

MERCY and JUDGEMENT? ~ Romans 2:1-11

→Scripture Reading Rom. 1:18-19, 28-29 30,32, 2:1

The Kindness Tolerance and PATIENCE of God ~ Romans 2:1-5

¹ 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. ² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.

³ 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?

⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? ⁵ 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.

In the end, what matters most is not exactly WHEN in history the **DAY of God's WRATH** arrives, but that the **clock IS ticking**. LAB

IMPLICATION

→It is easy to mistake God's PATIENCE for APPROVAL of the wrong way we are living. LAB

⁴ Or do you show CONTEMPT for the riches of His kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that **God's kindness** leads you toward repentance?

→REPENTANCE - Picture

→We will ALL stand before God either as our JUDGE -OR- as our FATHER

⁵ 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.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NLT) And just as each person is destined to DIE ONCE and after that comes JUDGMENT, ²⁸ so also Christ DIED ONCE for all time **as a sacrifice** to take AWAY the sins of **many people**. He will come again, NOT to deal with our sins, but to BRING SALVATION to all who are eagerly waiting for Him.

God does NOT Show FAVORITISM ~ Romans 2:6-11

⁶ God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

Although Scripture everywhere teaches that salvation is NOT on the basis of works, it consistently teaches that **God's judgment** is always on the basis of a person's DEEDS. MacArthur

⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, He will give eternal life.

Romans 6:22-23 (NIV) For the wages of sin is DEATH, **BUT** the **GIFT** of **God** is eternal life IN Christ Jesus our Lord.

⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; ¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favoritism.

The issue here is NOT Salvation - it is HOW God EVALUATES all people: on the basis of TRUTH... The point being made is that God shows no partiality or favoritism when He JUDGES the human race. Salvation is always BY Faith, NOT by works (Eph. 2:8-9). HNTC

Paul's purpose at this point is NOT to show HOW people can be SAVED but to set forth the standards of God's evaluation APART from the gospel. These standards are the same for everyone - whether they be Jews or Gentiles, male or female, slave or free. DACarson

TAKE AWAY ??

→ God offers us something far BETTER than Favoritism - He offers GRACE

¹¹ For God does NOT show FAVORITISM.

⁶ God "will give to each person ACCORDING to what he has DONE."

HOW God Judges Constables

- He Judges Honestly Based on what is TRUE
- He Judges what each person Really DID
- He Judges everyone Justly and FAIRLY

Revelation 20:11-12, 15 (NIV) Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from His presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had DONE as recorded in the books. ...¹⁵ If anyone's name was not FOUND written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the LAKE of FIRE.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV) For we must all appear before the Judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is DUE him for the things DONE while in the body, whether good or bad.