

Roamin' Thru Romans-Part 5

A detailed study/analysis of the Book—Sunday Night Series

May we stand please...

Scripture Reading: Romans 2:1-5

Prayer:

The previous chapter (1) spoke of the indictment of mankind. Man was a great sinner.

This chapter (2) speaks about the character of the judgment of God upon sin.

Chapter summary. Most of Paul's Jewish readers would with delight "pass judgment" on the Gentiles the apostle describes in 1:26-32.

But Paul quickly silences them.

God does not judge by what men approve, but by what they do (2:1-2).

Anyone who ignores his own sinfulness, Jew or Gentile, shows contempt for God's kindness (vv. 3-4) and stores up wrath against the day God will judge each person's acts (vv. 5-11).

As for Gentiles, God has implanted the capacity to make moral judgments—and they will be judged for failing to live up to the demands of their own conscience (vv. 12-16).

Yes, the Jews have God's Law and are proud of their "superiority."

But they in fact break the Law (vv. 17-24), and so their membership in the Old Testament covenant community is meaningless to God (vv. 25-27).

The real mark of relationship with God is inward, a "*circumcision*" performed by the Holy Spirit that sets a person, heart and soul, apart to the Lord (vv. 28-29).

--Bible Reader's Companion.

Romans 2 may be divided into four major parts as follows:

- A. The Purity in the Judgment (Romans 2:1-5) (*today*)
- B. The Performance in the Judgment (Romans 2:6-10)
- C. The Parity in the Judgment (Romans 2:11-16)
- D. The Privilege in the Judgment (Romans 2:17-29)

Today's Subject: **The Purity in the Judgment**

Romans 2:1-5

The first thing we note about Divine judgment is that it is *pure*, it is holy, it is righteous, it is done "*according to truth*" (Romans 2:2).

- I. **The Hypocrisy in Judgment Condemned** (Romans 2:1)

Hypocrisy in judgment is very common.

Mankind habitually judges others of evil that he, himself, is guilty of doing.

Notice 3 things with me very quickly:

A. **The illustration of hypocrisy.**

"Wherein thou judgest another... thou... doest the same things" ([Romans 2:1](#)).

B. **The indictment from hypocrisy.**

"Thou condemnest thyself" ([Romans 2:1](#)).

C. **The inexcusableness of hypocrisy.**

"Thou art inexcusable" ([Romans 2:1](#)).

Paul says such hypocrisy was inexcusable.

II. **The Holiness in Judgment Confirmed** ([Romans 2:2](#))

The character of God's court is plainly confirmed as holiness.

Notice 2 things very quickly:

A. **The sureness of holiness.**

"We are sure" ([Romans 2:2](#)).

B. **The shaming by holiness.**

"The judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things" ([Romans 2:2](#)).

III. **The Hope in Judgment Confuted** (*debunked; refuted*) ([Romans 2:3](#))

Notice 2 things here:

A. **The thinking of hope.**

"Thinkest thou this, O man... that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?" ([Romans 2:3](#)).

B. **The trashing of hope.** "Thinkest thou this, O man... that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?" ([Romans 2:3](#)).

The question is rhetorical and implies a most negative answer.

IV. **The Heedlessness About Judgment Confronted** ([Romans 2:4](#))

Notice 2 things here:

A. **The despising of grace.**

"Despise thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Romans 2:4).

God's **grace** is seen in His patience to give a person time to repent.

This is despising God's grace!

It is *"turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness"* (Jude 1:4).

B. The design of grace.

"The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Romans 2:4).

V. **The Hardness for Judgment Considered (Romans 2:5)**

Notice 2 things here:

A. **The work of hardness.**

"Thy hardness and impenitent heart treasureth up unto thyself wrath" (Romans 2:5).

It increases the severity of judgment upon the sinner.

B. **The wrath upon hardness.**

"The day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God" (Romans 2:5).

Any time God judges man, it reveals God's purity, holiness, and righteousness.

Closing: So, we will stop here for today!

When Paul's letter was read in the Roman church, no doubt many heads nodded as he condemned idol worshipers, homosexual practices, and violent people (chap. 1).

But what surprise his listeners must have felt when he turned on them and said in effect, *"You are just as bad, and you have no excuse!"* (Chap. 2)

Paul was emphatically stressing that we have **all sinned repeatedly**, and there is no way apart from Christ to be saved from sin's consequences.

Do you know this Gospel of Jesus that the Book of Romans so clearly teaches us about?

If not, will you accept Him today?

Are you willing to forsake your sin (of judging others) and thank God for His wonderful grace?

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