



## **Unashamed: It's About the Heart**

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Romans 2

After studying Romans 1 it is tempting to think self-righteously. Romans 2 takes us deeper into the heart of what it means to live by faith. It's about the heart.

### **1. The heart and hypocrisy – 2:1-4**

- God does not have a different standard of righteousness for the pagan and the religious person.
- Those with greater knowledge of God have greater accountability before God.

Action: Show people kindness, forbearance and patience and let God be the judge.

### **2. The heart and God's impartiality – 2:5-11**

- Stubbornness against God while possessing the knowledge of God is judgment worthy.
- God doesn't play favorites.

Action: Ask God to forgive any sinful behavior. Begin to practice persistent obedience and do good.

### **3. The heart and God's law – 2:12-24**

- It is not the possession of the law but the practice of the law that makes someone right before God.
- We are not accountable for our deeds only but also the secrets in our hearts.

Action: Examine your heart and ask God to cleanse you from the inside out. Guard your heart ruthlessly against all ungodliness.

### **4. It's about the heart – 2:25-29**

- A good heart is defined by actions. God is not impressed with religious platitudes.
- God will exalt everyone who lives by faith.

Action: Resist feeling righteous because of your intentions. Purpose to live by faith in everything you do.

*"I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..."* Romans 1:16