

## Book Study #4 ROMANS

## Rom. 2:17- 3:9 The Jews and the Law

### Before We Begin...

1. What do you remember most about your religious training as you were growing up?

### Discovery...

2. What attitudes and actions characterize the Jew described in this passage?

3. How had he missed the point of what the law was all about?

4. What does Paul mean by "circumcision of the heart?" (v.29) (see Deut. 10:16, 30:6)



### Topical Study: The Law (Paul's view of the law)

5. The term law is an important one for Paul; he uses it 72 times in Romans alone. Usually it refers to the law of Moses; the law of the Old Testament. The purpose of this topical study is to gain a deeper understanding of Paul's view of the law in Romans.

What functions does the law fulfill? (for further study: Rom. 7:L5, 9-10)

Rom. 2:12	Rom. 3:19
Rom. 5:20	Rom. 3:20, 7:7

6. What functions does the law NOT fulfill? (for further study: Rom. 8:3e-4, 9:31-32)

Rom. 3:20-21	Rom. 3:28
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7. What is the believer's relationship to the law? (for further study: Rom. 3:31; 8:1-2)

Rom. 6:14-15	Rom. 7:4, 6
Rom. 8:3-4; 10:4	Rom. 13:8-10

8. In 3:1-8, Paul uses a series of rhetorical questions to raise and answer possible objections to the points he made in the previous section. In the space below, summarize each question and answer.

Question	Answer
vv. 1-2	
vv. 3-4	
vv. 5-6	
vv. 7-8	

9. What issues are at stake in this passage (3:1-8)?

10. In this section, Paul continues to undermine the basis of the Jews' false security, in order that he may build a solid foundation of faith in Christ. Jesus said, "I am The Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes unto the Father but through Me." What do many people who are not Christ-followers do/say to create a (false) security for their own lives? What can you do or say to help them see that a life in Christ is the only way to live?