

Miscalculations Religious (moral but lost spiritually) People Make

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Text: Romans 2:1-11

Introduction:

Big Idea: There will be no _____ accepted by God. Wise is the one who gets ready now for that day of judgment.

Corrective truth #1- God alone judges _____ (1-2)

- A culture of criticism...
- ...is the opposite of a culture of _____
- ...leads to _____ instead of life

- A culture of criticism brings a spirit of judgment, and it can settle in most anywhere.
- The difference between a culture of judgment and a culture of grace is the difference between a _____ and a _____.

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The religious person thinks...

- ...God needs their help in judging humanity
- ...God allows some people to escape his judgment
- ...God lets some people get away with their sin
- ...God will show favoritism on judgment day

Corrective truth #2- No one will avoid their day of judgement before God (3)

- *do you suppose*—Logizomai; carries the idea of calculating or estimating
- **Hebrews 9:27** — And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,
- The religious person miscalculates his own _____ before God.

Corrective truth #3—God is patiently kind giving people the opportunity to repent and avoid judgment (4-5)

- *Presume* - kataphroneō, which literally means “to _____ down on” something or someone and to underestimate the true value.
- *God doesn't carry out his punishment for sin immediately because of his _____.*
- God waits so that _____ will come.

Corrective # 4: Either you store up treasures in heaven or you can expect torment in hell (6-11)

- God doesn't play _____

Truth Into Action:

- **Live with the perspective that God judges rightly everyone. Don't be harsh, be humble.**
- **Plan for judgment day now! Let that future reality affect you today.**
- **Don't minimize or dismiss your sin. Repent and experience God's grace of forgiveness, transformation, and redemption.**

Connect Card:

- Are you ready for judgment day before God? What do you base readiness upon?
- How may we help & pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: When you read, “God doesn’t have favorites” what thoughts come to mind?

1. In 2:1–3, Paul talks about the universal human problem (especially among religious people) to judge others without judging ourselves. How is God’s judgment different from human judgment?
2. Paul talks about “your hard ... heart.” Have you had a time that your heart was simply hard and unyielding about something with God?
3. In 2:4, we are told that the reason people get away with sin is because God is working on them. How has this principle worked to change your life? Who are you frustrated with that God might be working on that you can give some kindness to?
4. Read 2:4 and share with one another how God’s loving patience has brought about some big changes in your life to encourage one another.
5. In 2:5–11, Paul compares and contrasts two groups of people: those who will experience the eternal wrath of God versus those who will experience the eternal grace of God. Make a list comparing and contrasting these two eternal realities.
6. If you are a Christian, Jesus endured the wrath of God so you could enjoy the grace of God. Take a few moments to stop and simply thank Jesus Christ for all the things the Holy Spirit brings to mind from which He has saved you.
7. Who do you know that is living in rebellion, which means you need to extend God’s patience to them in hope that they will repent and change their life toward God and His grace?
8. Paul compares and contrasts what God saves us from, and what God saves us to. What are some things God has saved you from, and what things has God saved you to that you can share to encourage one another?