

Romans 2

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The book of Romans is a book that just keeps opening itself up and revealing more. I think it is going to really help you today, especially some of you younger Christians, because we are going to talk about something that you have to face all the time. Older Christians should not have to face it, but many times they do because they do not grow the way that they should, and they get caught in the same scenarios for all of their lives. If you are a young Christian this morning, I guarantee you, when we get into this a little bit, there is something here that if you have not already experienced, you will experience it as you build your relationship with God.

In chapter two, we are going to now focus on the nation of Israel, the Jews, and we are going to see how they are in the same mesh that the Gentiles are in. They just get there from a different angle. I think it is important to keep in mind where Paul is going with all this. One of the things we want to do in Romans is to give you an overall concept of the book while giving you a chapter-by-chapter breakdown.

We are going to see that when he gets into chapter three, four, and five, what he is going to do in those chapters is he is going to begin to show us, both the Jew and the Gentile, that the only solution demands problems. What he has done in chapter one, he showed us the Gentiles have their issues. Then in chapter two, we are about to look at the Jews that have their issues. What he does in chapter three, four, and five is he begins to show, after he laid that out, that the only way for the Jews or the Gentiles to solve their issues is to get God's righteousness. That is the only thing that will fix your problem. If you are here this morning and you have never trusted Christ as your own personal Savior, the only thing that will fix what is wrong with you is for you to get rid of your unrighteousness and get God's righteousness. That is the key. That is what he began to do in chapter three, four, and five. They will be great chapters; there is so much to learn in there.

After he goes through three, four, and five, he begins in chapter six. In chapter six, through the rest of the book, he begins to form the basis that is going to make the doctrine that the church is going to follow. Everything else, and we have talked about this before, how you have Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the book of Acts, and then the first book that you have after those introduction books to the church age is the foundation book, which is Romans. From six on, he lays down basically the very things that I am teaching you on Sunday morning or Thursday night. There is not anything that I do not ever teach you, whether it be in the Institute, whether it be in our book studies Thursday night, or even on Sunday morning, that is