

## Romans 1:18-19 (NLT)

But God shows His anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

<sup>19</sup> They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them.

## Romans 1:28-29 (NLT)

Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, He abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. <sup>29</sup> Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip.

## Romans 1:30, 32 (NLT)

They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents.

...<sup>32</sup> They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

## Romans 2:1 (NLT)

You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse. When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.

**Mercy and**

**JUDGMENT?**

**Romans 2:1-11**

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.**

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

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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?**

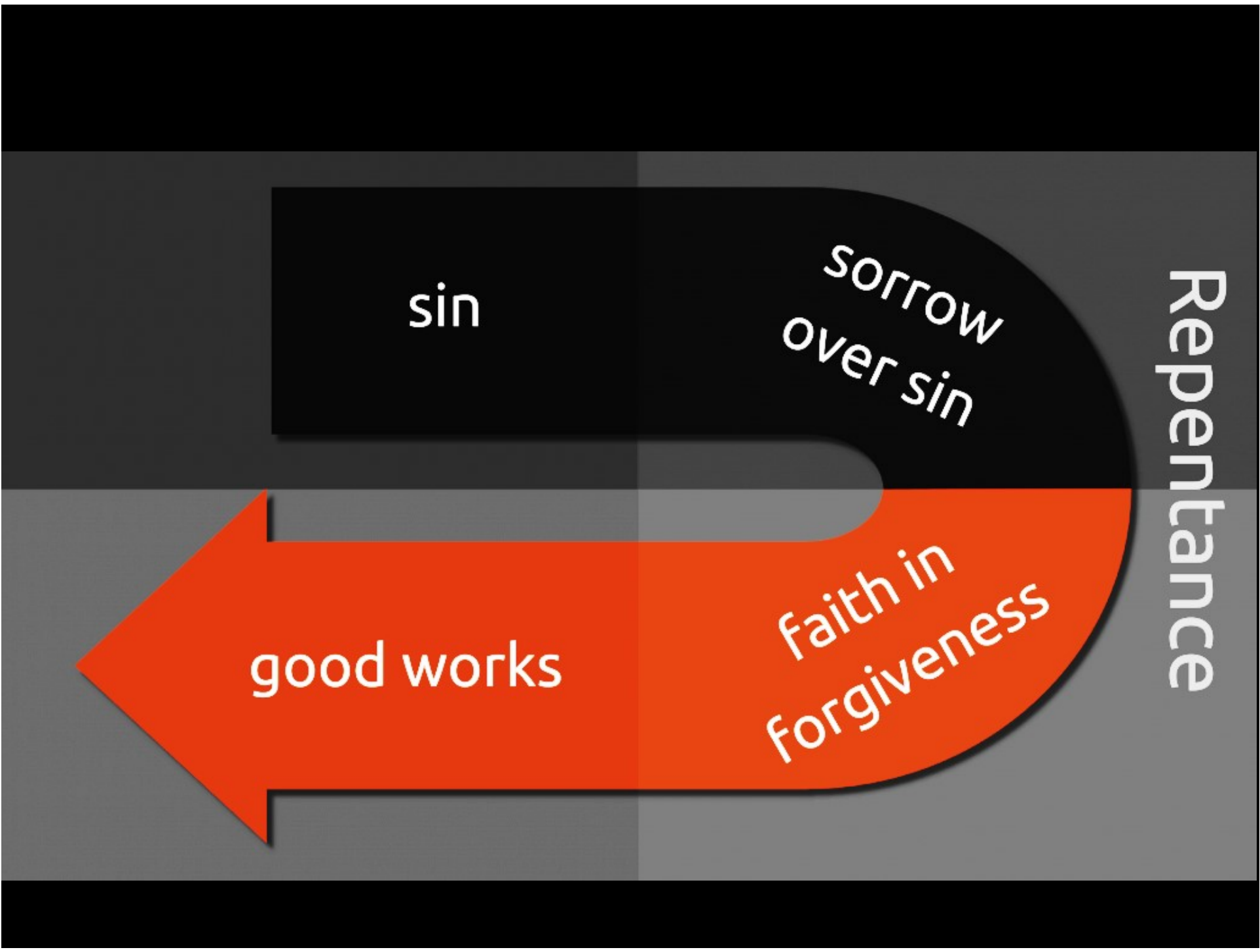
# Repentance

sorrow  
over sin

faith in  
forgiveness

sin

good works





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

<sup>5</sup> 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**,

<sup>28</sup> 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.



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

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.**

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.

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

<sup>11</sup> For God does **NOT** show **FAVORITISM**.

<sup>6</sup> God will **GIVE** to each person  
**ACCORDING** to what he has **DONE**.



# HOW God Judges

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

Revelation 20:11 (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.

Revelation 20:12 (NIV)

**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.

Revelation 20:15 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> 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.