

THE BOOK OF ROMANS



3. Man's Need (2)

Introduction

As we read the newspapers and watch the news on television we see the consequences of sin all around us: there are conflicts, robberies, murders, bombings, and many other terrible things taking place. In the Book of Romans the Apostle Paul shows us that all men are sinners. In the first chapter he tells us how the Gentiles are sinners, and now in chapter 2 he says that the Jews are also sinners in God's sight. Although you may not be Jewish by race, many Christians have the same wrong attitudes as the Jews did at that time.

Scripture Reading: Romans 2:1-16

- ☉ Why do we need to be careful before judging others? What will happen if we do? Romans 2:1, 3, 5
- ☉ What is God's judgment based on according to Romans 2:2 and 6-10?
- ☉ What does verse 12 mean do you think? Also look at Luke 12:48.
- ☉ How should we respond when we see sin in the lives of others? Romans 2:4, Galatians 6:1-2, James 5:9

The Apostle Paul is saying in this chapter that the Jewish people at that time often judged others. They were proud that they belonged to God and had been given the Law, and yet they did not keep the law themselves! Read Romans 2:17-24.

- ☉ What were the results of this hypocrisy? Romans 2:23, 24
- ☉ In what ways can we as Christians do the same thing as the Jews did that at that time? What can we learn from these verses? Share.
- ☉ What is the true evidence that a person belongs to God, for Jew and Gentile alike according to Romans 2:28-29?
- ☉ What does it mean to be circumcised in our hearts? Discuss.

Conclusion

It's so easy to see the faults in others! It's so easy to criticise and condemn! Let's guard our hearts, and allow the Holy Spirit to work in us, so our lives bring credit to our Heavenly Father. Remember that each one of us will stand before the Lord. Let's be like the ones it speaks about in Romans 2:7, "To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honour and immortality, he will give eternal life." Amen!