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## Upholding the Law Romans 2:11-16

### I. How Does the Law of God Justify Doers? (vv. 11-13)

- A. The meaning of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11)  
[Acts 10:34; Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:7-8; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17]
- B. The meaning of \_\_\_\_\_ with or without the law (v. 12)  
[Lev. 18:5; 25:18; Eph. 2:11-12; Rom. 1:18-20; Matt. 10:28; Jn. 3:16; Matt. 11:20-24]
- C. The meaning of being \_\_\_\_\_ by doing the law (v. 13)  
[Rom. 3:21-26; Jms. 1:22-25; 2:18; Amos 1-2:5]

### II. How is the Law of God Written on Our Hearts? (vv. 14-15)

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of man (v. 14)  
[Gen. 1:27; Ex. 2:5-10; Dan. 6:25-28; Acts 19:35-41; 23:10; 28:10]

- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of man (v. 15)  
[Gen. 26:6-11; Dan. 6:18-20; Rom. 13:5; 1 Cor. 8:7, 12; 10:25, 29; 2 Cor. 5:11; 1 Jn. 1:9]

### III. How Does the Law of God Aid Christ in Judging our Hearts? (v. 16)

- A. That “day” refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ judgment  
[Rev. 20:11-15; Psa. 28:4; 62:12; Rom. 2:6; Rev. 2:23; 18:6; 22:12]
- B. “My” refers to the gospel in which all \_\_\_\_\_ believe  
[Rom. 11:13; 16:25; 1 Tim. 2:8; Gal. 1:11; 1 Tim. 1:11]
- C. “Secrets” refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ of man  
[Psa. 139:1-4; Jer. 17:10; Matt. 6:4, 6, 18; 1 Cor. 4:5]

#### TAKE HOME:

- When you think about justification, do you tend to \_\_\_\_\_ more on your faith or on your works?
- Do you rely \_\_\_\_\_ on God’s law written in the Scriptures, or more on God’s law written on your heart?
- Is your conscience working properly? Does it \_\_\_\_\_ more as a guide or a guard?

## **STUDY QUESTIONS**

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placeritachurch.com](http://placeritachurch.com).

1. Read Romans 2:11. What new information did you learn about the word “partiality” this week? How does that help you see both the justice and fairness of God? Is God choosing some to salvation, but not all, a sign of partiality? (Acts 10:34; Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:7-8; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17)

2. Read Romans 2:12. What is the difference of being without the law or being under the law? Does either side have a different outcome? Explain your answer. (Lev. 18:5; 25:18; Eph. 2:11-12; Rom. 1:18-20; Matt. 10:28; Jn. 3:16; Matt. 11:20-24)

3. Read Romans 2:13. Can one be justified by their works? What exactly is this verse saying? How does this verse get confused, and what does this verse clarify? (Rom. 3:21-26; Jms. 1:22-25; 2:18; Amos 1-2:5)

4. Read Romans 2:14. What does this verse teach us about the nature of a man? How is this different then how we typically talk about the nature of an unbeliever? Have you ever been confused about the “good” nature of an unbeliever? (Gen. 1:27; Ex. 2:5-10; Dan. 6:25-28; Acts 19:35-41; 23:10; 28:10))

5. Read Romans 2:15. What do we learn in this verse about the conscience? How does the conscience function? What are some things to be careful of when considering the conscience’s role in the life of a believer? (Gen. 26:6-11; Dan. 6:18-20; Rom. 13:5; 1 Cor. 8:7, 12; 10:25, 29; 2 Cor. 5:11; 1 Jn. 1:9)

6. Read Romans 2:16. What is this verse saying? When is the final judgment? What is “my gospel” referring to? What are the “secrets” of men? Rev. 20:11-15; Rom. 11:13; 16:25; 1 Tim. 2:8; Gal. 1:11; 1 Tim. 1:11; Psa. 139:1-4; Jer. 17:10; Matt. 6:4, 6, 18; 1 Cor. 4:5)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“Such persons show that the Law is not to be found only on the tablets of stone and included in the writings of Moses; it is also inscribed in the their hearts and is reflected in their actions, consciences, and thoughts.”