

LESSON 4 ROMANS 2:1-16

Leaving a short list of sin types (1:28-32), Paul moves logically to sins consequences, yet justice must be left in the hands of God alone. We are in no position to judge since we are in the same cesspool of sin ourselves.

What is justice/judgment?

Original definition – to sift; part out

Theology – to meet out punishment fitting for the offense

(God's justice is harmonious with relationship. EG. It's nice having a family member on the police force.)

Example 1: David (Ps. 51) considering Lev. 20:10

Example 2: Rev. 20: the dead are condemned, the living are rewarded

GODS JUSTICE ACCORDS WITH TRUTH: 2

Truth is the standard by which God evaluates and condemns those who commit the sins listed in chapter 1. Only God can do this, for He is truth (John 14:6).

GODS JUSTICE IS INESCAPABLE: 3-5

Question 1: Do you think you can condemn someone for the same sin you are committing and God will not judge you too?

Question 2: Do you think you can take advantage of God's kindness, obviously not understanding that His kindness is supposed to be leading you to forsake sin?

Statement: On judgment day, you will see the wrath of God because that is what you've been working toward with your hard and haughty heart.

GODS JUSTICE WILL BE DONE: 6-8

Eternal life to those who continue in good deeds, pursuing glory, honor, and immortality.

Eternal death to those who are "contentious," (serving self in base and shameful ways), not obeying the truth, but obeying wickedness.

GODS JUSTICE IS WITHOUT PARTIALITY: 9-11

What doesn't matter to God? Race, nationality, nor culture

What does matter to God? Works (This is the doctrine of James 2:14ff)

Why does God reward based on works? His regard isn't for "His chosen people."

GODS JUSTICE APPLIES TO ALL: 12-13

To those who have a written standard, *the law*, but sin, judgment will follow.

To those who do not have a written standard, and sin, judgment will follow.

(But, how do those without the law find justification?)

GODS JUSTICE ACCORDS WITH THE GOSPEL: 14-16

The intent of the law can be seen outside of the realm of law, written on hearts.

The conscience, through the working of the mind, accuses or excuses men on the day that Jesus Christ judges based on the gospel.

(The gospel in this context should be taken in its broadest sense. It isn't just the good news of immediate salvation, but also the good news of continual transformation.)