

A large, glowing cross is the central focus, set against a dramatic sky filled with white and grey clouds. Bright light rays emanate from behind the cross, creating a halo effect. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greys, and bright whites, with a subtle orange accent in the top left corner.

The SALVATION Series

Part 4 – Guilty Believer!

Introduction

- Romans 2 is part of Paul's argument that all humanity is guilty before God, whether Jew or Gentile.
- In Romans 1, Paul highlights the Gentiles' unrighteousness,
- and in Romans 2, he turns to the Jews, showing that religious privilege does not exempt them from God's judgment.



Introduction

- We will use this lesson to apply the principles to our lives and current world.
 - The Jew in Paul's letter is the religious upright person who believes they are not like sinners.
 - Paul addresses this mindset with his brilliant inspired writing that hits the nail on the head.
 - The key point Paul is making is that we are all Sinners saved by Grace.
 - We have no right to 'look down' on anyone in spite of their lifestyles or choices.
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Be Humble eh...

- *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.*
- *And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. ³ Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things?*
- *⁴ Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? Romans 2:1-4 NLT*

Don't Be Stubborn!

- *But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself.*
- *For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.*
- *⁶ He will judge everyone according to what they have done.*
- *⁷ He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. .*
- *Romans 2:5-11NLT*
- *⁸ But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.*
- *⁹ There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile.*
- *¹⁰ But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile.*
- *¹¹ For God does not show favoritism*

Takeaway...

- **Vv. 1-3:** Paul rebukes those who judge others while committing the same sins.
- **Vv. 4-5:** God's kindness should lead to repentance, but many remain stubborn.
- **Vv. 6-11:** God will judge each person according to their deeds—without favoritism.
- **Key Takeaway: Moral superiority does not exempt anyone from judgment. God's judgment is based on truth, not external identity.**



Verdict!

*“Do not judge others,
and you will not be
judged” Matt7:1*



Judge??

- *“Do not judge [others self-righteously], and you will not be judged; do not condemn [others when you are guilty and unrepentant],*
- *and you will not be condemned [for your hypocrisy]; pardon [others when they truly repent and change], and you will be pardoned [when you truly repent and change].*

Luke 6:37AMP



Critical Spirit...

- *Do not judge and criticize and condemn [others unfairly with an attitude of self-righteous superiority*
- *as though assuming the office of a judge], so that you will not be judged [unfairly].*
- *For just as you (hypocritically) judge others [when you are sinful and unrepentant],*
- *so will you be judged; and in accordance with your standard of measure [used to pass out judgment], judgment will be measured to you. Matthew 7:1-2 AMP*



Plunker!

- ³ Why do you look at the (insignificant) speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice and acknowledge the [egregious] log that is in your own eye?
- ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me get the speck out of your eye,' when there is a log in your own eye?
- ⁵ You hypocrite (play-actor, pretender), first get the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.
Matthew 7:3-5 AMP



For As Many...

- *¹² For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law*
- *¹³ (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;*
- *¹⁴ for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,*
- *¹⁵ who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves (their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)*
- *¹⁶ in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.*
Romans 2:12-16 NKJV

Verdict...

- **(Romans 2:12-16)**
- **Vv. 12-13:** The Law condemns both Jews (who have the Law) and Gentiles (who have conscience).
- **Vv. 14-15:** Gentiles, though without the Law, sometimes do what is right, proving that God's moral law is written on their hearts.
- **V. 16:** God will judge all people through Jesus Christ.
- **Key Takeaway: God's standard is universal. He will judge not only by the written Law but by the conscience and deeds of each individual.**



Hypocrite..?

- *17 Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God,*
- *18 and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law,*
- *19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,*
- *20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.*
- Romans 2:17-24
- *21 You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?*
- *22 You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?*
- *23 You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?*
- *24 For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” as it is written.*

Circumcision..

- *²⁵ For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.*
- *²⁶ Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?*
- *²⁷ And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law*
- *? ²⁸ For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;*
- *²⁹ but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.*
- Romans 2:25-29

Wrong Badge!

- True Circumcision is of the Heart
(Romans 2:25-29)
- **Vv. 25-27:** Circumcision is only valuable if one keeps the Law. A lawless Jew is as guilty as a Gentile.
- **Vv. 28-29:** True identity is not about outward rituals but about an **inward transformation**—a circumcised heart by the Spirit.
- **Key Takeaway: God values inward righteousness over outward religious rituals. True belonging is based on faith, not heritage.**



Summary...

- **Theological Implications**
- **Universal Sinfulness** – No one is exempt from God's judgment, whether Jew or Gentile.
- **God's Impartiality** – He judges based on truth and righteousness, not external identity.
- **The Need for Inner Transformation** – True faith is about the heart, not just religious practice.
- **Judgment According to Deeds** – Good works do not save, but they reflect one's relationship with God.



Application..

- **Avoid self-righteousness** – It is easy to judge others while ignoring personal sins.
- **Repentance over presumption** – Do not rely on religious heritage but seek a true relationship with God.
- **Live authentically** – Faith should be evident through actions, not just knowledge.
- **Seek inward transformation** – Let the Holy Spirit work in your heart rather than relying on external rituals.



Conclusion..

- Romans 2 is a powerful critique of self-righteousness, hypocrisy, and false confidence in religious heritage.
- Paul argues that true righteousness comes from the heart and is judged by God impartially.
- This sets the stage for Romans 3, where Paul will declare that all have sinned and need salvation through faith in Jesus Christ



Family Time

- Tell your children and family
- **Avoid this** – It is easy to judge others while ignoring personal mistakes.
- **Chip on the Shoulder** – Do not look down on others when you are doing well either spiritually, in school, financially etc.
- **Be the Same at Home & Publicly** – be true to yourself in private and on life's stage. Be authentic so that your light is an inspiration to others.
- **Seek inner transformation** – Let the Holy Spirit work in your heart rather than showing off.

