

Crossroads Baptist Church
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Romans 2: 1-16
Romans #9

“The Judgment of God”

“Go get them Paul, “ is what you can almost hear the Jews saying as they read chapter one of Romans. The horrible Gentiles who have turned away from God and gone after their own desires. But as the Jews sit on the edge of their seats urging Paul, he causes them to fall out of their seats with chapter two.

Paul shares some principles of judgment here in these verses. If you try to make these verses referring to salvation, you have some real problems. But the passage refers to the judgment of God.

I. The Judgment of God is according to truth.

Verses 2-5

We judge too many times and when we judge we do so by our own standards. God is saying by the same right we have to judge others by our standards, God has the right to judge us by His standards.

God will not judge us by a man-made standard.

In these verses we see three fatal mistakes made about the judgment of God:

1. It’s a mistake to believe some will escape the judgment of God. – verse 3

No one will escape the judgment of God. There are five ways to escape human judgment when you break the law:

- Your offense is not discovered.
- You escape the jurisdiction of the court
- Technicality with which the case breaks down
- Escape prison and stay under cover
- Commit suicide.

But no one will escape the judgment of God.

2. It’s a mistake to believe the absence of trouble means you are alright – verse 4

If everything is going well for you, you might tend to believe that God will not judge you.

Jews might have been saying, “I’ve not been given up to this state of ungodliness so that must mean God loves me and approves of me.”

But the reason for God’s kindness is to bring you to repentance.

3. It’s a mistake to believe delayed judgment means no judgment – verse 5.

God works with His children on the cash basis, but non-children on the credit basis.

II. The Judgment of God is according to works.

Verses 5-10

Our judgment will be according to works. Now that doesn’t mean we are saved by works, Ephesians 2: 8-9.

The judgment of God is not to determine if we are saved or lost. That will have already been determined.

Cornelius was a good man, but lost.

The rich young ruler had kept all the commandments, but was lost.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

III. The Judgment of God is no respecter of persons.

Verse 11

All men are alike to God.

If you are standing on a 30 story building and looking down, all men would appear the same height.

IV. The Judgment of God is according to the amount of revelation received.

Verses 12-15

God will judge the ones with greater revelation more harshly than those with lesser. If a man knows the law, he will be judged as one who knew the law. If he did not know the law, he will be judged accordingly.

But all man have an unwritten law in their hearts of good and evil. – verse 15

V. The Judgment of God will even be according to the secrets.

Verse 16

There will be hidden vaults – cellars revealed.

I Corinthian 4: 5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before ^tthe time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

VI. The Judgment of God will be according to the one standard – Jesus Christ.

Verse 16

Jesus will be the standard by which we'll be judged.