



Today's Topic:

Hearing & Doing

Romans 2:12-16

August 10, 2025

1. _____ What's Right

"All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous." Romans 2:12-13 (NIV, 2011)

2. _____ What's Right

"(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.)" Romans 2:14-15 (NIV, 2011)

3. _____ What's Right

"This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares." Romans 2:16 (NIV, 2011)

The Point

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions:

1. Why are some laws easier to obey than others? For example, why are we more likely to obey the "law" of gravity than posted speed limits on our highways?
2. Read Romans 2:12-13. Is there a difference between being "right" and being "righteous"? Why or why not?
3. Read Romans 2:14-15. What sort of person is Paul describing, when he says that "the requirements of the law are written on their hearts"?
4. How would you define "conscience"? Is conscience always a reliable measure of what is right or wrong? Why or why not?
5. Read Romans 2:16. Why should God's laws feel more like the law of gravity: unavoidable?