

Romans 2

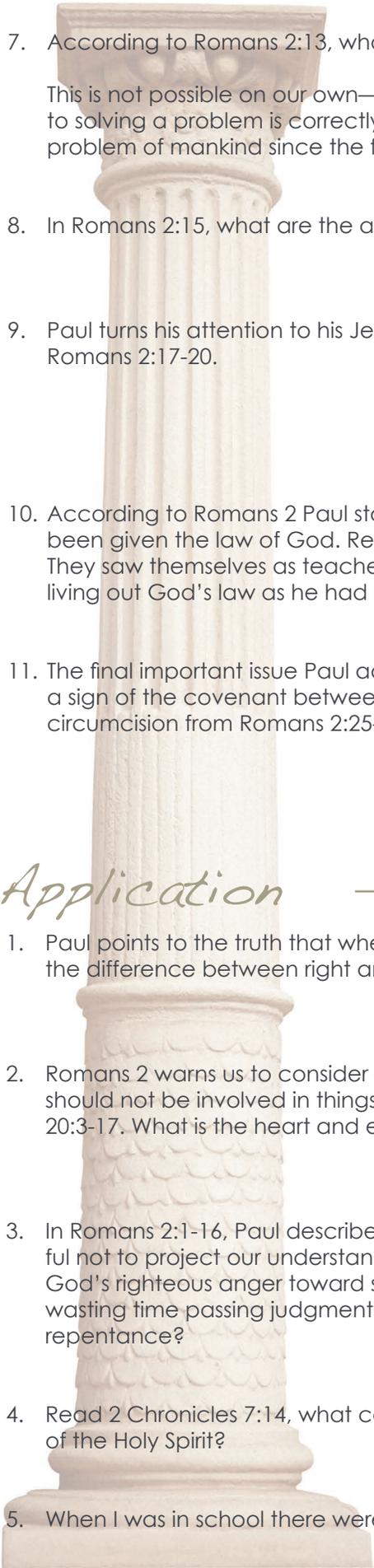
When you hear someone say the words "God loves you," what thoughts come to mind? He does love you and me so very much. How much you might ask? With arms wide open, John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." And if that is not enough, Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." This is amazing love!!!

Observation

- List the things Paul says about the person he is describing in Romans 2:1.
- What does Paul say concerning God's righteous judgment in verse 2?
It is based on _____.
- When we pass judgment on others, yet, have sin in our own lives, we are breaking the very heart of the law we profess to believe. What qualities of God's character have we ignored?
- In Romans 2:5, how does Paul describe the condition of a person's heart before they accept Christ as their Savior?
- Fill in the chart using Romans 2:6-10.

	Those who are made right with God...		Those who remain in their sin
Seek	vs 7	Self Seeking	
	vs 7		vs 8
	vs 7		vs 8
Will Receive	vs 7	Will Inherit	vs 8
	vs 10		vs 8
	vs 10		vs 9
	vs 10		vs 9

- Who are the two distinct groups Paul points out in verses 11-15?



7. According to Romans 2:13, who can be declared righteous?

This is not possible on our own—we need a Savior. Read Romans 3:23. It has been said that the first step to solving a problem is correctly identifying the problem. What is and always has been the universal problem of mankind since the fall in Genesis 3?

8. In Romans 2:15, what are the actions of our conscience?

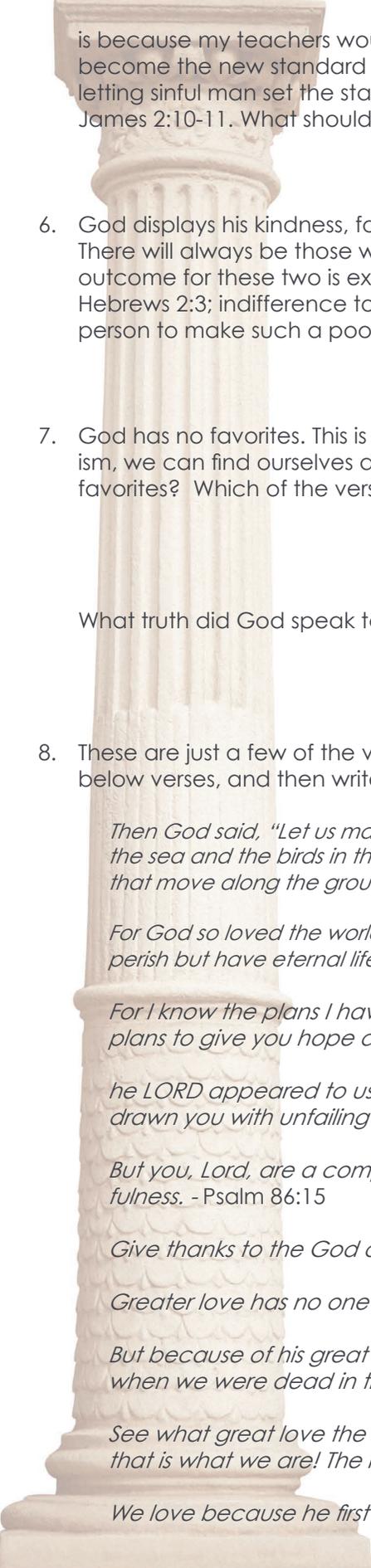
9. Paul turns his attention to his Jewish brothers. List everything you learn about these Jewish people from Romans 2:17-20.

10. According to Romans 2 Paul states, they called themselves Jews and boasted on the fact that they had been given the law of God. Read Genesis 12:1-3 to see God's original and intended purpose for Israel. They saw themselves as teachers, and yet, after reading Romans 2:21-24, do you believe they were living out God's law as he had intended?

11. The final important issue Paul addresses in this chapter is "circumcision." The purpose of circumcision was a sign of the covenant between God and Israel. Read Genesis 17:9-11 What do you learn about true circumcision from Romans 2:25-29?

Application

1. Paul points to the truth that when a person passes judgment on someone else that is proof they know the difference between right and wrong. What should this knowledge cause us to do?
2. Romans 2 warns us to consider carefully our heart and actions first before looking at someone else. We should not be involved in things that God has spoken against in his word. Read in your Bible Exodus 20:3-17. What is the heart and essence of God's commandments?
3. In Romans 2:1-16, Paul described very clearly how people provoke God's anger. We must be very careful not to project our understanding and experiences with anger from our human relationships onto God's righteous anger toward sin. Has God spoken to you about an area of your life where you are wasting time passing judgment? If you are a believer, in what ways did the kindness of God lead you to repentance?
4. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14, what could happen if God's people truly responded to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit?
5. When I was in school there were times when I received a better grade on a test than I deserved. This



is because my teachers would at times grade on a curve. The highest grade made on the test would become the new standard for an "A." God does not grade on a curve. If God did this, he would be letting sinful man set the standard for righteousness. God is the standard of perfect holiness. Read James 2:10-11. What should be our attitude toward any amount of sin?

6. God displays his kindness, forbearance and patience for the purpose of leading us to repentance. There will always be those who respond in humility and those who remain stubbornly in their sin. The outcome for these two is extremely different—one receives eternal life and the other judgment. Read Hebrews 2:3; indifference to God's amazing grace leaves a person with no hope. What might cause a person to make such a poor choice and ignore the gift of salvation?
7. God has no favorites. This is often hard for us to imagine. Even when we do not want to show favoritism, we can find ourselves doing it. Have you ever thought you either were or were not one of God's favorites? Which of the verses from Romans 2 spoke to you?

What truth did God speak to your heart as you studied this chapter of Romans?

8. These are just a few of the verses in God's word to let you know what he really thinks of you. Read the below verses, and then write a prayer to God.

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." - Genesis 1:26

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." - Jeremiah 31:3

But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. - Psalm 86:15

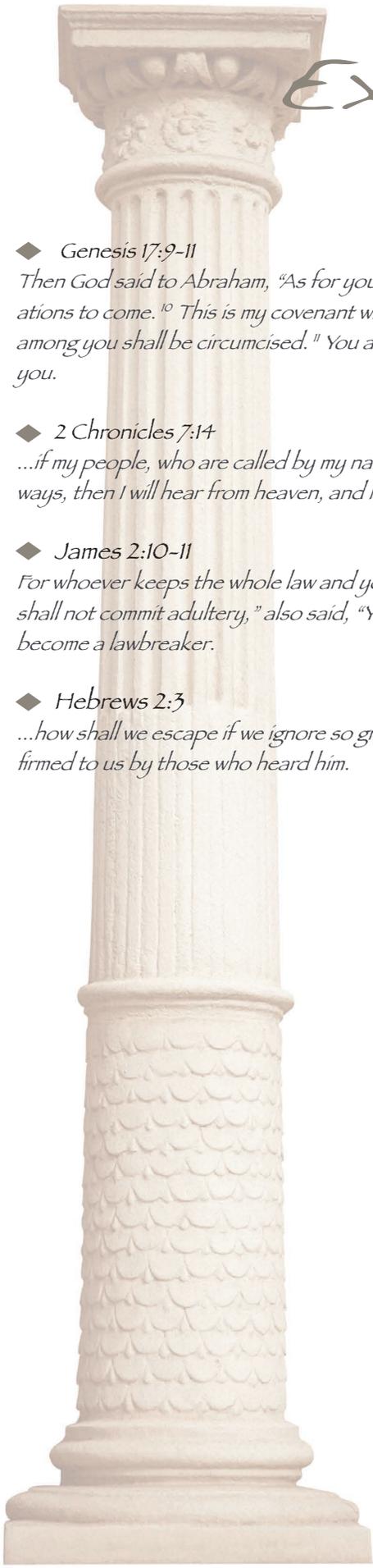
Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever. - Psalm 136:26

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. - John 15:13

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. - Ephesians 2:4-5

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. - 1 John 3:1

We love because he first loved us. - 1 John 4:19



Extra Verses

◆ *Genesis 17:9-11*

Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come."¹⁰ This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised." You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.

◆ *2 Chronicles 7:14*

...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

◆ *James 2:10-11*

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

◆ *Hebrews 2:3*

...how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.