**Romans 2 Listening Sheet**

**Summary:** Paul continues exposing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by setting his sights on judgmental \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Where is this going? SEE Road Map & Rom. 3:19-20

Paul uses a rhetorical device called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – dialogue with an imaginary student or opponent; not aimed at the Christian reader

Using textual clues to identify the imaginary opponent, we find 3 options:

1. The morally superior, self-righteous & judgmental \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Either Jews or Gentiles inclined to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_others, but think themselves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Morally superior, self-righteous & judgmental \_\_\_\_\_, a “hidden target” until v.17

Moo: “Just as people in general have turned away from the revelation that God has given in nature, so the Jews have turned away … from the revelation that God has given them.”

Why are sinners of Romans 2 worse than Romans 1?



**2 views on who is being described in vv.7 and 10:**

#1 A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_whose conduct demonstrates saving faith

* “Seeking” = holy aspirations of the godly
* “glory, honor, immortality” = expectations of the Christian
* “Persevere in doing good” nature of saving faith

Cranfield, John Murray and many others hold this view.

#2 A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_statement ONLY, arguing from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Jews

Moo: “Paul upholds the Law as a theoretical means of attaining justification … Paul’s purpose in 2:6-11 is to establish the principle that God will judge every person on the same basis – by works, not by religious heritage or national identity. [The standard of judgment is] a continual seeking after eternal rewards, accompanied by a persistent doing of what is good … Paul never denies the validity of this principle, but he goes on to show that no one meets the conditions necessary for this principle to become a reality”

So where does this leave those who act selfishly and disobey the truth?

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q: How can the Gentile keep a Law he doesn’t have?

A:

What is the Conscience?

An internal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that bears witness to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the law written on heart and then passes judgment on our behavior as compared to that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3 levels of increasing “wrath-worthiness” among mankind:

#1 Romans \_\_\_ sin and guilt

#2 Romans \_\_\_ sin and guilt

#3 Gospel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin and guilt

Within each level, God judges the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the heart.