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Romans 2:1-3 (ESV)

1 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

...3 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?

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Rom. 2:4-6 (ESV)

4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance ... not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? 5 But because of your hard ... heart you are storing up wrath for yourself...when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 He will render to each one according to his works:

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Rom. 2:7-11 (ESV)

7 to those who...seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; 8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth...there will be wrath and fury. 9 There will be tribulation...for every human being who does evil...10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good...11 For God shows no partiality.

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Rom. 2:12-14 (ESV)

12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. 14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves ...

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Romans 2:15-20 (ESV)

15 They show...the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness...16 on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. 17 But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and...18...know his will and approve what is excellent...instructed from the law; 19 and if you are sure that you...are a guide to the blind, a light to those...in darkness, 20 an instructor of the foolish...

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Rom. 2:21-24 (ESV)

21 you then...do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. 24 For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

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Rom. 2:25-27 (ESV)

25 For circumcision...is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. ...27 Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law.

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Rom. 2:28,29 (ESV)

28 For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. 29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.



How to Be a Christian Without Being Religious
Romans 2:1-29

Theme: Romans 2 helps us refocus our attention from the sin of others to our own sin.



God says “focus your attention on the three fingers pointing back at you.”



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Not OK for Spotting Other's Faults (2:1-4)

- God is not fooled; you do the same things you spot in others. 2 Samuel 11:1-12:23
- God's kindness and patience should move you to repentance, not complacency.



Not OK because of your background (2:5-11)

- God is impartial. He is not impressed with our connections.
- **Psalm 50:21** “You thought I was like you...”

You're not OK if you're ignorant of Law (12-16)

- “If you compare yourself with others let me show you how you’ll come out.”
 - These verses aren’t advocating we seek righteousness by works of Law.
- By nature we know. We can’t **not** know!
- We don’t meet the standard of our own **conscience**. We’re responsible for the light we have.

You're not OK if you're ignorant of Law (12-16)

- The Gospel comes as good news only after it faces us with our own sin.



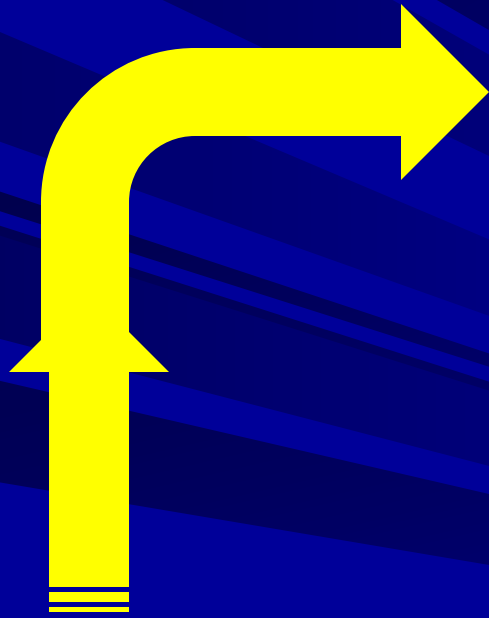
You're not Ok because you know the law (17-27)

- Name, knowledge of His will, and confidence you can tell others have no saving power. (Starts with Jews here)
- Are you less of a thief because you condemn other thieves?
- Sacraments have no saving power.

You're Ok only if your heart is cleansed (28,29)

- Circumcision of the heart does what circumcision of the body can't.
- Not "I'm ok, you're ok", or "I'm ok, you're not" but "I blew it, you blew it, but Christ saves us"
- Philippians 3:7-9
 - Whose works do you want to be judged by, yours or Christ's?

When tempted to justify yourself ...



Redirect Heart
toward His Grace
and Truth