



# ROMANS

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## Overview

### *“Everyone Needs the Gospel, Part 3”*

Lamplighters Women’s Bible Study

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# Announcements

HopeFest [www.hopefestaustin.org](http://www.hopefestaustin.org)



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Sharol Hayner—Joy in the Journey  
next Wed evening, 6:15, FE 200



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**Thank you,  
GONZALO HERNANDO!!!**



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Many, many thanks for all the prayers!

Lynn and daughter, Haley, and new grand-  
daughter, Parker Grace  
the flexible teaching team  
me and my nose...



# Everyone Needs the Gospel, Part 3

The Law

Romans 2:17-24

Circumcision

Romans 2:25-29

God's Faithfulness

Romans 3:1-8



# Review

The gospel message—Rom. 1:1-18

Pagan Gentiles—Rom. 1:19-32

self-centered religion

Gentiles and Jews—Rom. 2:1-16, religious people

self-righteous religion

The Jews—Rom. 2:17-3:8, believers

legalistic moralists

Point #1—we are all sinners

Point #2—God's judgment is righteous

Point #3—we need a Savior!





# The Law—Rom. 2:17-24

The Jews were proud of:

- Their nationality
- Possession and knowledge of God's law
- Status as God's chosen people
- Could make ethical decisions because of rules and regulations
- Able to lead others because had knowledge and truth



# The Law—Rom. 2:17-24

BUT...

Do you practice what you preach?



# How We See Ourselves

- Accepting
- Encouraging
- Helpful
- Moral—know right from wrong
- Compassionate
- Friendly
- Having most answers
- Bible based in our ethics

# How a New Generation Sees Us

Which of these phrases characterizes modern day Christianity? (age 16-29)

	Outsiders	Churchgoers
Antihomosexual	91%	80%
Judgmental	87	52
Hypocritical (say v do)	85	47
Old Fashioned	78	36
Too involved in politics	75	50
Out of touch w reality	72	32
Insensitive to others	70	29
Boring	68	27
Not accepting other's faults	64	39
Confusing	61	44

# How we are seen!

American “outsiders” age 16-29

Know a Christian  
personally



See lifestyle make  
differences



*“As you read your Bible day by day, do you apply the truth to yourself? What is your motive when you read? Is it just to have a knowledge of it so you can show others how much you know and argue with them?...”*

*“Allow the Scripture to search you, otherwise it can be very dangerous. There is a sense in which the more you know of the Bible, the more dangerous it is to you if you do not apply it.”*



# Applications

1. In what way are your actions not matching up with what you say you believe?
2. What was the last Scripture passage you read that transformed you in some way?



# Circumcision—Rom. 2:25-29

the sign of the covenant—of the heart





# Applications

1. What marks you and sets you apart as God's child for God?
2. What do people think about God from watching your life? Have you ever asked an "outsider"?



# God's Faithfulness—Rom. 3:1-8

Q: Paul, are you saying there's no advantage to Biblical religion? (v. 1)

A: No, there is great value in having and knowing the words of God.

Q: But haven't those words failed? So many haven't believed the gospel. What has happened to the promises? (v. 3a)

A: God's promises to save are advancing. Our faithlessness only reveals how committed to His truth He is. Think of all He's done in order to be faithful to His promises! (v. 3b-4)

Q: But if unrighteousness is necessary for God's righteousness to be seen, how is it fair for Him to judge us? (v. 5)

A: On that basis, God would not judge anyone in the world, and we all agree God should judge. (v. 6)

Q: If me sinning makes God look better, I should sin more so that His glory is more clearly revealed, right? (v. 7-8)

A: I certainly don't think this! And saying you're sinning so that God will love you is an attitude that is absolutely worthy of judgment. (v. 24)



# God's Faithfulness

God remains faithful to His promises by providing a faithful messenger.



# Application

How well do you listen?

When was the last time you earned the right to speak because you listened well first?



# SIN

- Congenital
- Grows, hidden, rearranges
- Begins to affect thoughts and actions
- We try everything human
- Human remedies don't and can't work
- Radical intervention
- Takes time for the new nature to take over

# Application

Identify your favorite sin, your default sin pattern.

Tell someone!

