

**ROMANS: PART 7**  
**EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL**

God's Righteous Condemnation of the Moral Person  
"What About The Good Person?"  
Romans 2:1-16

**INTERROGATION: The Moral person is not moral! Rom 2:1-4.**

1. He does wrong, just like those people he condemns. He's a *self-condemned hypocrite!* Vs 1,2.
  - His standard: 10 Commandments, Sermon on the Mount, Golden Rule, Fair Play.
  - He believes there are other people deserve judgment -- not himself.
2. He does the same things. He's a *guilty person!* Vs 3.
3. He is hardened against God's mercy. He's a *recalcitrant person!* Vs 4.
  - Contempt for God's kindness (His blessings in creation & through providence).
  - Contempt for God's forbearance (His temporary withholding of judgment) Lk 13; Gen 1:17f
  - Contempt for God's patience (He gives time to repent) II Pet 3:9.

**INDICTMENT: The Moral Person is Under God's Wrath! Rom 2:5.**

1. He is stubborn & unrepentant. His judgment is *deserved*.
2. He is storing up greater & greater wrath. His judgment is *proportionate*.
3. He will experience the day of judgment. His judgment is *certain*.
4. He will experience a just wrath. His judgment is *fair*.

**WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION: The Evidence is Irrefutable. Rom 2:6-16.**

1. The First Witness: God's Absolute Standard of Righteousness. Vs 7-11.
  - The moral person will be judged according to his deeds -- not his info., words, self-righteous.
  - The moral person depended upon a relative standard of righteousness.
  - God's standard is clear: absolute perfection or disobedience.
  - God's perfect standard: Perfection = Glory/heaven -- Anything less = Eternal punishment.
2. The Second & Third Witnesses: Natural Law & Human Conscience. Vs 12-15.
  - The moral person regularly appealed to natural law to criticize others.
  - The moral person regularly defended & excused his own violations of that same law.
  - The moral person knew the law and broke it!
  - The moral person's own conscience bears witness. A conscience he *violated*.
3. The Fourth Witness: God's perfect knowledge & disclosure of the human heart. Vs 16.
  - The moral person has motives, words, deeds undisclosed to others & forgotten by himself.
  - The moral person will be laid bare when God discloses the secrets (κρυπτος) of his heart!

**CONCLUSION**

1. The fire-storm of God's judgment is mounting!
  - "The judgment of God"* Vs. 2,3,5,6,12,16
  - "God's wrath"* Vs. 5a,5b,8.
  - "Tribulation, distress, perishing"* Vs. 9,12.
2. There is one place of refuge -- Christ on Whom the judgment & wrath of God already fell.