

SERMON NOTES

Date: January 10, 2016

Title: God's Righteous Judgment (Part 2)

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

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)

4. Totally Impartial (vs. 9-11)

5. Fair (vs. 12-16)

6. Reveals Secrets (v. 16)

7. Executed by Christ (v. 16)

TAKE IT HOME

For the Week of January 10, 2016
Questions and Scriptures for Personal Application

1. How do the following passages illustrate God's impartiality?
 - Matthew 5:45
 - Acts 10:34-35
 - Colossians 3:11
2. God shows no partiality. Are there any ways that you think God might show you partiality because of the way you've been raised, who you are, or what you've done for Him?
3. Identify two ways you might be tempted to show partiality in your personal relationships?
4. Read James 2:1-7. What does showing partiality reveal about your heart?

How can partiality negatively affect your relationship with God and his people?

Why is showing partiality so contrary to kingdom thinking?

5. Identify one way you have suppressed your conscience? What lies have you believed that make you comfortable with it? What fears do you have about continuing in it? What steps does God want you to take in obedience to what he is telling you through your conscience?
6. How does it make you feel to know that God's judgment will reveal all your secrets?
7. How do the promises of the gospel calm your fears about your secrets being revealed on the Day of Judgment (cf. Romans 5:1; 8:1-2)?