

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: March 20, 2024
Romans 2

1. What was Paul talking about in last week's Bible Study?
 - a. We are without excuse because God's invisible qualities have been clearly seen since the creation of the world.
 - b. That when we have given ourselves over to our sinful nature and desires, it is because we have chosen to suppress the truth that has been revealed to us.
 - c. The particular sinful actions that seem to consume those who choose to ignore the conviction of the Spirit.

2. What is Paul addressing in this chapter, according to 2:1-4?
 - a. Judgment...but I don't really understand because he just seems to have passed clear judgment and then is now passing judgement on those who pass judgement.
 - b. I think it sounds a lot like Matthew 18:21-35.
 - c. People who pass judgment but do the same things...hypocrisy.
 - d. I'm not really sure, he seems so unclear.
 - e. Self-righteousness because of our heritage.
 - f. Church people who look down on the unchurched when they do the same things but look "prettier" doing them.

3. Why, according to verse 5, are they (we) storing up wrath against ourselves? _____

- What does it mean to have an 'unrepentant heart?' _____

4. What does Paul say we will be judged according to, according to verses 6-11 (especially 6)? _

5. Who, according to verse 13, are considered righteous in the sight of God?
 - a. Those who said they were sorry in prayer.
 - b. Those who hear the law.
 - c. Those who obey.

6. What does Paul say happens because of the actions of legalists who do not follow their own teachings, according to verses 17-24 (especially 24)? _____

7. Paul, in this passage (verses 28-29) seems to be critical of legalism which leads to hypocrisy and is talking about becoming an inward Jew and not just an outward Jew. If our focus is on heart change, the actions will follow. Changing actions does not automatically bring a heart change, it often leads to hypocrisy. Ezekiel 11:19, 36:26, Jeremiah 31:33, and Hebrews 8:10 talk about this. What does it mean to have the requirements of the law written on your heart?
 - a. We feel pressure from outside to do the right thing because of fear of punishment or not living up to somebody else's expectations, so we do the right thing.
 - b. We have memorized the law so thoroughly that it becomes second-nature to us and we live it without even thinking about it.
 - c. The law is null and void and we do what we feel is right in our hearts.
 - d. We feel the desire from within to live righteous lives so that, although the law still stands, we don't need it because we live it from within.

8. What should we do if we are not practicing what we preach?
 - a. Stop preaching, teaching, and witnessing to the truth so people don't think we are judging them.
 - b. Try harder to obey the law, so we can hold people to the same law.
 - c. Seek God for a heart change (Matthew 7:5).