

## **Breaking the Law, Breaking the Law**

Romans 2:12-29

**Context:** So far in Romans, Paul has explained how the Gospel is God's power for Salvation to everyone who believes (1:16). The Gospel Reveals to us the righteousness of God (1:17), which also reveals the wrath of God against all unrighteousness (1:18). The judgment of God will fall on those who practice sin (2:2) on the day of judgment (2:5). In our passage today, Paul shows how all Jews and Gentiles are sinful lawbreakers (2:12-29). God the Father will judge all motives by Jesus Christ (2:16). The Spirit of God can change our heart to desire obedience to God's word (2:29).

### **As a lawbreaker, you must...**

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ Universal Accountability to God (vs. 12-16)**
  - A. Paul shows how Gentiles who do not have the law will still perish because they have the Law of God written on their hearts.
  
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ the Insufficiency of Outward Religion (17-24)**
  - A. External adherence to the law is insufficient for salvation, because, "whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it." James 2:10 (ESV).
  
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ the Necessity of Heart Transformation (vs. 25-29)**
  - A. In verse 29, Paul is alluding to two passages in the Old Testament that describe the New Covenant - an inner transformation of the heart through God the Spirit that comes through repentance and faith on Jesus in the Gospel: Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Ezekiel 36:24-28.