

GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

Romans 2:1-11

I. JUDGMENT IS UNESCAPABLE

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II. THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF JUDGMENT

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1. Comparative judgment

2. Divine judgment

III. THERE ARE TWO WAYS WE AVOID ACCEPTING THE IMPLICATIONS OF DIVINE JUDGMENT

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1. Do you suppose

2. Do you presume

IV. THE WARNING

Romans 2:5 – “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.”

V. THE MEASUREMENT

Romans 2:6 – “He will render to each one according to his works...”

VI. THE SCALE

Romans 2:7-8 – “...to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.”

- 1. For believers**
- 2. For unbelievers**

VII. RESULTS OF JUDGMENT

Romans 2:9-10 – “There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.”

- 1. For the one who does evil – wrath, fury, tribulation and distress**
- 2. For the one who does good – glory, honor, and peace**

Discussion Questions

1. What did you think about the sermon this week? What stood out or challenged your thinking?
2. How does the truth of God’s righteous judgment impact you on a regular basis?
3. Of the two thinking errors described in the passage, which one do you fall victim to more often? How?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:6, 7 and 1 Corinthians 3:13-15. How do these verses make you feel? What are some questions you have about them?
5. How does this passage and the judgment of God, grow your desire for obedience?