

God's Law and Your Conscience
Romans 2:12-16

Home Group Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Karl reviewed the statements about God's judgement in Romans 2...

2:2 God's judgment is based on truth.

2:3 Is certain (cannot be escaped)

2:5 Righteous judgment

2:6 Based on works

2:11 Not partial

2:12 Based on Law if you've heard the gospel

2:15 Based on conscience if haven't heard the gospel

2:16 Will include secrets

What comes to your mind as you look at this?

2. You may have heard Pastor Karl say, "Your transformed life is not the **basis** for salvation, it is **evidence** of salvation." How is this the case? Do you think this is true of you?

3. If time allows, look up these one-word descriptions of conscience that appear in the Bible:

Your conscience can be "good" (Acts 23:1; 1 Tim. 1:5, 19)

Your conscience can be "clear" (Acts 24:16; 1 Tim. 3:9; 2 Tim. 1:3; Heb. 13:18)

Your conscience can be "guilty" (Heb. 10:22)

Your conscience can be "corrupted" (Titus 1:15), corrupted by lies and low moral standards

Your conscience can be "weak" (1 Cor. 8:7, 10, 12)

Your conscience can be "seared" (1 Tim. 4:2). That's a very sober picture. Seared.

Note: Both corrupted and seared are connected to unbiblical beliefs that are embraced by the individual.

Which of these words would you use to describe your conscience?

What can you do to strengthen your conscience?

4. Here's what we have so far in Romans:

God exists

God is impartial

God knows the truth

God has made us with a conscience

The human conscience can discern God's truth

That truth is revealed to us in creation, Word of God, HS, our conscience

Now try discussing that question: *Is it right for God to judge people including those who haven't heard?*

5. How can Romans 2 motivate us toward missions and evangelism?

Recommended Reading

Jerry Bridges, The Pursuit of Holiness

Erwin W. Lutzer, Who Are You to Judge?