

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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- God's judgment is impartial. 2:5-11
- Religious activity doesn't equal righteousness. 2:13-29

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What stood out most in the message to you?

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“Sins of the heart” can be more socially acceptable but just as dangerous. Which internal attitudes (e.g., pride, comparison, cynicism) do you think Christians most commonly overlook in themselves—and why?

How have you seen moral comparison play out in the Christian community? How can we practice humility instead of comparison in our relationships?

Paul says real transformation happens “by the Spirit, not by the written code” (Rom. 2:29). What's the difference between trying to change through effort versus trusting the Spirit? Can you share a time when the Spirit worked a transformation in you?

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