**Exploring Romans**

**Lesson 3**

**The Bad News Continued.**

Read Romans 2

 Memory Work: Romans 2:1

 1.a. What does the “therefore” refer back to?

 b. Why do we have a tendency to judge the immoral?

 c. What is the difference between being discerning and judging?

 d. If you judge another, why or how does this condemn you? See Romans 14:10-13.

 e. If the unrighteous are without excuse, why would the self righteous person be inexcusable?

 2. Look up the following verses regarding judging and discernment:

 Matthew 7:1-5; 16.

 Matthew 10:16.

 John 7:23, 24.

 James 4:11, 12.

 I Peter 2:1

 3. Re-phrase Romans 2:3 in your own words.

 4. What does the goodness of God lead to? Verse 4.

 5.a. Can you think of a sin you committed recently where God withheld His judgment. . .if so, why did He

 do so?

 b. Now, why should you not judge the sins of others?

 6.a. Are you a Christian because you were born into a Christian family?

 b. Are you a Christian because you go to church faithfully or are a member?

 c. Are you a Christian because you know God’s Word?

 d. What makes you a Christian? John 3:16; 1:12, 13; Romans 10:9, 10.

 7.a. What does a hard heart store up? Romans 2:5. Why?

Think about b. How do your deeds and actions reveal your heart’s attitude toward God?

 c. In verse 7, is Paul speaking about eternal life or rewards? Galatians 6:8; I Timothy 6:17-19.

 8.a. Without Jesus’ enabling grace, would God declare you righteous without faith in Christ’s work?

 Why or why not?

 b. By what standard will Christ judge individuals who claim to have faith in Christ?

 Matthew 7:21-23.

 Matthew 25:31-46.

 Luke 12:16-21.

 James 2:14-26.

 I John 1:9-2:6.

c. Why is there no partiality with God? Romans 2:11; Deuteronomy 10:17; Acts 10:34, 35.

 9.a. Why did some Jews think that God considered them to be superior to Greeks (Gentiles?)

 Romans 2:17-24.

 b. List some of the privileges the Jews had been given. Verses 17-24.

Challenge c. How had they misused these privileges. . .in what way?

 d. What do we call this overconfidence?

 e. As a Christian, do you misuse your privileges. . .in what way?

 f. Why is it easy to feel superior. . .what must you remember?

 10a Why was the Law given? Galatians 3:23-25.

 b. Why would the Law be called a schoolmaster? (Tutor)

 c. Was anyone ever able to keep all the Law?

 11a. Did circumcision have any benefit? Romans 2:25-29.

 b. Why was it given? Genesis 17:10, 11. Deuteronomy 10:16, 17; 30:5, 6.

 c. Does God want us to be circumcised today? Romans 2:29.

 d. What does God seek from all of us? I Samuel 15:22; Isaiah 1:12-18.

 12a. Is your heart circumcised to God?

 b. Would others say this of you?