



Confidence in the Day | Romans 2:3,5-11

³Do 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?**...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.** ⁶He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹For God shows no partiality.

Notes:

“It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand... For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.” - Romans 4:4,10

“¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, **so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment**, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us.” -1 Jn 4:15–19.

Small Group Questions

Getting Started What's the last "post-apocalyptic" movie you've watched?

Digging Deeper (Read Romans 2:3, 5-11)

1. Judgment is coming. According to verse 3, some people think they'll escape it. What are some reasons that might lead them to think they'll escape it?

2. In verse 5 judgment is said to take place on a "day." The Bible speaks about "the day of judgment" (Matt. 11:22) as "that day" (Matt. 7:22; 2 Thess. 1:10; 2 Tim. 1:12).
 - a) What are some other passages that talk about this day?

 - b) Christians differ on the details of this day. Where do they differ and where should they agree?

3. Verse 5 says that people can "store up wrath" for themselves on that day. What are some other passages that speak of experiencing greater or lesser amount of punishment at judgment?

4. Some Christians believe they will escape judgment. Why? Compare these reasons with the following verses. Why should judgment bring a thrill and anticipation in their hearts: John 5:27-29; 2 Timothy 4:1&8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Romans 14:10; Matthew 25:31-46.

5. In verses 6-9, the works of both Christians and non-Christian are at the center of judgment. How these works are treated in judgment, however, is different for Christian and non-Christian. What's the difference? Why the difference? Where do you find that difference in Scripture?

6. The judgment of God should motivate Christians. In what ways? Share verses that support your answer.

Resources

Romans: *Righteousness from Heaven* | R. Kent Hughes.
www.blueletterbible.org
www.preceptaustin.org

