

Romans 2:1-29

The Man in the Mirror

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- 1) The **Standard** that is **Fixed** (1-11)
- 2) The **Sentencing** that is **Fitting** (12-16)
- 3) The **Self-Righteousness** that is **Faulty** (17-24)
- 4) The **Spirit** Who is **Faithful** (25-29)

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- *When God Judges Humanity, His Righteousness allows for No Excuses, No Exemptions, No Entitlements, No Exceptions, And No Escape.*

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- *God Strips us of our Mask, so we can Stand before the Mirror, and then Sense our Need for His Mercy.*

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The Standard that is Fixed
Consider the Pride (1-3)

- **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.**

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The Standard that is Fixed
Consider the Patience (vs. 4)

- 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?**

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The Standard that is Fixed
Consider the Punishment (5-11)

- 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

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The Standard that is Fixed
Consider the Punishment (5-11)

- 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,

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The Standard that is Fixed
Consider the Punishment (vss. 5-11)

- 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.**

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**The Sentencing that is Fitting
(12-16)**

- 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.

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**The Sentencing that is Fitting
(12-16)**

- 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,

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**The Sentencing that is Fitting
(12-16)**

- while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them ¹⁶ on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

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**The Self-Righteousness that is Faulty
(17-24)**

•¹⁷ But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God ¹⁸ and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; ¹⁹ and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind,

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**The Self-Righteousness that is Faulty
(17-24)**

a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth ²¹ you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself?

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**The Self-Righteousness that is
Faulty (17-24)**

•While you preach against stealing, do you steal? ²² You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law.

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**The Self-Righteousness that is
Faulty (17-24)**

- ²⁴ For, as it is written, “**The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.**”

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**The Spirit Who is Faithful
(25-29)**

- ²⁵ **For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law,** but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision.

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**The Spirit Who is Faithful
(25-29)**

- ²⁹ But a Jew is one inwardly, **and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit,** not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

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The Masks We Wear?

- 1) The Mask of Deflecting
- 2) The Mask of False Descriptions
- 3) The Mask of Denial
- 4) The Mask of Identity
- 5) The Mask of Good Deeds

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