

Romans: The Gospel

No Partiality

Romans 2:1-11

Previously:

- The Gospel (Good News) of God. We sinned. Jesus saved.
- Without Excuse (Clear Revelation, Denied)
- Given Over (Abandonment Judgment)

<p>[Pray]</p> <p>:1</p>	<p>Inexcusable, court case Inexcusable from being judged, <u>yet judging</u></p> <p>Judging vs. condemning (fruit inspectors) The hypocrisy of being judgmental <i>Pointing 1 finger - it condemns us because we know it's wrong!</i> "Know the judgment evidenced by their judgment of others"</p> <p><u>Practice the same things</u> (we think we're different...people, nations, cultures, times)</p>
<p>:2</p>	<p>Judgment by whom? <u>God</u>. (God is/means judge)</p> <p>According to what? <u>Truth</u>. (The inventor of it, intrinsic value of it)</p> <p>Truth is the foundation of reality (not a made-up concept)</p> <p><i>One degree off (we're going the opposite way!)</i></p> <p>Since <u>God</u> judges according to <u>truth</u>, there's no contest</p> <p>Justice scales, innocent until proven guilty (even S&G)</p> <p>Preponderance (superiority of power or influence, weight) of evidence</p> <p>The truth (evidence) is on God's side His truth vs. our practice (suppress the truth in...)</p>

:3	(Real estate: location, location, location) Practice, practice, practice (practice makes perfect)
1 John 3:9-10 NASB No one who has been born of God practices sin, because His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin [continually,] because he has been born of God. 10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother [and sister.]	
How do you know you are saved? You can't practice sin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backsliding • searing conscience • grieving the Holy Spirit <p><i>Week before getting saved, in Ireland, slapped in face by truth</i></p>
Matt 3:7-10 - But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, " Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, " and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as [our] father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.	
Pedigree, lineage, knowledge <u>do nothing</u> for us if we haven't been <u>born again</u> <i>Born into a life ruled by God's Spirit, not sin</i> <i>A life practicing righteousness</i>	Why do we not practice sin? Or be able to stay in sin? Because the Holy Spirit prods us, convicts us, reminds us. Psa 119:9-11 -. How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. A changed <u>desire</u> from a changed <u>heart</u>.
Remember <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written to Rome (he hadn't yet gone) • Written to the Church and those to be the church • Evangelistic & corrective <p>Remember given over & approving</p>	<p>(HW if not here by 10-12m)</p> <p>Read 1 Cor. 5 (at least :9-13)</p> <p>The way we judge sin amongst believers vs. among the world - always with heart to restore</p>

<p>Grace is not an excuse for sin</p> <p>Kindness or abandonment judgment? Is it worth the risk?</p> <p>How can we continue in it <u>comfortably</u>?</p> <p>Given time to repent</p>	<p>1 Peter 4:17-18 - For the time [has come] for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if [it begins] with us first, what will [be] the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"</p>
<p>An issue of <u>relationship</u></p> <p>Sin grieves God <u>Does it grieve us to grieve Him?</u></p> <p>Litmus test of if we are born again or if we love God -</p> <p>maturity, just worried about being judged or worried about being separated? Hurting Him?</p>	<p>The church is weak because we aren't submitted to the Holy Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • she likes to sin and thinks she's fine because of a name, a robe, a tradition • she hasn't admitted her weakness • IF she would confess, forsake the practice, she would find Christ's strength to stop sinning <p><i>Asked Him to heal His church And He put my face to a mirror</i></p>
<p>A little different context... 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.</p>	

<p>Doing the same -</p> <p>broken one, broken all, sin in the heart same as sin outward</p> <p><i>"an indictment against the morally educated"</i></p> <p>moral in comparison (to those in Romans 1) we like to compare!</p>	<p>Immoral vs. moral (family values) vs. saved</p> <p>Politically why the right is weak Claim a morality we don't follow</p> <p><i>"Not identical action but conduct against light" Denney</i></p>
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<p>:4</p> <p>Despise good things!</p>	<p>Goodness (past)- moral goodness, integrity, kindness</p> <p>Forbearance (present) - tolerance (puts up with us) (died while we were yet sinners)</p> <p>Longsuffering (future) - patience, slowness in avenging wrongs</p> <p><u>2 Peter 3 "slackness" = time to repent!</u></p>
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<p>We are not like God and we don't like Him for it Joseph & brothers</p> <p>Importance of sin/judgment/hell message People won't turn or maybe out of guilt, self-preservation</p>	<p>But what really leads to repentance? God's kindness.</p> <p>It causes us to fall in love with Him. And hate our sin.</p> <p>"Afraid to turn, afraid of what will be lost" He won't smack you over the head He's not a hard man</p>
<p><i>Disciplining children - (yelling, punishment) but it doesn't change the heart</i></p> <p>People know their sin will destroy them But God will destroy them if they come</p> <p>They know it's wrong but won't turn because the alternative seems worse</p>	<p>God doesn't take away to hurt - He replaces with better</p> <p>Luke 20:18 - "Whoever falls on that stone [Himself, chief cornerstone] will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."</p> <p>We all will be broken, but if we're broken on Jesus he will fix us. He will forgive us. His kindness will bring us blessings.</p>

<p>The Ministry of Reconciliation</p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:18-20 - Now all things [are] of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore [you] on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.</p> <p>To reconcile people to God</p>	<p>Ambassadors of reconciliation! Not messengers of final judgment</p> <p>Fire and brimstone - <u>avoided</u> by love and kindness at the cross</p> <p>People think God is a judgmental God because that's Who the church has portrayed Him as</p> <p>Yes! His judgment is coming His judgment is just His wrath is fiery and complete <u>But His love covers a multitude of sins</u></p>
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<p>:5</p>	<p>Why is God's wrath still upon people? Why will many end up in hell? <u>Not because of God.</u></p>
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<p>Accordance with <u>YOUR</u> hardness and impenitence</p> <p>Their own hard hearts No willingness to repent</p> <p>Why does anyone face wrath? Because they don't want forgiveness. Ultimate free will.</p>	<p>God wants: treasures in heaven for us</p> <p>We treasure up wrath for <u>ourselves</u></p> <p>When do we receive reward or wrath? When Jesus is revealed.</p> <p><i>My salvation...already felt the weight of judgment. I repented at his kindness in it.</i></p>
<p>So what do you want? Wrath or reward?</p> <p>It should be a no-brainer. But sin is deceitful. Sin hardens hearts.</p>	<p>Hebrews 3:12-13 - Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.</p>
<p>:6-11</p> <p>What does God give? What we've earned by what we've done.</p> <p><u>Salvation isn't based on it</u> <u>But judgment is</u> (reward or wrath)</p>	<p>Patient continuance or self-seeking</p> <p>Revelation letters "to him who overcomes"</p> <p>Obeying truth or Obeying unrighteousness</p> <p><i>Is not patience a big reason we do the wrong thing? Drive thru?</i></p>
<p>The reward for patient continuance (doing good)</p> <p>Glory, honor, immortality, peace</p>	<p>Seek for (on behalf of) glory, honor, immortality, peace</p> <p>vs seeking for self</p>
<p>The reward for self-seeking? (sin)</p> <p>Indignation, wrath, tribulation, anguish of every soul</p>	<p>Sin can bring physical reward But your soul will suffer</p> <p>Doing good can lose physical reward But your soul will rejoice</p>

<p>Israel in the wilderness, rescued from slavery, on the way to the Promised Land</p>	<p>Psa 106:10, 13-15 - He saved them from the hand of him who hated [them], And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. ... They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel, But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tested God in the desert. And He gave them their request, But sent leanness into their soul.</p>
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<p>No <u>partiality</u> with God</p> <p>God doesn't judge unfairly No secret society, secret handshake, preference of one over the other</p> <p>It's based on His Son's works or yours</p>	<p>He gives everyone what they've earned - and it's deserved</p> <p>1Timothy 5:18 - For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer [is] worthy of his wages."</p>
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<p>No partiality based on race, heritage (or gender, ability, age, etc.)</p> <p>But there is an order Jew first, also the Greek</p> <p>"Grafted in" later - Family of God</p> <p>Jews being the Jewish (tribe of Judah) Israelites, From Abraham through Isaac</p> <p>Greeks - all other, Gentiles</p>	<p>This was the pattern in the OT.</p> <p>A savior from a sinful line - promised to Adam and Eve</p> <p>A people out from the world Abram out of Ur</p> <p>A savior from the Jews - to save them And the Gentiles (even in the OT)</p> <p>The gospel for all Adopted</p>
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<p>No partiality on revelation</p> <p>(remember: already given, already revealed, to all everywhere)</p> <p>Creation, conscience, revelation</p>	<p>Same fate for all God is judge, He'll judge justly He won't hold you accountable for what I know</p> <p>Double judgment</p>
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<p>This kindness should draw us to <u>want</u> to obey.</p>	<p>Obey because He's good not to make ourselves good</p>
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<p>When realize we've been treated impartially by God. Fairly. Justly.</p> <p>Despite us not deserving it.</p> <p>Our behavior is evidence</p>	<p>Pride replaced with humility</p> <p>Condemnation with love</p> <p>For one, for all</p>
<p>Our goal is reconciliation Not retribution</p> <p>To serve not to be served</p>	<p>To unify not separate</p> <p>To inspect to sanctify Not judge to condemn</p>
<p>HW Galatians 5</p> <p>Gal 6:1-5 - Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who [are] spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness (mildness), considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load.</p>	<p>Instead of judging (condemning) we should be bearing</p> <p>God is not partial with us. We should not be partial for others. His love and salvation are for anyone and we should help lead them to turn - away from judgment and towards His kindness.</p> <p>In His kindness... He has reconciled us instead of judging us</p> <p>Our response is to preach that to others - in word and action - worthy of reward.</p>