



KNOW GOD. MAKE HIM KNOWN.
GOD IS PLEASED WITH THE HEART OF OBEDIENCE
Romans 2:1-16

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Good morning church! Last week, Pastor Ryan McElrath taught us the Biblical view on Gender. Today, we will look into how Paul turns to an imaginary representative of a real and identifiable group of people. The Jews agree with his statement about God's wrath, but assume they stand outside of it. Paul warns the Jews directly in verse 5, *but* this is not limited to Jews. Paul sets forth the principles of the divine judgment all must face.

READ, Romans 2:1-16

"Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. **2** We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. **3** Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? **4** Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? **5** But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. **6** He will render to each one according to his works: **7** to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; **8** but for those who are self-seeking^[a] and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. **9** There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, **10** but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. **11** For God shows no partiality. **12** For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. **13** For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. **14** For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. **15** They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them **16** on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus."

1. ALL People will Face Divine JUDGMENT. (v. 1-5)

- This judgment is based on truth (v. 2)
- Judgment of others is also a self-condemnation (v. 3)

*"Judge not, that you be not judged. **2** For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. **3** Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? **4** Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? **5** You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."*

Matthew 7:1-5

2. God Shows NO PARTIALITY in His Judgment. (v. 6-11)

- Paul teaches that while salvation is by grace, judgment is according to works.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."

2 Corinthians 5:10

- This judgment is BAD NEWS to all sinners long before it is ever GOOD NEWS (v. 8-9)

"For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation."

Galatians 6:15

3. God is PLEASED with the Heart of OBEDIENCE. (v. 12-16)

*"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." **Galatians 3:24***

- No one can be saved "justified" on the basis of personal righteousness if there is no knowledge of God's law. (v. 14)
- This gospel Paul is preaching, is BAD NEWS of God's righteous judgment which precedes the GOOD NEWS of grace.
- Christ makes us right before God, but this judgment is also executed through Christ displaying complete & perfect fairness for all. (v. 16)