

ROMANS

GOD'S GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE

#5 God's Perfect Judgment

Romans 2:1-11 (NIV)

Romans 2:1-11 *You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. ²Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?*

⁵*But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶God "will repay each person according to what they have done." ⁷To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; ¹⁰but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹For God does not show favoritism.*

- When we listened to Pastor Steve preach on Romans 1:18-32 last week, discussing the sinfulness of man when he abandons God, what was your reaction to the list of debauchery listed? Was it, "I'm glad I'm not like those people who truly deserve the wrath of God?" Or was it "Smite them O Mighty Smiter – they deserve to rot in . . .

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV) *To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' ¹³"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' ¹⁴"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

- What do we call a person who pretends to be more pious or virtuous than he really is? A **HYPOCRITE**

What the Hypocrite Finds

- We are blind to our own flaws.
- Man judges according to his own flawed standards – comparing others to ourselves.
- God judges according to His pure and perfect standard – comparing us to His holiness.
- What is the penalty for sin? *Romans 6:23*
- Who are the sinners? *Romans 3:23*
- Who does that include? **YOU** and **ME**
- How are we just like them? *Matthew 5:22 Matthew 5:27-28*
- Are we also guilty of some of those that the world considers to be lesser sins?
- Greed—Envy—Strife—Gossip—Deceit—Malice—Insolence—Arrogance — Boastfulness
- Looking carefully at this list, we may have been guilty of one of these since we came through the doors this morning!

Colossians 3:25 (NIV) *Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.*

What the Hypocrite Forgets

- God's goodness — the riches of His love for us — the Gospel *2 Peter 3:9*
- We can store up things in eternity: *Matthew 6:20 **TREASURE** or *Romans 2:5 **WRATH****

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV) *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Men should measure themselves against the right standard.
2. Men may fool others, but they cannot fool God.
3. All men face the judgment of God.
4. All men need the righteousness of God. *Romans 3:21-22*

John 3:16 Choose to Believe Today!

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