



The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

February 3: Written on Our Hearts:
Romans 2:12-24

Why do we expect so much from others and so little from ourselves?

What is self-righteousness?

Romans 2:12

What law is Paul talking about?

Does a lack of the Law among Gentile sinners excuse them from judgment?

Luke 12:47-48 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

Romans 2:13

Who is righteous before God? Does this surprise you?

Matthew 5:48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Where does that leave us before God who will judge sinners?

Is this the last thing that Paul will say about righteousness before God?

Romans 5:19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Romans 10:5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.

Romans 2:14-16

What law exists for those outside of the Mosaic Law?

How does this law manifest itself?

“The problem was not that they failed to find these principles written upon their hearts, but that they could not bring themselves to attend closely to the inscription.” - J. Budziszewski, *What We Can't Not Know*

Proverbs 6:6-8 Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.

Romans 2:17-20

Remembering that Paul is a Jew, how do some of the other Jews consider themselves?

What kind of guidance and teaching does Paul confront?

Philippians 3:4-7 If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Romans 2:21-24

What kinds of hypocrisy does Paul confront?

Is it permissible to steal from a temple of a false religion?

Deuteronomy 7:25 The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.

Which commandments are suggested here?

What fundamental problem with the Law do the Jews have apart from Christ?