

Romans: The Gospel of God

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Why We Need the Gospel: Because of God's Judgment on the Moralist

Rom. 2:1-16

Last week as we finished up chapter one of Romans, Paul began telling us why we need the gospel: because God's judgment is rightly on the immoral. In chapter two Paul gives us the second reason we need the gospel: Because of God's judgment on the moral person. That's the person who, in his or her self-righteousness, thinks he or she is better than *those people* who are immoral.

4 Truths About God's Judgment on the Moralist

1. God's _____ against a moralist.

Therefore you have **no excuse**, O man, **every one** of you who **judges**. For in **passing judgment** on another **you condemn yourself**, because you, the judge, **practice the very same things**. We **know** that the judgment of God **rightly** falls on **those** who practice **such things**. Romans 2:1-2

Do **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**? Romans 2:3

2. God's _____ with a moralist.

Or do you **presume** on the **riches** of his **kindness** and **forbearance** and **patience**, not knowing that **God's kindness** is meant to **lead you to repentance**? 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**. Romans 2:4-5

3. God's _____ when judging all people.

He will render to each one according to his works; to **those** who by patience in well-doing seek for **glory** and **honor** and **immortality**, he will give **eternal life**; Romans 2:6-7

But for **those** who are **self-seeking** and do **not** obey the **truth**, but obey **unrighteousness**, there will be **wrath** and **fury**. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, to the **Jew** first and also the **Greek**, but **glory** and **honor** and **peace** for **everyone** who **does good**, the **Jew** first and also the **Greek**. For **God** shows **no partiality**. Romans 2:8-11

For all who have **sinned without** the **law** will also **perish without** the **law**, and all who have **sinned under** the **law** will be **judged** by the **law**. For it is **not** the **hearers** of the law who are righteous before God, **but** the **doers** of the law who will be justified. Romans 2:12-13

For when **Gentiles**, who do **not** have the law, by **nature do** what the **law requires, they** are a law to **themselves**, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is **written** on their **hearts**, while their **conscience** also bears **witness**, and their **conflicting thoughts accuse** or even **excuse them**. Romans 2:14-15

4. God's _____ of a moralist's heart.

"on **that day** when, according to **my gospel, God judges the secrets of men** by **Christ Jesus**. Romans 2:16

1. The **motives** of my _____ with respect to Jesus Christ.

2. The **motives** of my _____ with respect to Jesus Christ.

Does the **confession** of my _____ match the **conduct** of my _____?