

Romans 2:17-3:20 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. According to Romans 2:28-29 who is <i>not</i> a true Jew (v28) and who is (v29a)? What 3 things characterize true circumcision (v29)? How can you apply each of these?</p>	
<p>5. In 3:1-2 what does Paul explain (v1)? Why do you think he did? What is overall advantage of the Jew and their number one blessing (v2)?</p>	
<p>6. Looking at 3:3-4 what dilemma did Jewish unbelief raise (v3)? Explain. How does Paul resolve this problem (v4)? Why is this an important principle overall?</p>	
<p>7. From 3:5-8 what other two objections are dealt with (v5, 7)? What is Paul's answer to each (v6, 8)? What sinful human tendencies (v7, 8) cause each objection to be raised?</p>	
<p>8. Read 3:9-12. In terms of true righteousness how do all people, Jews and Gentiles, compare with each other and why (v9)? Describe man's spiritual condition before the new birth (v10, 11, 12).</p>	
<p>9. Using 3:13-18 in what 2 areas does our sinfulness outwardly show itself (v13-14, 15-17)? What are the specific sins and their results (v13-17)? What is the basic reason we do this (v18)? Apply.</p>	
<p>10. Based on 3:19-20 to whom does the Law apply (v19) and what are its effects (v19, 20)? How does 3:20 summarize Romans 1:18-3:19—what point has Paul been making?</p>	
<p>11 Review how the Jews had misappropriated God's promises (2:17-29), misunderstood God's faithfulness (3:1-9), and misapplied God's Law (3:10-20). Why are all guilty before God in their natural state? Why must we understand this?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

“There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one.”

Romans 3:10-12 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Choose Family (Gen 1:27, 2:24; Ps 127:4; Matt 6:20)

(Using questions from Sunday's sermon, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship, helping us to grow in Christ.)

1. Brainstorm as a group some of the values that motivate people's lives in America. Looking at your actions and thoughts, what values drive you?
2. Discuss the difference between living with a “hierarchy of values” and living with God as our single value. How would you apply this at home, at work and at play?
3. Read Gen 1:27, 2:24. Who is the designer of marriage, and what is its dignity and its dominion? Why do these truths lead to marriage as our #1 human relationship?
4. From Is 38:19 & Ps 127:4 why are children our #1 responsibility? What does it mean to prepare, point and release our “arrows” (children). After parents do this, what then?
5. Talk about what most people's #1 resource is (Matt 6:19-21) and why it should be family. Why is true that “God's greatest work is done through families”?
6. Practically speaking what does it look like in real life for your family to always get the benefit of the doubt? Similarly, why should we give those not present the benefit of the doubt in our church family?
7. Discuss how this principle keeps us from snap judgments, from being recruited and from gossip?



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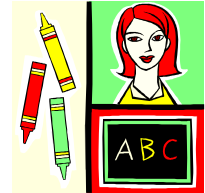
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Crash Test Dummies Romans 2:17-3:20



The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for God’s mission

Automobile commercials have made crash test dummies famous. Fallen mankind and those dummies are very similar—they are on a collision course and they are going there fast, which, of course, makes them “dummies”. In today’s study this describes the plight of the Jew who doesn’t have a heart of faith towards God; they are in the same category as Gentiles. Having just made the point that Gentiles fail to live up to God’s standards written on their hearts, Paul now makes it about the Jews. He begins by showing how the Jews had misappropriated the promises of God. Proudly bearing the name “Jew”, boasting in God’s choice of them and His revelation of truth to them, they arrogantly felt superior to all, guiding them, giving them light, correcting them, and

teaching the “immature”. Sadly, they didn’t understand their teaching, or practice what they preached; they were adulterers and thieves, and in general broke God’s law. As a result God was dishonored and the Gentiles blasphemed His name. Circumcision, the sign of God’s covenant with Jews, meant nothing since they didn’t keep His Law. Rather, those who did keep it would judge them since a true Jew was one who served God from the heart, by the Spirit, and who looked for God’s praise rather than men. Next, the Jews had a misunderstanding of God’s faithfulness. They had great advantages, especially that they had God’s Law—but they didn’t believe. This unbelief, though, didn’t nullify God’s faithfulness because He is always true; also their unrighteous-

Understanding the basics of Christianity will help us to grow to maturity.

ness couldn’t be justified even though it showed how righteous God was. Otherwise, He would have no basis by which to judge the world. The bottom line was that the Jews had misapplied God’s Law. It was given to reveal how sinful man is, rather than to justify him, since no man—not even one—is righteous. All sin with their tongues and by their actions. They don’t understand or even seek God; by having no fear of Him they have become useless. The summation is that no one can be justified by works and all are accountable to God. We will all hit this wall, just like crash test dummies.

Study Questions for Romans 2:17-3:20

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

1. Read Rom 2:17-20. Of what 6 things were Jews proud about themselves (v17-18) and what 4 abilities did they think they had (v19-20)? What attitude do you think they had because of this?	
2. Based on 2:21-24 list the areas in which the Jews had failed (v21-22) and the summary of their actions (v23). What was the result of the Jews’ breaking of God’s law with regards to Him (v23) and to the Gentiles (v24)? How do we see this today?	
3. From 2:25-27 what gave circumcision, the outward sign of Jewishness, value and what negated it (v25)? When did “uncircumcision” have value (v26) and what elevated them over Jews (v27)?	

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