

## Impartial

### **Intro:**

We are not condemned by what we do not know we are condemned by what we do  
Every person is without excuse - Rom 1:18-25  
Especially us - John 20:30-31

### **Prob:**

Rom 2:9-11 seems to suggest we are judged by our works...  
Its true. Never forget it we are judged by our works...and we are judged fairly - no favoritism, no mercy, no partiality...and that means everyone, even the Jews, even the church even Mary, and Joseph and the disciples and Paul all are judged by their works...and found guilty

Justice, impartiality, condemns everybody but one

Why is this so important?

Because you will never truly cling to His work  
Until you see the true inadequacy of your own

### **Main Idea:**

You know enough to be condemned  
You may be religious  
But you are still you  
Do not trust in Christianity  
Trust in Christ

### **Implication:**

Col 2:8-15 Circumcision/baptism is a celebration of His work not yours

### **Application:**

How can the suffering of a single man for a few hours add up to the salvation of multitudes?  
Col 1:15-23 Because He is worth infinitely more than all the multitudes.

The lost suppress the preeminent glory of God in nature  
- don't suppress the preeminent glory of God in the gospel

## **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.riverviewbaptist.net/pastor-levis-blog/2017/11/28/seven-biblical-principles-for-justice>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/are-you-sure-you-want-gods-justice/>

<https://www.raptureready.com/2015/11/10/the-israel-of-god-by-thomas-ice/>

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Text:

## You know enough to be condemned

Rom. 2:12 ¶ For all who have sinned **without the law will also perish without the law**, and all who have sinned **under the law will be judged by the law**.

Rom. 2:13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the **doers** of the law who will be justified.

Rom. 2:14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature **do** what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.

Rom. 2:15 They **show** that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while **their conscience also bears witness**, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

Rom. 2:16 on that day when, according to my gospel, **God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus**.

- Lk 12:47-48 (rom 1:18-32)  
(you know enough to be condemned)
- James 1:22-25  
(dangerous to merely see/hear - gentile/Jew)
- James 2:14-26  
(to pretend)
- James 4:17  
(to be apathetic)
- Rev 16:10-11  
(to be hardened -rom 1:18-32)

## You may be religious

Rom. 2:17 ¶ But if you **call yourself a Jew** and **rely** on the law and **boast** in God

Rom. 2:18 and **know** his will and **approve** what is excellent, because you are **instructed** from the law;

Rom. 2:19 and if you are **sure** that you yourself are a **guide** to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

Rom. 2:20 an **instructor** of the foolish, a **teacher** of children, **having** in the law the embodiment of **knowledge and truth**—

- 2 Cor 10:12  
(more religious = comparative righteousness)
- Jonah 4:2  
(intrinsic worth)
- Matt 23:15  
(satanic suppression of the truth Rom 1:18)
- Lk 3:7-9  
(relying on wrong thing)
- Lk 18:9-14  
(self)

## But you are still you

Rom. 2:21 you then who teach others, **do you not teach yourself?** While you preach against stealing, **do you steal?**

Rom. 2:22 You who say that one must not commit adultery, **do you commit adultery?** You who abhor idols, **do you rob temples?**

Rom. 2:23 **You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law**.

Rom. 2:24 For, as it is written, "**The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.**"

- Matt 5:20, 48  
(God doesn't grade on a curve)
- Gal 3:10-14  
(Behold the blessing of Christ)
- James 3:1-5  
(blaspheme because of you...)
- James 2:11-13  
(speak and act accordingly...how???)

## Do not trust in Christianity

Rom. 2:25 ¶ For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, **but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision (foreskin - gentile)**.

Rom. 2:26 So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

Rom. 2:27 Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law.

Rom. 2:28 For no one is a Jew who is **merely one outwardly (tattoo of handsome not = handsome)**, nor is circumcision **outward and physical**.

- Col 2:16-23  
(merely outward = legalism)
- 2 Tim 3:1-9  
(merely outward = self-help)
- 2 Pet 2:10-22  
(merely outward = prosperity)
- 1 cor 13:1-3  
(apostasy always moves focus from inward to outward, from genuineness to formality noisy performers)

## Trust in Christ

Rom. 2:29 But a Jew (Christian) is one inwardly, and circumcision (baptism) is a matter of the **heart, by the Spirit**, not by the letter. **His praise (judah- jewishness) is not from man but from God**.

- Matt 7:21-27  
(do not trust in Christianity trust in Christ)
- Jn 6:26-29  
(be a doer not a hearer only)
- Jn 1:9-13  
(you can either be judged by your work or His)