Big Idea: In Romans chapter 2, Paul describes two sorts of people: Gentile (pagan) and Jew (religious). With respect to wrath and judgement, God shows no partiality (2:11). Paul goes on to explain some of the specifics: What about the Gentiles (who don't have God's law) - are they excused? And what about the Jews (who were God's chosen people, have God's law, etc.) - are they better off?

I. Introduction

What two types of people are mentioned in Romans 1 & 2?
To what do these correspond?

Romans 2:9-11

II. The Gentiles: No Excuse

Romans 2:12-16

Is ignorance of the law an excuse? Why or why not?

How can we confirm that we all have the moral law written on our hearts?

What will be judged by God in verse 16? Why is this a bit terrifying?

Romans 2:16

Paul's original audience was the Christians in Rome.
Up to this point, how might they respond?

III. The Jews: No Excuse

Romans 2:17-29

What did the Jews have that the Gentiles did not?

Romans 2:17-20, 25

What are the Jews guilty of?

Romans 2:21-24

IV. Conclusion

For further reflection: read the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32.
What is the point of this parable?