

# Living Connections Bible Study



## The Great Deception

**Prayer:**

**Icebreaker:** Why would Charles Spurgeon say: *The greatest enemy to human souls is the self-righteous spirit?*

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**Text:** Romans 2:1-16

Romans chapter 1:18-32 is God's diagnosis of the unrighteousness of men. Romans chapter 2 is God's indictment against the self-righteous. The first three chapters are written to show all men outside of Christ their guilt before God.

1. What does God have to say to the self-righteous who point an accusing finger at others when they are guilty of similar sins before God? Romans 2:1 with 1:29-31; 3:10, 23

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2. What standard of judgment will God use on Judgment Day according to Romans 2:2, and who will be the judge? John 5:22; 14:6; Acts 17:31

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3. What false logic of the self-righteous will come to light on Judgment Day?  
Romans 2:3

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4. What wrong conclusions do self-righteous people often come to when they experience blessing, prosperity, and lack of judgment for the wrong things they are doing? Romans 2:4; Acts 14:15-17

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5. What are the self-righteous treasuring up by continuing in their sins and rejecting the Savior which will be poured out on them on Judgment Day? Romans 2:5; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

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6. What provision did God make to wipe out our sin debt so that sinners can escape God's wrath?  
John 3:16-18; 5:24

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Before we look at the next question it is important to note that Romans 2 does not explain God's plan for our salvation. That will be done in Romans chapters 3 – 5.

7. On what basis will God administer justice, both reward and retribution toward the righteous and the wicked. Romans 2:6; Revelation 20:12-15

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8. How is the character and motivation of the righteous described and what is their reward?  
Romans 2:7, 10; Luke 1:6; Job 1:1

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9. How is the character and motivation of the unrighteous described and what is their reward?  
Romans 2:8-9

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10. How is it possible for an unrighteous man to become righteous and do good works?  
Romans 3:10; Isaiah 64:6; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:8-10

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11. What great principle of God's righteous judgment do we discover in Romans 2:11? Acts 10:34-35

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12. How will God judge the unrighteous who do not have the Ten Commandments, the Bible or the Gospel compared to those who do? Romans 2:12-16

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**Think about it this week:**

For those spinning a robe of their own righteousness, when they stand before God they will discover that it has unraveled to reveal the sinner inside.

*The hardest people to reach with the love of God are not the bad people.  
They know they are bad. They have no defense. The hardest ones to win are the self-righteous.*

~Charles L. Allen