

Romans 2:1-5

1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. 2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. 3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? 5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Know right from wrong

All people understand the difference
between right and wrong

The word of God has spelled it out for us

And for those who do not know God's
word he has placed understanding in
their hearts

¹⁴ (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, ¹⁵ since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.) *Romans 2:14-15 (NIV)*

What do we do with this
understanding of right and wrong?

We use it to our benefit as we do with all
other knowledge

In our lives before society

To get the blessings of God

To judge others

What this passage says about judging others?

We confirm the truth of wrong. (Verse 2)

We are without excuse as it applies to us

If we do the same we condemn ourselves

If we know to judge, God will surely judge
us

God's purpose for giving us this understanding

That we may be Holy

That we may choose righteousness

That we may repent from wrong

That we might seize the opportunity to return to him

Do we despise God's goodness?

Verse 4

God goodness is in his forbearance and
longsuffering

He is waiting on us to judge our own
actions

When we choose to sin we take lightly his
goodness

Do we not understand this goodness is to
give us the opportunity to repent?

Do we have a hard or impenitent heart?

A hard heart has stopped listening to God's Spirit

A hard heart calls wrong "good"

An impenitent heart has no desire to reconsider and change

Both are storing up the wrath of God

What then should we do?

Know what God says is right.

Be careful in judging another

Keep our heart sensitive to God

Repent immediately