**“Why We Need a Savior!”**

**(Romans 2:12-16)**

**This morning we will continue in the book of Romans and see**

**that Paul is not yet showing the WAY of salvation, but rather**

**he is first emphasizing the NEED for salvation.  We desperately**

**need a Savior from sin because…**

**I. God’s Law Condemns Us (12-13)**

* **Having the Law is Not Enough (12)**

*(Rom.9 30-33; Mat.5:21-22, 27-28; Jas.2:10)*

* **Hearing the Law is Not Enough (13)**

*(Deut.4:1; 5:1; 6:3; Mat.7:21, 24-26; Jas. 1:22-25)*

**II. Our Conscience Condemns Us (14-15)**

* **Because of Our Nature (14)**

*(Gen.1:26a; 9:6; 26:6-11; Acts 28:3-4)*

* **Because of Our Thoughts (15)**

***(Rom.1:19-20; 8:16; 9:1; 1 Tim.1:19; 4:2; Tit.1:15)***

1. **Christ’s Judgment Condemns Us  (16)**

* **When? – *“in the day when God shall judge”***

*(Rom.2:5)*

* **What? – *“the secrets of men”***

*(Lk. 8:17; 12:2-3; 1 Cor.4:5; 14:25; Heb.4:12-13)*

* **Who? – *“by Jesus Christ”***

*(Jn. 5:22; Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Tim.4:1, 8)*

* **How? – *“according to my gospel”***

*(Rom.16:25; Gal.1:6; 2 Thes.1:7-10; 1 Tim.1:11; 2 Tim.2:8)*

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Share something from Sunday’s sermon that either raised**

**a question or was the most interesting or challenging to you.**

**2. Read and discuss Rom.2:12-13.  If God’s law cannot bring**

**salvation, what is the purpose of the law?  Why does Paul**

**emphasize** **the importance of being “doers” and not just “hearers”**

**of the law?**

**3. Read and discuss Rom.2:14-15.  Will those who never heard**

**about Jesus or God’s plan of salvation still be judged for their sin?**

**Why or why not?  Is this fair?**

**4. Did Jiminy Cricket give good counsel when he told Pinnochio**

**to “let your conscience be your guide”? ☺ Why or why not?**

**5. Read and discuss Rom.2:16.  Why is this verse so important to**

**the overall point Paul is making?  How does the truth of this**

**verse motivate you?**

**Digging Deeper:**

**Jot down what the following verses say about the importance of**

**“doing” God’s Word and not only hearing it.  (Deut.4:1; 5:1; 6:3;**

**30:12-14; Ezek.33:30-33; Mat.7:21, 24-26; James 1:22-25)**

**What do the following verses teach us about things we do that are**

**“secrets” – known only to us and God?**

**(1 Cor.4:5; 14:25; Lk. 8:17;12:2-3;  Heb.4:12-13)**

**For next week – Read Romans 2 and jot down your observations**

**and questions on Rom.2:17-29.**