

# Romans 2:1-6

## The Righteous Judgment of God

### 1. 2:1 - The Inexcusable Judge

- a. Remember the 'for' witnesses of 1:16-20 that summarize ch 1-8 (we are now in 1:18)
- b. *'Therefore...'* - proven in 1:20-32; *'inexcusable'* - the witness of 1:20
  - i. Every man has an excuse, but none are valid before the witness of God.
  - ii. This is when the inexcusable retaliate with a guilty conscience, 'Don't judge!'
- c. *'whosoever thou art'* - it was 'them' here to the personal 'thou' (Jew or Gentile)
- d. *'judgest'* - that know better condescend toward them, but Mt 11:23, Lk 17:26, 18:10
  - i. Pointing at others before flood, uncircumcised, Jews, Christians, reprobates
  - ii. Judgment cannot happen w/o truth - Exo 18:21, 1Co 2:15, 6:2-4, Phi 1:9
- e. *'judge another... condemn thyself'* - Matt 7 says right judgment applies to all, is blind
  - i. Israel/Saul brought others to judgment - 2 Tim 1:3, Acts 22:3, 23:1, Phi 1:6

### 2. 2:2-4 - According to Truth

- a. *'we are sure'* - Judgment is certain, and God is righteous
  - i. Uncertainty about God's judgment is due to a seared conscience - 1Tim 4:2
- b. *'according to truth'* - they hold truth, but maintain excuse in unrighteousness
- c. *'against them'* - The people - Lev 26:30, Psa 5:5-6, 11:5, Rom 9:13
- d. *'which commit'* - Judgment against those that do - Matt 23:23, 1Ti 1:13
- e. Do you ... 1) think you will escape judgment? Or 2) ignorantly despise his delay?
- f. 1) Knowing better/having more does not relieve you from being judged - Jam 4:17
  - i. Judgment will come sooner or later - Lk 12:47, 13:1-5
- g. 2) God has not judged due to forbearance/longsuffering not ineptitude/ prejudice
  - i. When God does not judge: goodness; when he does: wrath - Rom 1:18
  - ii. God would that all men would repent - Acts 14:17, 17:30, 20:21, 2Pe 3:15
- h. Repentance ~def. A change of mind that comes from regret - see 2 Cor 6:8-10

### 3. 2:5-6 - A Righteous Judgment

- a. The judgment renders acc. to deeds but is due to impenitent hearts \*\*
- b. The law taught not to judge by appearance or partiality - Deu 1:16-17, John 7:24
- c. *"hardness and impenitent heart"* - The sin's root is in the heart - Rom 1:21, Prov 24:12
  - i. Hard heart describes both Israel and Gentiles - Jer 6:15, Mark 3:5, 10:5, 16:14
  - ii. He is talking to an unbeliever who claims to know better.
  - iii. The gospel will be without fruit unless there is first a soft/penitent heart
- d. *"day of wrath"* - The day of the Lord - Prov 11:4, Zeph 1:12-18, Rev 6:17
- e. *"revelation of the righteous judgment"* - A fearful thing - Rev 20:11-12
- f. *"every man according to his deeds"* - This is just, but bad for us - Rom 3:23
- g. (\*\*This is not your judgment if you are saved by Christ in the Body - 1 Cor 3:9-15)