**CHAPTER 2**

*The Jews are censured, who make their boast of the law, and keep it not. He declares who are the true Jews.*

**1** Wherefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest. For wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself. For thou dost the same things which thou judgest.

**2** For we know that the judgment of God is, according to truth, against them that do such things.

**3** And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them who do such things, and dost the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

**4** Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness, and patience, and longsuffering? Knowest thou not, that the benignity of God leadeth thee to penance?

**5** But according to thy hardness and impenitent heart, thou treasurest up to thyself wrath, against the day of wrath, and revelation of the just judgment of God.

**6** Who will render to every man according to his works.

**7** To them indeed, who according to patience in good work, seek glory and honour and incorruption, eternal life:

**8** But to them that are contentious, and who obey not the truth, but give credit to iniquity, wrath and indignation.

**9** Tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man that worketh evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Greek:

**10** But glory, and honour, and peace to every one that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

**11** For there is no respect of persons with God.

**12** For whosoever have sinned without the law, shall perish without the law; and whosoever have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law.

**13** For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

**14** For when the Gentiles, who have not the law, do by nature those things that are of the law; these having not the law are a law to themselves:

**15** Who shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness to them, and their thoughts between themselves accusing, or also defending one another,

**16** In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

**17** But if thou art called a Jew and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

**18** And knowest his will, and approvest the more profitable things, being instructed by the law,

**19** Art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them that are in darkness,

**20** An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of infants, having the form of knowledge and of truth in the law.

**21** Thou therefore that teachest another, teachest not thyself: thou that preachest that men should not steal, stealest:

**22** Thou that sayest, men should not commit adultery, committest adultery: thou that abhorrest idols, committest sacrilege:

**23** Thou that makest thy boast of the law, by transgression of the law dishonourest God.

**24** (For the name of God through you is blasphemed among the Gentiles, as it is written.)

**25** Circumcision profiteth indeed, if thou keep the law; but if thou be a transgressor of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

**26** If, then, the uncircumcised keep the justices of the law, shall not this uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

**27** And shall not that which by nature is uncircumcision, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision art a transgressor of the law?

**28** For it is not he is a Jew, who is so outwardly; nor is that circumcision which is outwardly in the flesh:

**29** But he is a Jew, that is one inwardly; and the circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.