

## **The Religious and Irreligious Need Jesus (Romans 2:1-11)**

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*(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. (2) We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. (3) Do you suppose, O man--you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself--that you will escape the judgment of God? (4) Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? (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.*

*(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. (Romans 2:1-11 ESV)*

*(5) circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; (6) as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.*

*(7) But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. (8) Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ (9) and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- (10) that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, (11) that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. [Philippians 3:5-11 ESV]*

### **Practical Application**

1. I need Jesus, you need Jesus, they need Jesus, we all need Jesus. We all need to be saved. We all need a Savior.
2. People need to understand the good news (Gospel) and the bad news. We all need the gospel.
3. None of us has an excuse for the wrong we have done and for the sin in our hearts.
4. We all judge others for the wrongs they do, but we rarely judge ourselves with the same standard.
5. When we judge others we condemn ourselves.
6. Only God knows the heart, and it is His judgement that will matter in the end. Only God can ultimately judge you.
7. We all, in an of ourselves, deserve the judgement of God.
8. The best news in the world is that Jesus Christ came to suffer for us, with us, and in our place.
9. Jesus took God's judgement so that we do not have to be punished. In Jesus we escape God's judgement.
10. Don't presume on God's rich kindness, forbearance, and patience.
11. God's loving kindness is meant to lead us to repentance. Have you repented (acknowledged & turned) from sin?
12. Do you have a soft heart or a hard heart? Ask God for a soft and humble heart.
13. Do you have an impenitent heart or a penitent heart? We are to live lives of repentance and faith.
14. Are you storing up wrath in hell or riches in heaven?
15. Are you ready for God's day of wrath that is to come? Only Jesus can prepare you for that day.
16. Good works can't save you. Religion can't save you. Know morality can't save you. Only Jesus can save.
17. Eternal life comes in Jesus Christ alone. It is based on His works and not ours, His morality and not ours.
18. Left to ourselves we are self-seeking and disobedient to God and His truth.
19. Left to ourselves we obey unrighteousness. Even basic human morality and order is due to God's common grace.
20. Apart from faith in Christ people will face God's wrath and fury, tribulation and distress.

21. We all deserve (because of our sin) tribulation and distress.
22. In Christ we can receive glory, honor, and peace.
23. God is impartial and we should be too.
24. The religious and irreligious, the moral and immoral, the conservative & liberal, the right & the left all need Jesus.
25. All of this should lead us to see how wonderful, beautify, glorious, great, loving, amazing, etc. that our great God is! Do you see how fantastic Jesus is? What a Lord, what a Savior, what a King, what a Redeemer!

### **Announcements**

- Youth Event (6th-12th): Reverb Event on November 17-18. Contact David Barrero for more details.
- Operation Christmas Child: We are collecting shoes boxes for children around the world until Nov. 19th. For more information see Mrs. Diane Davis, Delight Davis, or Mrs. Bessie Dean.
- There will be voting here this week on Tuesday, November 7th. We will be ministering to those who come.
- Wednesday night Awana & Adult Small Group Bible Study is back this week from 6:30-7:30. Kids can eat dinner at 6.