

Righteous Judgment

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Romans 2:1-11 (ESV)

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. ²We 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? ⁴Or 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 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.

MESSAGE NOTES

Why We Need the Gospel

The <u>universality</u> of God's judgment.

vv. 1-5: A diatribe with an interlocutor

The <u>finality</u> of God's judgment.

v. 5 "you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed."

A REALITY CHECK not a RECIPE

The <u>fairness</u> of God's judgment.

A consistent standard A fair distribution

Do you want a world without justice? Do you want a God who is unjust?

"There are only two kinds of people – those who say "Thy will be done" to God or those to whom God in the end says, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell choose it. Without that self-choice it wouldn't be Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it." - C.S. Lewis

SO WHAT...?

Judge lightly.

Proverbs 19:11; 1 Peter 4:8; Ephesians 4:32; Proverbs 17:4; Proverbs 17:9

Judge rightly.

Matthew 7:1-5

Religious repentance vs. Gospel repentance

GOING DEEPER

We want to encourage you to invest more time into the book of Romans. Like we said, we won't be looking at EVERYTHING in Romans but we will be looking at ENOUGH. Here are some ways for you to go deeper into Romans:

Pray about what you learned today.

If God spoke to you today, find a quite space and take the time to respond to God in prayer.

Huddle up with some friends.

Join with one of our Home Groups that is going through Romans. Email micah@thecrosspointchurch.ca to learn how to join a group.

Do a deeper Bible Study.

You can access our Home Group study for the week at the crosspoint church.ca/notes. Do the "Deeper in the Word" session for yourself.

Read through the entire book of Romans.

In fact, we encourage you to do it a few times, in different translations. Not sure what translations to use? Try the NIV, ESV, NLT, NASB, and The Message. If you need more translations of the Bible you can access them here.

Watch the Bible Project's "Romans" video on YouTube.

Check out the first of two videos here.

Read "Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part One" by N.T. Wright as you go through the series.

You can order a copy here.

Take the free Biblical Training online course with biblical scholar Douglas Moo. Sign up for the course here.

Read and pray through Romans in 31 days.

These don't need to be consecutive days! You can find a helpful guide here.