

EXCUSES

Romans 1:20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Romans 1:29-32 Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. 30 They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. 31 They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. 32 They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

Romans 2:1 You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.

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The Tax Man and the Pharisee

Luke 18:9-14 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' 13But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

How we _____ ourselves

Convinced of our _____

Comfortable of our _____

Content in our _____

God's _____

Romans 2:2 *Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.*

Truth of our status: _____

Romans 3:20 *For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.*

Truth of our need: _____

Isaiah 64:6 *We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.*

Isaiah 57:12 *Now I will expose your so-called good deeds. None of them will help you.*

True contentment by: _____

Philippians 3:9...*I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.*

Romans 5:8 *But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*