

THE BOOK OF ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE. THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH
- THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 2:1-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Who Do You Think You Are? – Part 2

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology
According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul.

It is perhaps one of the most colorful moments found in scripture. It is certainly revealing as to the nature of God when a repentant sinner is before Him.

John 8:2-12

Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. 3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, *“Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?”* 6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. :7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” :11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.” :12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

#1 - They had brought only the woman, which, by leaving out the man – made this a violation of the Jewish Law of God.

#2 - The priest was required to stoop down and write the law that had been broken, along with the names of the accused, in the dust of the floor of the Temple area. (which Jesus did)

Insert Reality Here

Jeremiah 17:13

“O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake You shall be ashamed (embarrassed). Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth, (dust as in vanishing dust or dirt) Because they have forsaken the LORD, The fountain of Living Waters.”

These enforcers of righteousness - could have, should have, been embarrassed and then repented before the LORD. But instead, they refused to repent, rejected the Messiah, and in turn had their names written in the dust.

**Here's what's amazing:
late at night the night before
the morning's event -**

John 7:37

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

Let's Stand For Our Congregational Reading

Romans 2:1-11

1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. 2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. 3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God .6 Who “*will render to each one according to his deeds*”: 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness - - indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

11 For there is no partiality with God.

Who Do You Think You Are?

1.) Compared to the Righteousness of God

vs. 1-2

Who Do You Think You Are Compared To The Righteousness Of God?

1a.) Are you living above His law?

vs. 1a

Verse 1a

1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge,
for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself;
for you who judge practice the same things.

It is so important for us to understand here:
what is not being said in this very serious argument in the bible.

The bible is not saying – “do not judge.” In fact, the bible commands
of us to judge righteously.

Chapter 1 is Paul rightly “Judging” the pagan, heathen world.

Paul told the church in Corinth Greece to make sure that they
“judge matters among the believers and not the unbelievers.”

When a man within the church was living in gross sexual sin, Paul said
that the church was to judge the man for his sinful lifestyle by
removing him from the church.

Timothy was told to judge Hymenaeus and Alexzander and to
“turn them over to Satan”

Who Do You Think You Are Compared To The Righteousness Of God?
Are you living above His law?

1 Therefore you are inexcusable,
O man, whoever you are who judge,

Therefore grk: dio; wherefore, on (this) account, for that (this) reason (1), for the reason,
“this is the reason why”

“Like the Doctor who says – This will be a little uncomfortable”

Inexcusable grk: anapologetos; Having no words in defense of one’s actions, without excuse, having no ability to hide your action, a failed attempt to cancel.

Judge grk: krino; to decide as in a final decision, to give a conclusion, to take someone to court, to hold a trial, to convict...

Condemn grk: katakrino; to give judgment against, to issue a condemnation.

Conclusion; to “Judge another with Condemnation baked into the cake” and to sentence and execute = is all based upon (human) judgment.

But who is Paul rebuking here?

The Exact Meaning is Unclear to Scholars (at the least, debated)

Is it a legalistic Christian (immature) in the church?

Or is it the religionist among us, the sin sniffer and the faultfinder?

Step One:

Matthew 7:1-5

“Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, “Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Step Two:

Matthew 7:15-20

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Step Three:

Matthew 7:21-24

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ 24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

2 Corinthians 13:5-7 NLT

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

This is what’s happening to you right now. Your faith is being examined to see if it’s genuine. – that’s why many of us are going through what we’re going through now. (What makes it painful is that others around us that we love are going through the same)

Legalists are prolific hypocrites.

They tell you that you ought not smoke, drink and chew but they go out with the girls who do.

They are always laying burdens on people that they themselves do not carry.

Checklist

- (1) They usually speak with very condemning words and with judgmental criticism. (2) You never feel loved, secure, uplifted, edified, instructed, corrected, guided, or left desiring God.
- (3) they are quick to enslave you with guilt / shame / control of how much you need them, how much you owe them, and how you would be nothing without them.

Peter Warned of Them

2 Peter 2:12-14

But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, 13 and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, 14 having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls.

Jesus Warned of The Same

Revelation 2:6

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Revelation 2:15

Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

Clement of Alexandria

(b.150 Athens – d. 215)

Commented on the Nicolaitans

“They pleased themselves like goats, living a life of indulges”

Who Do You Think You Are Compared To The Righteousness Of God?

1b.) Are you living in His light?

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

1b for you who judge practice the same things.

Practice grk: prasso; to attend to it, to give your {thoughts} to it. to do what is not allowed & to think about it when you're not doing it – to be preoccupied with it (it being that which excites and pulls along).

What gets you out of bed?

Whatever it is – it is your life, it's your conversation, it's your texting topic, it's your tweet, it's your time spent, it's what your lifestyle / efforts / energy is spent on, and it is your reality – your existence!

John 8:36

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Who Do You Think You Are Compared To The Righteousness Of God?
Are you living in His light?

1 John 1:5-8

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. :8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Right was Ralph Waldo Emerson when he said:

“Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an action and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.”

Galatians 6:7-10

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

One of the single most painful events found in scripture is that of King David and his fall from grace.

The background is this: he became spiritually complacent, lazy about God.

2 Samuel 11:27c-12:7a

11:27c But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD. 12:1 Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: “There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds. 3 But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. 4 And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” :5 So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! 6 And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity.” :7c Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man!

Oh my dear David – the man I want to be like in life. You have left me disappointed, saddened, and in doubt.”

Truth is, David became what he allowed, what he “tolerated”.

Evil has legs and is always advancing. The only time evil is halted is when it is confronted with revival, howbeit by personal revival or corporate revival.

Revelation 2:1-5

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2 “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. 4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works,

Your First Works Were The

Simple acts of faith, faith as a second nature.

Remember? - You didn’t have to do anything, Cuz you wanted to do everything.

End of Study

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