

SERMON NOTES

Date: January 3, 2016

Title: God's Righteous Judgment (Part 1)

Text: Romans 2:1-16

Big Idea: Before judging others for their sins, we must understand that we need salvation just as much because God will equally and righteously judge us for our sins.

I. Introduction

- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* is a novel that illustrates how the picture we project before others is not always an accurate representation of who we really are on the inside.
- Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of his day for a similar problem—hypocrisy.
- In Romans 2, Paul warns his Jewish readers not to think that they would escape divine judgment just because of who they appeared to be on the outside, especially since they too were guilty of the same sins they condemned in others (v. 1)

II. Seven Principles of God's Judgment

1. Rooted in Truth (v. 2)

2. Cannot Be Escaped (vs. 3-5)

3. According to Works (vs. 6-8)

TAKE IT HOME

For the Week of January 3, 2016
Questions and Scriptures for Personal Application

1. Identify one way the picture you project before others is not an accurate representation of who you really are on the inside. Why do you act that way? What are you hoping to gain? What do you fear you'll lose?

2. Read Matthew 23:1-36 and answer the following questions:
 - How many times does Jesus call the religious leaders hypocrites?

 - How does Jesus define hypocrisy?

 - List several examples of hypocrisy. What are modern equivalents in your life today?

 - What does Jesus pronounce on the hypocrites seven times? What is the meaning of these pronouncements?

3. List three ways you have or are currently living hypocritically.

4. List one way each of the three principles of God's judgment in Romans 2:2-8 changes your perspective toward your own hypocrisy.

5. What is the solution for the self-righteous according to what Jesus said in Luke 18:9-14?