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Romans 2

Without understanding the _____, we do not see our need for the _____.

God is the _____, we are not.

Religiousness can lead to self-righteousness

4 characteristics of the self-righteous:

1. _____: pointing fingers but not perceiving the heart (v 1-2)
2. _____: sitting as A judge while standing before THE Judge (v 3)
3. _____: hating people's faults over loving God's goodness (v 4)
4. _____: recognizing others' sin while being blind to their own (v 5-11)

God has given us a _____ that bears _____ of His existence. (v 12-16)

Religion and religious acts _____ save us. (v 17-29)

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Why is understanding God's wrath important?
3. Why do some many people (even Christians) live by their own standard rather than God's? What areas of your life are you living by God's standards? What areas are you living by your own standards?
4. The self-righteous person is described as someone who judges others by his standard rather than God's. Why does this standard fail to get a person to heaven?
5. Review the four characteristics of a self-righteous person. Do you struggle in any of these areas? If so, how?
6. The Bible tells us we were born with a conscience. How does a conscience testify of God?
7. Describe a time you listened to your conscience or a time you did not. What was the result?
8. Paul stresses the point that religion and religious acts cannot save us. What is the basis for his argument? How do we sometimes live that gives the impression we believe we are saved by religion or religious acts?
9. Paul gives a lot of bad news. What is the good news? If the law cannot save us, what can?
10. Pray and ask God to help you live in the reality of the good news. Ask for more of the Holy Spirit to help you reflect the love of Jesus through your life.

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Romans 2) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?