

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

"How do you stand before God? Sinner, Saint, or Something in between?"

Week 3: Romans 2:1-29, "The Wrath of God against Sin: Those under the Law"

I. Romans 2:1-11, "Don't judge me!"

Paul is sharpening his criticism in this chapter to those who think themselves righteous while judging the world for its unrighteousness, first to the (Gentile) Christian, and then to the Jew.

1. No doubt we've heard much lately about not judging. But who here does the judging? (v 2, 3)

2. What sort of sins are being judged in 1:29-31?

3. Are we guilty of them?

| Questions | Man's Judgment | God's Judgment |
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| Where does it come from? | | |
| What does it look at? | | |
| Who does it condemn? | | |
| Who does it not condemn? | | |
| What is its intent? | | |

4. What, then *are* we called to judge? (v 2) And how would we go about it? (bring in v 3)

5. What does God's kindness lead us to? (v 4) What warning is this for us when we sin?

6. How does the promise of reward for good works harmonize with these passages from Romans? 2:6-10; see 3:19, 21-24, 28

Look at the handout. Now go through this passage again, focusing on the terms “law.”

II. Romans 2:12-16, “God Judges Those without the Law.”

7. Of whom is Paul speaking when he speaks of those who “sinned without the law”? “in the law”? (v 12)

8. Is anyone ever completely ignorant of the (natural) Law? Why or why not? v 15

III. Romans 2:17-29, “The Law Condemns Even those Who Follow the Law (Torah)”

9. What are the things that the Jew could boast in? v 17-20

10. What happens when those who know the Law (Torah) break God’s Law? v 23-24

11. What was the original intent of circumcision? v 25 (See also Genesis 17:10-14)

What voids the intent of circumcision?

Memory Verse for Today:

Romans 2:1, “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.”