

THE JUDGEMENT

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ROMANS

THE GREATEST LETTER EVER WRITTEN.

Romans 2:1-16

1. WHY DO PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE BIBLE NEED THE GOSPEL?

ROMANS 2:1-16 {GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT}

1 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who **judges**. For in passing **judgment** on another you condemn yourself, because you, the **judge**, practice the very same things (Q. *What things?* A. *The things he just mentioned in verses 28-31 of chapter*)

• [[“no excuse” = anapologētos (2x): “indefensible; inexcusable.” “judges/judgement/judge” = krinō (114x): “to try, condemn, punish.” “condemn” = katakrinō (18x): “to judge against, i.e. sentence:—condemn, damn.”]]

2 We know that the **judgment** of God *rightly falls* on those who practice such things. “Yeah, those Gentiles are bad!”

• [[“judgement” = krima (27x): “the sentence of a judge; the punishment with which one is sentenced.”]]

3 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge (*krinō*) those who practice such things and yet *do them yourself*—that you will *escape* the judgment (*punishment*) of God?

• [[“suppose” = logizomai (x40): “reckon; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):—conclude.”]]

No one stands righteous before God by simply knowing and agreeing with the Bible.

• Look at **verse 13** real quick!

• **No one is righteous before God by approving what's good & condemning what's bad**—by knowing what God says is “right” and “wrong.” Because we all have “practiced such things” and the fact that we condemn such terrible things reveals even further that we are without excuse. We clearly know we're wrong!

Q. Do you reckon you will escape the judgment of God because you acknowledge that you shouldn't have sinned?

Paul's not done with Religious people / with Bible-believers.

4 Or do you presume on (*think lightly of*) the riches of his kindness and forbearance (*restraint*) and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

• [[“presume” = kataphroneō (9x): “despise; disdain, think little or nothing of.”]]

The fact that God did not kill you in your sleep last night for your sin is because He is ABUNDANTLY kind, RICHLY tolerant, and WEALTHILY patient.

The fact that God did not kill you in your sleep last night for your sin should lead you to turn from it, trust in Jesus and His work as Savior alone, follow Jesus as King today!

5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

The fact that God did not kill you in your sleep last night for your sin does not mean He is letting you off the hook. (wait til your father gets home)

• **There is a bank account with your name on it**, and every time you sin another deposit of wrath is added to it. One day the account will be emptied...on your head, if you don't repent—if you don't turn to Jesus.

6 He will render to each one according to his works: 7 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; 8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. 11 **For God shows no partiality.**

2. WHY DO PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW THE BIBLE NEED THE GOSPEL?

{GOD'S JUDGEMENT AND THE LAW}

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. 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. 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. 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,

We **ALL** have the Law of God written on our hearts & a conscience that knows right from wrong

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

There are no secrets from God in *life* or in the *grave*.

There are no excuses that will help you escape the judgement.

We will all stand before the judgement seat of Jesus and none who are guilty will escape.

3. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN THE JUDGEMENT?

- **It doesn't matter if you're a Jew or Gentile, Religious or Irreligious, Theist or Evolutionist. It doesn't matter if you're Black or White, Moral or Immoral, Upstanding Citizen or Burden to Society, Rich or Poor, Clean or Unclean, Addict or Teetotaler...we have all practiced such things that deserve God's judgement to rightly fall on us. We are ALL without excuse.**
- **O but friends! the good news of the Gospel is that God IS rich in kindness!**
- So rich that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to the earth to save us from the peril we deserve! *He didn't "do such things", He didn't "presume", He didn't "[harden]" his heart! He lived without sin, totally righteousness & only deserving of God's love.*
- Yet on the cross He willingly absorbed the judgement of God we deserve—all the accounts containing the wrath that we've stored up were poured out on His head—*so that all who believe will be saved!*
- God does not simply let people off the hook! Jesus was hung on the hook so you could be let off!
- **If you wait, it will be too late.** Do not think little of the patience of God. Flee to Jesus! who by His cross and resurrection takes away your wrath and swallows it, takes away your judgment by bearing it, and gives you His righteousness to wear like a coat!

Q. Can you sing with Keith Getty and Stuart Townend?

*Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.*