



Romans 2:1-16

Repentance for All | February 16th - 22nd, 2014

Warm-up: What comes to mind when you think of the word, “repentance”? Who has modeled humble repentance the most to you in your life? How so?

- Read **Romans 2:1-4** aloud. After primarily addressing his Gentile audience in **Romans 1**, Paul now shifts his attention to the Jewish population in **Chapter 2**.
 - How would you describe what it means to be self-righteousness?
 - Self-righteousness comes from minimizing God’s moral standard as well as underestimating the depth of one’s own sinfulness. Why is each of these so dangerous?
- Read **Romans 2:5-11** aloud. It’s important to remember that *judgment* and not *salvation* is what this section of Scripture is about.
 - The deeds of the redeemed (**v.7**) are not the *basis* for salvation but the evidence of it! Read **James 2:14-26**. How do these verses relate to this passage?
- Read **Romans 2:12-16** aloud. Gentiles have violated the law written on their hearts. Jews have violated the Law given specifically to them by God. Paul is pointing to the fact that ALL are guilty before a completely holy and righteous God. He will be the perfect Judge to whom every human being must give an account.
 - Read **Ps. 89:14**. How does this comfort you when it feels like life is unfair?
- In the first of his famous *95 Theses*, Martin Luther stated: “When our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, said ‘Repent,’ He called for the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”
 - Why do you think repentance must be “way of life” for all Christians? Why do you think Martin Luther led off with this?

Wrap-up: Repentance opens the door to God’s healing and His restoration. As you close, confess where you have blown it in the area of repentance. Pray together for new hearts of deep humility that will quickly and easily repent when necessary.