

Introduction:

Today we will conclude our look at *the need for a Savior*.

Things we will look at in this lesson: The Guilt of the Jews and the Guilt of the World

The Guilt of the Jews and the Guilt of the World:

01. How did the Jews know God?

02. Who do most Bible scholars agree that Paul is directing his words to in Romans 2:1-16?

03. Why are high moral standards of conduct inadequate?

04. Rather than judging hypocritically or self-righteously, what should we be doing?

Figure 1)

| Seven Principles of Divine Judgment (Romans 2) | |
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| 1 | God's judgment is certain. (2:3) |
| 2 | God's judgment is universal. (2:9–10) |
| 3 | God's judgment is based on truth. (2:2) |
| 4 | God's judgment is based on what a person does. (2:6) |
| 5 | God's judgment is impartial. (2:11) |
| 6 | God's judgment is based on light given. (2:12) |
| 7 | God's judgment is through Jesus Christ. (2:16) |

Figure 2)

| SIX ADVANTAGES CLAIMED BY THE JEWS (Romans 2:17–18) | |
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| 1. They are called Jews. 2. They rely on the Law. 3. They glory in God. 4. They know God's will. 5. They have a right standard of values. 6. They are instructed in the Law. | "You call yourself a Jew" (v. 17) "You rely on the law" (v. 17) "You . . . brag about your relationship to God" (v. 17) "You know his will" (v. 18) "You . . . approve of what is superior" (v. 18) "You are instructed by the law" (v. 18) |
| FIVE CLAIMS OF JEWS IN RELATION TO THE GENTILE WORLD (Romans 2:19–20) | |
| 1. A Guide to the Blind 2. A Light for Those in the Dark 3. An Instructor of Fools 4. A Teacher of Infants 5. A Possessor of Knowledge and Truth | "You are convinced that you are a guide for the blind" (2:19) "A light for those who are in the dark" (v. 19) "An instructor of the foolish" (v. 20) "A teacher of infants [the young or immature]" (v. 20) "Because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth" (v. 20) |

05. How did the Jews see themselves?

06. What was essential?

07. What were circumcision and baptism intended to serve as?

08. What is Paul's major emphasis in Romans 3:9?

09. What two truths do we see in Romans 3:9-18?

10. What must the Jew who seeks to justify himself by relying on the Law face?

11. Even though the Law lets us know what sin is, what does it lack?

12. What is greater than humanity's wickedness?
