

Romans 2

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2 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. (We tend to judge other people. Don't do it. Let God be the judge. HE is qualified; we are not)

²But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. (God is completely fair and unbiased. Let Him judge all people)

³And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? (Judging others is a sin. Those who do will be held accountable by God)

⁴Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? (God is very patient. His patience with us can give some people the time that they need to wake up and change their ways)
2Peter-3:7-8

⁵But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; (For those who don't repent; the day of God's wrath is coming) See Revelation-16 (The seven vials of God's wrath)

⁶Who will render to every man according to his deeds: (We will all receive the reward or punishment that we deserve. Our own deeds determine our fate)

⁷To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: (By doing good deeds and staying in God's Word, we seek eternal life with God in the Third Age)

⁸But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

⁹Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; (By doing evil, people condemn themselves to chastisement, or even to death)

¹⁰But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: (God treats everyone the same – Jew and Gentile)

¹¹For there is no respect of persons with God. (God has no favorites. He treats everyone honestly and fairly)

¹²For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

NOTES: (I disagree with Paul here. Those who never received God's Word are innocent. They will all be taught during the Millennium. Afterwards, they will be tested and judged)

(Paul was not a prophet. He was a great Bible teacher. None of us are perfect)

¹³(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. (Hearing the law is not enough. We must live by the law and do it in our daily life)

¹⁴For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: (God's laws are natural. People who have never received God's Word can still tend to live by God's Commandments. We all have a conscience. We can usually discern right from wrong)

¹⁵Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) (We can also discern good people from the bad ones. Stay away from the bad ones; but let God do the judging)

¹⁶In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. (Paul didn't teach traditions of men. He taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His teachings are Jesus' gospel)

¹⁷ Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

¹⁸ And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; (God gave the Jews the law directly. There is no excuse for a Jew not to follow the law)

¹⁹ And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, (But it's up to those who know the Bible to help others to find their way to salvation)

²⁰ An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law. (form = to morph, to change)

(God's Word is meant to be shared – without change. But, those who modify God's Word to suit their agenda are teaching false doctrine. They will be judged for it; and the people that they teach will remain ignorant)

²¹ Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? (You teach others not to sin, while you are committing those same sins)

NOTE: (Teaching false doctrine to others is stealing their chance for salvation. This is a very serious sin on the part of the teacher)

²² Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? (Do as you teach. God's laws apply to everyone – including the preachers. No one is above the law)

²³ Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? (Preachers who put themselves above others are dishonoring God. They have an ego problem that they need to correct)

²⁴ For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written. (If you don't understand the scriptures, don't teach them to others)

²⁵ For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. (Jews who break the law are no better than the heathen)

(Jews don't get a free pass just for being descendants of Abraham. No one gets a free pass. God has no favorites. Our deeds determine our fate)

²⁶ Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? (If a Biblically ignorant person just naturally follows his conscience and lives by what the Ten Commandments say; he is as good in God's eyes as those who know the Commandments and also do them)

NOTES: (Circumcision is no longer a religious rite. Jesus fulfilled all of the blood ordinances on the cross. To treat circumcision as a religious rite today is to say that Jesus failed. HE didn't)

(It's OK to get circumcised for health and hygiene reasons. Just don't make it a religious rite)

²⁷ And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? (A Biblically ignorant person who ignores his conscience and does evil is as guilty as if he's been taught the law and refused it)

²⁸ For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

²⁹ But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. (Circumcision today is of the mind; not of the flesh. To live by God's Commandments is to be spiritually circumcised)