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PAUL'S LETTER TO THE
Romans

Righteousness Judgement?

- Ch. 2 - The Jews among them...
 - Would agree with Rome's condemnation
 - You do the same things!
 - Instead of suppressing truth
 - Applies it only to others in judgement!
 - God's judges in truth, impartial... (2,3)

Think well! (4)

- Riches of His:

- Kindness; Forbearance; Patience

- Not knowing... illusion or contempt?

- Designed to bring us to repentance

- 30 yrs of the Gospel, Jews resist...

The REAL issue

- Heart! Stubborn, unrepentant!
 - Insensitivity to God's favor
 - History of rejecting God (Acts 7)
 - Never take God's moving lightly!
 - Instead of repentance, they judged!
 - Deeds? (6)

"Justification by faith alone applies the *entrance* into salvation through the free pardon of sin, but not the time of judgment... He asks nothing of him except faith; but from that moment the believer enters on a wholly new responsibility; God demands from him, as the recipient of grace, the fruits of grace."

(Godet pg. 118)

Faith's change vs 7,8

- Relational faith becomes the way...
- Persevere in doing good...
- Lack of obeying truth brings disaster:
 - Wrath and indignation

Conclusion vs. 9-11

- Tribulation and distress OR
- Glory, honor and peace
- Jew First then the Gentile!
- Judgment comers on all who sin... (12)
- Law itself can't save or damn

Explain and Demonstrate

- Hearers vs. Do-ers - justified (future) 14-16
- If Gentiles follow their 'law', conscience
- 16, from 6 "my Gospel"!
- Jews? Rely, boast, know, approve, taught, guide, correct, teach...
- What do you do??? (21-23) and us???

Idols and God's Name??

- Jews failed in these! *Took idols for value; Breaking Law*
- Nation had brought dishonor on God
- Circumcision? (25-27) outward or inward?
- Is it flesh or obedience God looks for?
- Water baptism? Speaking in tongues?

Contrast (28-29)

- Inward not Outward
- Heart not “flesh”
- By the Spirit not the Letter of Law
- Praise from God not men
- Where does your praise come from?