

A Walk Through Romans

Judgment of the Hypocrite – Rom 2:1-16

Vertical Life Church

Hypocrite's Judgment of Others Precluded (1)

- Paul's use of "Therefore" in v1 is significant
- He is linking the judgment of others to the gross sins resulting from unbelief
- Compare to what Jesus says about judging others in John 3:17 and John 12:47
- "The sin of the hypocrite is that of being *indignant* at other people's shortcomings and of being *indulgent* of his own" John Phillips
- Judging others is usurping God's authority (Acts 17:30-31)

God Will Judge the Hypocrite Along with the Evildoer (2-3)

- God is Justified in Judging
- God is capable of judging in righteousness (Heb 4:12-13)
- Jesus warned that this is not our job (Mat 7:1-4)

Reasons We Should Not Judge (4-8)

- God's Mercy should lead us away from judgment (4)
- Example of the prodigal son's brother (Luk 15:28-30)
- Example of the pharisee and the publican (Luk 18:10-12)
- Characteristics of the judgmental person
 - Focused on behavior of others rather than their own behavior
 - When they consider their behavior, it is legalism; no love
 - No gratitude over their own blessings

We Judge Others When We Stop Examining Ourselves

- Self examination is to allow God to work within us to make us more like Jesus

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; [24] And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.- Psa 139: 23-24 NASB

Fear of God's Wrath Should Keep Us from Judgement (5-8)

- The Hypocrite stores up for himself the wrath of God
- Compare condemnation of heathen with that of hypocrite.
- *Rom 1:18 NASB For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,*
- *Rom 2:5-6 NASB But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, [6] who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS*

Two Judgments (7-11)

- The believer is characterized by perseverance in doing good (7)
- The hypocrite is characterized as an unbeliever who does not obey the truth (same as chapter 1) (8)
- Our motivation is to please Christ, being mindful of our judgment (2 Cor 5:9-10)

Relating to Sin Without Judging

- Allow God to do the convicting (John 16:8-11)
- Draw a distinction between the sin and the sinner
- Include in our message that we are just as in need of a savior
- Focus should be on Jesus and the gospel