

**HEARING WITHOUT  
DOING IS USELESS**

**ROMANS 2:12-16**

## ROMANS 2:12-16 (NKJV)

**12** For as many as have sinned **without law** will also perish **without law**, and as many as have sinned **in the law** will be judged by the **law**

**13**(for not the hearers of the **law** are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the **law** will be justified;

## ROMANS 2:12-16 (NKJV)

**14** for when Gentiles, who do not have the **law**, by nature do the things in the **law**, these, although not having the **law**, are a **law** to themselves,

## ROMANS 2:12-16 (NKJV)

**<sup>15</sup> who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) <sup>16</sup> in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.**

# **QUESTION**

**IF GENTILES ARE WITHOUT LAW,  
HOW CAN THEY BE REGARDED  
AS HAVING SINNED?**

**“for where there is no law there  
is no transgression.” (Rom. 4:15)**

# **THE LAW**

**FROM VERSE ROMANS 2:12, WE  
CAN CONCLUDE THAT THE LAW  
IS THE MEASURE OF DIVINE  
JUDGMENT.**

# THE INDICTMENT

**<sup>12</sup> For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law <sup>13</sup>(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;**

# WHAT IS SIN?

**THE GREEK TERM *HARMATIA* –  
LITERALLY MEANS “A MISSING OF  
THE MARK”**



# WHAT IS SIN?

**SIN IS TRANSGRESSION OF, OR  
THE LACK OF CONFORMITY TO  
GOD'S LAW, SO THAT HUMAN  
BEINGS DISPLEASE GOD IN  
EVERY ACT AND DISPOSITION.**

# **SIN IS UNIVERSAL**

**EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS  
INHERITED A SINFUL NATURE  
FROM ADAM. THIS IS WHAT IS  
KNOWN AS ORIGINAL SIN.**

**SEE 1 Kings 8:46**

# **“SIN” AND “SINS”**

**WE COMMIT ACTS OF SIN (SINS)  
BECAUSE WE POSSESS A SIN  
NATURE.**

**LAW**

**GREEK TERM: NOMOS**

**HEBREW TERM: TORAH –  
“TEACHING, DIRECTION”**

# **FUNCTION OF THE LAW**

**Therefore, by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:20)**

**“IN THE LAW OR UNDER THE LAW”**

**TO BE IN (OR UNDER) THE LAW  
IS TO BE UNDER THE SPECIAL  
INFLUENCE OF THE LAW**

# Hearing and Doing (Verse 13)

**Not the Hearers but the doers of the law will be just before God.**

**“You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the LORD”. Leviticus 18:5**

# TO BE JUST OR RIGHTEOUS (V. 13)

**TO BE JUST IN THE SIGHT OF  
GOD IS TO STAND INNOCENT  
BEFORE GOD AND BE FREE  
FROM THE PUNISHMENT OF THE  
LAW**



# THE LAW WRITTEN IN THE HEART

**CONSCIENCE** PERFORMS IN THE  
GENTILE WORLD ROUGHLY THE  
SAME FUNCTION AS **THE LAW**  
PERFORMS AMONG THE JEWS

# **LIFE TRUTH**

**The law cannot give anyone the ability to obey God. It can only show us our sin and condemn us. We all are in the same predicament. We all have sinned though under different circumstances in relation to the law.**

# **LIFE TRUTH**

**GOD WILL JUDGE EACH PERSON  
BY WHAT THEY INDIVIDUALLY  
KNOW TO BE THEIR DUTY.**

# **LIFE TRUTH**

**ANY PREACHING OF THE  
GOSPEL THAT EXCLUDES THE  
JUDGMENT OF GOD IS NOT THE  
NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL.**