

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

10/29/17

Text: Romans 2:6-16 (ESV)

Title: Perfect Justice

Teacher: Stan McMahan

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

Stan continued our series in Romans as we looked at the hope of the gospel in the face of a true and perfect judgment at the end of all things. After spending the last few weeks seeing the depravity of sin, and the brokenness of our self-righteousness, Paul proclaims that God will judge all mankind, and “render to each one according to his works.” As Stan said, we all long for justice in our world, and yet we all tend to hide or live in fear of it, rarely thinking about our final judgment before God. The hope in the gospel is that Jesus, our perfect judge is also our lawyer, our advocate, who not only argues our case, but has taken on the wrath and judgment that we rightly deserve. When we take hold of the truth of the gospel, we can finally live freely and eagerly awaiting Jesus’ return and consider every day as preparation for the final day.

Reflection Questions:

1. *As Stan said if we profess to be Christian we all believe there will be a final judgment, and yet few of us actually live as if we believe it or even think about it. We all feel a need for a final resolution in books and movies, but rarely do we think about the final resolution to our story.*

- ***What keeps you from thinking about the final judgment?***
- ***What would be different about your life if you weren’t sure Jesus was going to return and judge the world? Why?***

2. *Stan said God will judge mankind based on what they spent their lives seeking, whether it was seeking for God, or only seeking for themselves. We either live telling God, “Thy will be done,” or we demand he tells us, “your will be done.”*

- ***What have been the treasures in your life that you’ve spent time and energy seeking?***
- ***When was a time you gave up doing what God wanted you to do because it just wasn’t working out to your benefit?***

3. *The beauty of the judgment, as it says in verse 16, is that God will judge “the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.” Jesus is judged in our place; he is our advocate before the Father.*

- ***What self-seeking appetite has a greater hold on your attention than Jesus?***
- ***What guilt do you need to let go of to freely and joyfully receive Jesus’ love and forgiveness?***

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WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

A.C.T.S.

(Spend time in prayer and worship as a group as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart during your discussion.)

1. ADORATION (The Father)

Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions

2. CONFESSION (Me)

Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited

3. THANKSGIVING (Jesus)

Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)

4. SUPPLICATION (Holy Spirit)

Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways

MISSION

Prepare for Gospel Community:

Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.