

Study 2

WRITTEN ON HEARTS

Romans 2

In The Group

- ◆ What have you learned about yourself in the past two weeks?
- ◆ Who have you shared your testimony of salvation with in the past two weeks?
- ◆ What challenges are you currently facing?

In setting the Gospel foundation, the Apostle has shown that it is not built on some peculiar ‘religious’ ideas, but on what is *obvious* to every human being. He will now show that the message of the Gospel resonates not merely with the rational mind, but with the *heart* as well. To some extent, the Gospel can be known *intuitively*.

1. What does Romans 2:1 tell the person who is confronted with the obvious evidence for God and His Law?

2. Since people are sinners by nature who continually break God’s Law, why isn’t God smiting these sinners right now? (Note Romans 2:4-5)

We all have an intuitive sense of justice. Hollywood plays on this. We know that where there is injustice there should be judgment! This intuitive sense points to a larger truth beyond this life.

3. What is the “larger truth” described in Romans 2:6-11?

One of the often heard objections to the Gospel relates to those who have never heard it. How would a loving God condemn to Hell for eternity those who through no fault of their own never heard the Gospel?

4. What divine judgment principle does the apostle seem to give in Romans 2:12-16?

Notice how Romans 2:15 indicates that even though every human heart is corrupted by sin, it still intuitively recognises the Law of God. People know when they have broken God's Law! Even though they try to convince themselves that they have done nothing wrong, their consciences tell them otherwise! This is the 'emotion' of guilt. The lengths that atheists go to to eradicate guilt is extraordinary. They'll attempt to drown it, distract it, medicate it, counsel it, and even legislate against it!

5. Reading Romans 2:17-29, how does salvation *not* depend upon what you *know* or your *ethnicity*? What is the fruit of salvation that this passage identifies?

6. What does Romans 2 teach us about the Gospel?

7. Who can you share with this week, what you have now just learned?

8. In which part of this study did you sense God was speaking to *you*?

9. Write out your prayerful response to God -

Amen.