

The Solid Rock on Which We Stand: “Judge Rightly”

Romans 2:1-16

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The Big Idea:

We are to judge the sin of the people; God is to judge the people of sin. (Romans 2:1-16)

God's Righteous Standards for Judgment

1. God will judge mankind according to the truth of His Word. (Romans 2:1-5)
2. God will judge mankind according to their works. (Romans 2:6-11)
3. God will judge mankind according to the amount of light they've been given. (Romans 2:12-16)

The Big Step

For the sake of our walk with Jesus and witness to the world, let's answer the following questions with honesty before the Lord:

1. Are there any secret thoughts you have that you'd be embarrassed by if they were displayed on the screen for all of us to watch?
2. Do you think the same thoughts and live the same life regardless of who's around?
3. If Jesus were to rapture you out of here now, how would He find you thinking and living?

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Read Romans 2:1-16

1. How does Paul's transition from Romans 1 (unrighteous heathens) to Romans 2 (self-righteous moralists) address human pride?
2. What is the practical difference between "judging the sin of the people" and "judging the people of sin"?
3. In what ways do double standards manifest in daily Christian living? How can we cultivate the habit of judging our own sin first?
4. How do the concepts of salvation by grace through faith and judgment according to works harmonize across Romans 2 and Revelation 20?
5. What responsibilities come with living in a culture with abundant access to Bibles, churches, and Christian teaching?