

# MORALISTIC HYPOCRITE

## ROMANS 2:1-16

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: Read **Galatians 2:15-21, fn 2:21**. “The Jew believed that everyone was destined for judgment except himself. It would not be any special goodness which kept him immune from the wrath of God, but simply the fact that he was a Jew.” William Barclay, The Letter to the Romans.

**YOU ARE JUST AS BAD.** Each sin carries the same penalty. A “small” or “insignificant” sin demands the same penalty (death) as a “big sin.” Before God, all sin deserves capital punishment. Realizing that God hates all sin helps you to understand His patience and kindness in leading you to repentance. (**Romans 2:1-4, fn 2:1, fn 2:1ff, fn 2:4, Genesis 2:15-17, Romans 3:23, fn 3:23, Romans 5:11, 12, fn 5:11, fn 5:12, II Peter 3:8, 9, fn 3:8, 9**) *How does thinking you are incapable of committing any specific sin make you a moralistic hypocrite?*

**YOU REJECT THE TRUTH.** Salvation is by faith, apart from works or “law-keeping.” Christ working in you is proof of your faith. To continue to follow evil is proof of God’s justifiable wrath to come. (**Romans 2:5-10, fn 2:5-11, Matthew 16:27, fn 16:27, I Corinthians 3:10-15, fn 3:13-15, II Corinthians 5:6-10, fn 5:9, 10, John 14:6, fn 14:5, 6**) *How does stubbornly refusing to accept Jesus as the only way of salvation make you a moralistic hypocrite?*

**YOU ARE NO EXCEPTION.** God judges your obedience based on your knowledge of God. Just as a car has a warning light to protect its engine, all people have a conscience that warns them of wrong. (**Romans 2:11-16, fn 2:12-15[1<sup>st</sup>], fn 2:12-15[2<sup>nd</sup>], James 1:22-25, fn 1:22-25, Acts 24:16, I Timothy 4:2, Ephesians 4:17-19, fn 4:17**) *Why should you teach your family to keep a clear conscience?*

*Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.*