

**All Citizens Christian Church Calgary**

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, March 11th, 2025. **Topic: THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS 2**

**GOD’S JUDGEMENT AND HOW WE RELATE WITH IT.**

Rom 2

**INTRODUCTION**: Chapter 2 of the letter to the Romans flows from chapter 1. In chapter 2, Apostle Paul is addressing people who rely on their moral balance (the law) and from it judge others. Unfortunately, these people fail in the very things they judge others by. This is another sign of the weakness and the inability of man which makes his reliance on God inevitable if he wants to be justified. Apostle Paul is a master craftsman when it comes to writing letters. In Romans chapter 2, he is painting the picture of the inadequacy of man and his inability to save himself. He has not gone into details of how man will be saved. Rather, he is showing to all the unfortunate and desperate situation that man is in. (This is why he said in Romans 7: 21-25 -21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.).

Roman 2 also makes us see that God is righteous and that He has reserved a day for judgment and His day of judgement is coming. We are not going to be able to hide from His judgement neither will church rites save us from it. The prejudice of one tribe (the Jews against the Gentiles or one denomination against the other) will not make them justified before God. Our outward countenance will not justify us before God. Therefore, we must make adequate plans to escape from that judgement. The escape route he will discuss as we go deeper in the letter. To give us a better understanding of the second chapter of the book of Romans, I have divided it into three portions; they are Man’s judgement vs God’s judgement (Verses 1-16), Danger of self-righteousness (Verses 17-24), the bareness of rites in religion (verses 25-29).

**Rom. 2:1-16**

**MAN’S JUDGEMENT VS GOD’S JUDGEMENT**

Have you ever judged someone?

1. How do men judge others: Rom 2:1,22-23, John 8:1-11, Luke 18:10-14
2. Why will man not have any excuse?
3. We practice the same thing that we judge others as wrong which means we know what is wrong. Rom. 2:1, 3-5, 1:20, II Sam 12:5-7, John 8: 7-9.
4. We despise the riches of His kindness Rom 2:4, Eph 2: 4-5
5. Mention some of the attributes of God that you think and mention the attributes of God according **Rom 2:2, 11, Rom 1:8, 2:7-11, John 4:24, Psalm 31:5, Isaiah 65:16**

* Holy
* Truth
* Omnipresent
* Omniscient
* omnipotent
* Immutable
* Just (Impartial)
* Righteous
* Truth
* Impartial

1. Having seen some of the attributes of God how do you think God’s judgement will be? **Rom 2: 2,5-11.**
2. What are the implications of God being the truth and impartial on us.

He will execute his judgement in truth and without partiality. Rom 2:6-11. Psalm 62:12, Prov 24:12

God will judge everyone faithfully and righteously and according to the dispensation we lived. Rom 2:12-16, Matt 5: 17-20 and no one can escape His judgement. Rom 2:3

In God’s judgement there will be no secrets Rom 2:16. Why is this so?

1. How can we measure our judgement against God’s having seen His attributes?

It is practically impossible for us to measure ourselves against the attributes of God: We can try by looking some of His attributes that humans could compare with like his truth and impartiality. Phil 4:8, I Thess 5:22.

1. What can man do then? Hab 2:4, Heb 10:38, Rom 1:17b

We need a regenerated heart to be able to see how we look at others. A heart that is completely reliant on the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Without Jesus we all stand condemned as our righteousness cannot measure close to the requirements of God and therefore cannot stand the justice and truth of God. Isaiah 53:6-7

One of the signs of a fallen man is that he sees the error in others and judges them without taking time to check his heart Rom 2:3, 21-23, Matt 5:21-30, Matt 7:3-5

Is the Apostle contradicting himself. On one hand he wants us to rely completely on the righteousness and God’s justification and on the other hand he is saying the soul that does evil would receive the wrath of God. What if I am justified by God?

We must realize although God is forgiving but He hates unrighteousness. Isaiah 56:5, and one of God’s unquestionable attributes of truth. Psalm 31:5, Isaiah 65:16.

**DOERS VS HEARERS:**

God will justify the doers and not the hearers Rom 2:13-15

Do you think your excuses were very tenable? Have you considered God’s standards and found that you are above board with them?

Finally, in this session, I want us to realize that there is a day of wrath when everyone will be judged.