

Ivy Baptist Church
Wednesday Bible Study
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The Book of Romans Part 4 (Romans 2:17-29)

In what section of the New Testament are the following books?

- 1 Timothy
- _____
- Jude
- _____
- Acts
- _____

What are the three ways we study the bible (AAA)?

- _____ **What do we _____?**
- _____ **What does it _____?**
- _____ **How will I use it in my walk with _____?**

Romans 2:1-16 Summary:

- 1. No one has the right to look down on anyone else because of their sins. We all have our own sins to deal with!
- 2. God offers the same blessings and punishments to everyone regardless of their status (Jew or Gentile).
- 3. Our faith is demonstrated by our works (action). What we do FOR God demonstrates how much we TRUST IN GOD!

Today's Lesson: Romans 2:17-29

- **Group Discussion: Romans 2:17-24**
- **1. What specific group of people is Paul addressing in these verses?**

- **2. What do you believe is the message that Paul is sending to a SPECIFIC group of people in the verses?**

- **3. As a result of their behavior, what is happening to the name of God? (vs. 24)**

- _____

Romans 2:17-24 Summary:

- The Jews (chosen people of God in the OT), have NO _____ to claim that they are better than others.
- The Jews were becoming _____, by telling people what to do and not doing it themselves.
- As a result of their living, they were _____ God's name!
- "_____" means "to speak evil of"
- The demonstration of our love and commitment to God is not based upon our words, but our _____!

• **Romans 2:24-29 (A-A-A):**

Analyze:

- The word “circumcision” or uncircumcision is mentioned _____ times in the verses.

Attain:

- _____ is a surgical procedure for newborn males that involves the removal of the foreskin of the penis.
- While other ethnic groups did this for health reasons, in the OT this also a _____ sign.
- God commanded _____ to be circumcised after God established His covenant with him. (Genesis 17)
- The “permanent” circumcision was a reminder of God’s “permanent” _____ to Abraham’s descendants.
- Circumcision is also a reminder of being “clean” which in the spiritual sense is called “_____.”
- Paul’s argument is that circumcision (the ritual act) means _____ if people have no intentions of honoring God’s will.
- Circumcision does not make you _____. Repentance, faith and obedience, lead to a “clean life.”
- Ritual events (circumcision, baptism, communion, etc.) were mandated by God at outward signs to the _____ of our allegiance to God, BUT THEY ALONE DON’T MAKE US HOLY.
- Paul argues that the _____ circumcision is the one of the _____. Where we allow God to remove the hidden “layers” of our hearts, so that His Word can penetrate the deepest places in our souls. (vs. 28-29).

Paul’s argument from Romans 1:18-2:29

- 1. The Unrighteous will have to deal with the _____ of God, because God has turned them over to their own passions and lusts. (Romans 1:18-32)
- 2. God will also judge the _____, who has no right to look down on unbelievers because of their sins. God shows no partiality when it comes to sin. (Romans 2:1-16)
- 3. The _____ especially should not think that their “outward” conformity or their lineage to Abraham automatically puts them in the right standing with God. (Romans 2:17-29).
- 4. All of us (Jews and Gentiles) have not measured up to God’s standards and we need His _____ to make things right!
- **Point #4 is Paul’s argument in chapter 3.**

Apply: What did I learn in today’s lesson that I need to develop in my relationship with God?
