



Romans 2

Religion

vs

Reality

V1-5 God's Righteous Judgment

V1 Our faulty judgment: I'm not as bad as them

V2- God's judgment is according to His holiness

V3- We use our judgment, thinking God won't judge us

V4- "Kindness of God" is not to be abused

V5- Stubbornness is storing up the wrath of God (1:18) for the "righteous judgment of God"

- 1:16 The power of God
- 1:17 The righteousness of God
- 1:25 The truth of God
- 1:32 The ordinance of God
- 2:2 The judgment of God
- 2:4 The kindness of God
- 2:5 The righteous judgment of God

God's righteous judgment is applied to everyone (chiasm)

- a V6- God will judge everyone according to their works
- b V7- those who seek God will have eternal life
- c v8- evil people will suffer God's wrath
- c' v9- tribulation and distress for evil doers
- b' v10- glory, honor, & peace to those who obey God
- a' v11- God will judge everyone according to their works

V7- Seek glory and honor:

Seek to manifest the full nature of God
in our lives

This passage is an affront to people
who rest in their morality and their own
self-righteousness

Psalm 14:2-3

The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, no not even one.

V12-16 The Law cannot save

V12- With or without the law, all people are condemned under the law

V13- Knowing the law isn't enough; obeying the law perfectly is necessary

V14-15 Those without written law, still have law in their conscience yet still do evil. So, they are equally guilty.

Romans 5:1: "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Colossians 1:20: "And through him to reconcile to himself all things... by the blood of his cross."

How can we be at one with holy God

Judgment- Have you accepted the atoning work of Christ?

Atone- “at-one” in agreement with, reconciled, at peace (Middle English)

Jews are Condemned by the Law

9 Benefits of the Jews

- 1) Named Jews
- 2) rely on the law
- 3) brag about relationship with God
- 4) Know God's will
- 5) approve what is superior
- 6) they are a guide for the blind
- 7) a light for those in dark
- 8) instructors of the foolish
- 9) teachers of infants

God seeks inward change

Genesis 17:10 This is My covenant with you and your descendants, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

Deuteronomy 30:6 The Lord will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so you may love God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Matthew 5:21-22a “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whomever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God; & renew a right spirit within me.

John 4:23

But the hour cometh and now is,
when the true worshipers shall
worship the Father in spirit and in
truth; for the Father seeks such to
worship Him.

God seeks worshippers who have
renewed Holy Spirit filled hearts