

A Brief View of Romans

Christians represent the gospel to their neighbors...
God has perfect anger - I don't...
Confession is agreeing to God that He is right.
Sexual sins are committed by those in a spiritually dark place... these folks need the healing love of Jesus.

Romans Chapter 2

God's Righteous Judgment vs. man's unrighteous judgment

I When men judge:

- A We reveal our own guilt v 1
- B We bring God's judgment on ourselves v 3
 - 1 We despise His goodness that leads us to salvation v 4
 - 2 Our hard heart purchases God's wrath against ourselves v 5

II When God judges

- A It is according to truth v 2 *God's judgment.*
- B It is righteous v 5 *My judgment is rooted in "self" apart from God.*
 - 1 He rewards men according to their works
 - a The well-doing receive eternal life, glory and honor v 7
 - b The disobedient receive tribulation and anguish
 - 2 Jews and Gentiles are rewarded equally v 10-11
 - 3 Gentiles can please God by obedience to God without the Law v 14-15
- C He judges the secrets of men by Jesus Christ - according to the gospel v. 16 *don't allow pride - to keep as from His "changing."*

III Dangers of being a know-it-all hypocrite v 17-26

- A Knowledge without obedience brings sure judgment from God
- B Taking the Name of God in vain v 24 *if I say "I am His" child then should be a family resemblance.*
(if we say He is our Father, we should act like Him)

IV Gentile Christians as Jews. v 27-29

- B Compare to "grafting in of Gentiles" Romans 11)
- B Danger of focusing on Jewish identity instead of Christ and the Gospel

Jews come from the term "Judah" - the southern kingdom loyal to God - Judah = praise - worthy... wonder that to be sanctified by God

Questions to Consider for Chapter 2

- Describe man's judgment and how it displeases the Lord.
- How is the Lord's judgment different from man's judgment?
- What forms of judgment are to be practiced in the church?
- Is Church discipline scriptural? (consider I Corinthians)
- What is the proper goal of Church discipline?
- How can we, the church leaders, correct believers without falling into judgment ourselves?

Passage Comparison

Matthew 6:14-15. The unpardonable sin? (unforgiveness)

Romans 13:10. Love is the fulfillment of the Law.