



You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else...

for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.



So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?

Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, tolerance, and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when His righteous judgment will be revealed.

God "will give to each person according to what he has done."



To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, He will give eternal life.

But for those who are selfseeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.



There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile;

but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.



For God does not show favoritism.



All who sin apart from the Law will also perish apart from the Law, and all who sin under the Law will be judged by the Law.

For it is not those who hear the Law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the Law who will be declared righteous.

(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the Law, do by nature things required by the Law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the Law,

since they show that the requirements of the Law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.) -

This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my Gospel declares.

No Excuse or Escape: Watch Out for the Hypocrite in the Mirror (2:1-4)

"Paul uncovers our tendency to be critical of everybody except ourselves. We are often as harsh in our judgment of others as we are lenient towards ourselves...

"We work ourselves up into a state of self-righteous indignation over the disgraceful behavior of other people, while the very same behavior seems not nearly so serious when it is ours rather than theirs... "We even gain a vicarious satisfaction from condemning in others the very faults we excuse in ourselves."

JOHN STOTT

Justice Will Be Served: God's Judgment Is Righteous (2:5-11)

"The apostles Paul and James both teach this same truth, that authentic saving faith invariably issues in good works, and that if it does not, it is bogus, even dead."

JOHN STOTT

No <u>Favorites</u>: God's <u>Judgment</u> Is <u>Impartial</u> (2:9–16)

"Paul's concern is to show that the ground on which we stand, Gentile and Jew, irreligious and religious, rule-breaking and rule-keeping, is level. All face judgement, and all deserve wrath."

TIM KELLER

Whether blatantly rebellious or sophisticatedly moralistic, no one is righteous on their own before God. We are all culty.