

Series "How Great A Salvation"
"Sinful Morality"
Romans 2:1-16
Study-6

Romans 1:18-3:20 – Condemnation (World); God’s indictment against mankind.

Romans 1 is a panoramic view by **telescope** of a sinful world. Now, **Romans 2**, Paul takes out the **microscope** in order to look at ourselves.

Paul now indicts those who are Self-Righteous or Hypocritical! We are referring to it as "Sinful Morality." This group thinks all is well.

Thought Of Our Passage: "God’s Word Declares That His Judgment Is Inescapable, It Is Always Righteous And It Is Impartial."

1. Verses 1-4 – God’s Judgment Is Inescapable

2. Verse 5-11 – God’s Judgment Is Righteous

3. Verses 12-16 – God’s Judgment Is Impartial

1. Verses 1-4 – God’s Judgment Is Inescapable:

Romans 2:1 – "Therefore" – Paul has just indicted the gentile world that has no revelation of Scripture but has natural theology, which is creation. God’s power, God existence is clearly revealed; Not ignorant, not innocent.

"you have no excuse," – Context: The person that says, "I am not a Romans 1 person;" Self-conscious moralism versus shameless immorality!

"you" – Who is Paul addressing? A person that stands in judgment of others. This is both Jew and Gentile; Hypocrite – "to speak from underneath." It was used of Greek actors that would wear a mask and speak.

Romans 1:18-32 – These persons do things that they know are wrong and approve of others that do so; Flagrant, openly ungodly!

Romans 2:1-16 – These persons do what they know to be wrong and condemn others who do them, which is hypocritical; Respectable Sinners!

The words "Judge" and "Judgment" are used 9X; Judgment – "to judge to condemnation, judge with a sneer on the face;" Implies there is a standard.

"for you who judge practice the same things." – "Our sins look so much worse on others; critical of everyone else but ourselves."

Neither Paul nor Jesus forbids the judging of others, Matthew 7:1-5; John 8:7.

I am congenitally blind toward many of my own faults.

We accuse others by conveniently forgetting what we have done that is wrong.

We attempt to elude guilt through cleverly renaming things.

God Judges According To Truth: Romans 2:2

God Sees The Heart of Man: Hebrews 4:13

Examples in the Bible: Act 5 – Ananias and Sapphira; Acts 8 – Simon the Sorcerer.

Romans 2:3 – “suppose” – “to reckon, compute, calculate, deliberate, weigh.”

There are Two Types of Sin:

- 1. Sins of Commission** – crossing a known boundary, Galatians 6:7-8.
- 2. Sins of Omission** – Psalms 139:23-24 – “See if there be any harmful way in me.”

Self-righteous Have An Intrinsic Blindness To Their Own Faults: “O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself,” – King David before Nathan, 2 Samuel 12:5-7.

Matthew 5:21-22; Matthew 5:27-28; Luke 18:11-12

Self-righteous Think They Will Escape Judgment: “that you will escape the judgment of God?”

Romans 2:4

Self-righteous Think Down On God’s Kindness; A Divine Pass On Their Coarse Of Life: “think lightly” – “to think a thing down (literally) to look down one’s nose at a thing.”

“of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience,” – Luke 6:35.

Titus 3:4-5

“not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?” – This is what draws a person to Jesus Christ, the revelation of how kind God really is.

Psalm 103:8

2. Verse 5-11 – God’s Judgment Is Righteous:

Romans 2:5 – “But because of your stubbornness” – “callousness, hardness.”

“and unrepentant heart” – Unwilling to turn to God.

“you are storing up wrath for yourself” – Literally, “treasuring up wrath from God,” Matthew 6:20.

“in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,” – Revelation 20.

God’s Judgment Is Based Upon Man’s Actions: Romans 2:6; Psalm 62:12; Proverbs 24:12; Matthew 16:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 2:23; 20:12.

Verses 7-8 – God Weighs The Reasons For Behavior:

Verse 7 – Works Through Faith: Romans 2:7 – “by perseverance” – “continuance, persistent living.” That is the key to this; Certain kind of character; Obedience to the truth, John 6:28-29.

James 2:18

Verse 8 – Works Of The Flesh: Romans 2:8 – “selfishly ambitious” – Living after your own desires; Living a life without God.

“but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.” – Revelation 20:12

Verse 9 – Life Of Regret: Romans 2:9 – “Tribulation” – “affliction or trouble,” Romans 5:3.

“and distress” – calamity. “for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,” – Because the Jews had been given more light; Privilege brings responsibility.

Verse 10 – Life Of No Regret: Romans 2:10

Romans 2:11 – “For there is no partiality with God.” – Paul sums up Verses 2-10; no partiality, favoritism – Literally, “is no acceptance of the face, to sway by a person’s face”

3. Verses 12-16 – God’s Judgment Is Impartial:

Romans 2:12 – Paul has just covered this in Romans 1 with the heathen without the written Word.

Romans 2:13

James says it is the doers of the Word, James 1:22.

John 13:17 – “If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

Romans 2:14 – The great witness of God is with those that do not have the Scriptures.

Romans 2:15 – The Light Of Reason: “in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts,”

“conscience” – “to see through, watch dog of the soul,” 1 Timothy 4:2.

Romans 2:16 – “on the day when,” – we need to plead guilty before God and fall at His mercy.

“according to my gospel,” – The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. “God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus,” Acts 17:31.

Application:

1. God’s Judgment Is Inescapable. God’s Law Is The Basis Of Divine Judgment Being The Truth. We May Know God’s Law Through Special Revelation Or We May Have Natural Theology. We All Have Sinned Against God’s Law And Will Be Judged.

2. God’s Judgment Is Righteous. God’s Judgment Is Based Upon Man’s Behavior/Actions, But God Even Weighs The Reasons For Behavior.

3. God’s Judgment Is Impartial. Each Person Will Be Judged Through Jesus Christ According To The Light That Each Person Has Received.