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Read [Romans 2:1-4](#). Explain how our human nature tends to want to justify itself by comparing ourselves to people who are worse than we are (murderers, robbers, liars, etc.). If we don't do these "bad things", are we equally guilty of sin? (Note [Matthew 5:21-22](#))

- II. Read [Romans 2:5-11](#). God is a fair judge. What does that mean for anyone who has sinned? How about anyone who does everything right? (Note [Romans 3:9-12](#)). How will the Lord judge Gentiles who do not know the law of God? Read [Romans 2:12-16](#). According to this passage, what will take place on Judgment Day? Explain why sin is more than just actions, it's a matter of the heart. How does God change our hearts? (Note [Ezekiel 36:26-27](#), [2 Corinthians 4:15-18; 5:17-19](#))
- III. Now read [Romans 2:17-27](#). Notice the "religious man" assumes that God will accept him by what he does. Do Christians assume they are good enough to merit salvation by their good works? How many of God's laws do we need to break before we are considered "lawbreakers"? Again, notice sin is ultimately an issue of the heart, according to [Romans 2:28-29](#). What role does the Holy Spirit play in making us right with God?

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