

Romans: The Gospel of God

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

Rom. 2:17-29

Beginning in Romans 1:18-3:20 Paul presents a brilliant argument for why we are in desperate need for the gospel by removing the four ways we tend to tell ourselves we don't need the good news of Jesus. He began by showing us that we need the gospel because God's judgment is on the immoral person who cares nothing about God. He then tells us that we need the gospel because God's judgment is on the morally good person who thinks they can make it to heaven on their own goodness. Today we watch Paul sneak up on the third reason – because God's judgment is on the religious person who thinks his religious work will earn him a spot in heaven.

Paul demonstrates why even the most religious person will not enter the gates of heaven. In verses 17-29 Paul turns his attention to the religious Jew who prides himself on his religious heritage, biblical knowledge, and religious and ceremonies as sources of eternal security. Paul will destroy each argument and show why God's judgment is one day coming.

God's Judgment on the Religious

1. The religious will face God's judgment because they have a false security in their _____. (2:17a)

- I was _____.
- I have _____.
- I come from a _____.

2. The religious will face God's judgment because they have a false security in their _____. (2:17b-24)

- What they _____ about the law. (Rom. 2:17b-18).
- What they _____ about the law. (Rom. 2:19-20)
- What they _____ in relation to the law. (Rom. 2:21-22)
- What they _____ by breaking God's law. (Rom. 2:23-24)

3. The religious will face God's judgment because they have a false security in their _____ . (2:25-29)

Modern Day Examples

- Praying a prayer
- Attending/serving in a church
- Active in a Bible study
- Getting baptized
- Partaking in the Lord's Supper