

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 4

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

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Legalism, Faith, Works, Morality, Law, The Spiritual vs. The Carnal Life.

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.

“What comes into our minds when we think about God
is the most important thing about us.”

A.W. Tozer

Who Do You Think You Are ?

1.) In The Light of the Righteousness of God

vs. 1-3

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The Summation of that Point was – that apart from us coming and crying and calling out to the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness – we are all living under the great cloud death and the proof of it – is the fear that controls humankind – No one shall escape the Judgement of God

As it is written:

“There is none righteous, no, not one; For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

- Romans 10:13, 5:8, 6:23, 3:23, 3:10

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2.) In The Light of the Goodness of God

vs. 4

4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

The Summation of that Point was – That there is a general “goodness” that exists in this universe. From the most minuet action and reaction of our subatomic existence – to the fine-tuning evidence of the depths of deep space – GOD !

That there is an overriding and prevailing testimony
That is God is Good and His goodness is active in your world.

James 1:16-17

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Psalms 139:7-10 KJV

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

“GOD” is the only explanation for the existence of goodness. Badness could not be recognized unless knowledge of goodness reveals that truth. Notice that even badness itself is a twisted form of goodness.

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3.) In The Light of the Justice of God

vs. 5-11

At present: this foolish and sin-sick-world is playing games with the word “Justice” as though someone, somewhere has the ability to know what they’re talking about.

The Concept of Justice is a Judeo Christian, Biblical Worldview. In other words, justice emanates from God and from God alone.

Isaiah 3:10-11 amp.

Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them (*judgement day*), for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds. 11 But woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, (*judgement day*) for what his hands have dealt out shall be dealt to him.

5 It is the righteous judgment of God.....

6 He who “will render to each one according to his deeds”

11 For there is no partiality with God.

We underestimate man's ability to Aggrandize himself.

As a man gets further and further away from God, man looks around and begins to think that he is in control. He then begins to elevate himself into being a deity. (a "know it all", someone who "knows what's best", an expert)

O' and by-the-way – the church is to always be in opposition to such false prophets, false teaching, false leaders and all Idolatries...

In The Light of the Justice of God

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3a.) We've been given a new heart

vs. 5

Verse 5a

5 But in **accordance** with your hardness and your impenitent heart

Accordance

grk: kata

the because of, the condition of the diagnosis, the situation of one's heart.

OBSERVATION

Hold out your hand and make a fist. If you're an adult, it's about the same size as two fists.

* Your heart beats about 100,000 times a day * and about 35 million times in a year.

* During an average lifetime, the human heart will beat more than 2.5 billion times.

* The aorta, the largest artery in the body is the primary conduit for blood flow to your heart and is the diameter of a garden hose. * Your capillaries, on the other hand, are so small that it takes ten of them to equal the thickness of a human hair.

*Your body has about (6 quarts) of blood that circulates through your body three times every minute. * Your blood travels 12,000 miles every 24 hours - that's 2 roundtrip flights from Los Angeles to New York City (twice)

Your heart pumps about 1 million barrels of blood during an average lifetime, that's enough blood to fill more than 3 super tankers.

There are (2) compounding critical care conditions revealed about the human heart that is fatal.

Hardness grk: sklerotes;
Systematic, layer by layer hardening of the heart (the core being of a man, thoughts, attitude, emotions = stubbornness. (HARDENING) which is contempt.

Impenitent grk: ametanoetos;
a self determined, self excusing, self governing heart, an unrepentant, it is incapable of changing because it cannot “feel” its own self.

“this is the end of a man when his conclusion is – “I will not obey God”

Verse 5b

you are treasuring up for yourself wrath
in the day of wrath

wrath grk: orge
anger, fury, vengeance (the revenge of God) - it is the giving out of what is owed. Wages paid out.

treasuring up grk: thesauros;
to stock pile, storing up. it implies earnings, gains, deposits, things that were important to you enough to treasure up (1) time for, (2) money on, (3) energy put, making your life (4) ethos - a lifestyle.

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The bottom-line is this; what do you want?

I mean - If you could rub a Christian lamp and out pops
a wish or two – what would you wish for?

What comes into our minds when we think about God
is the most important thing about us.”

A.W. Tozer

no middle ground – if left unchecked, your passions will define you.

Verse 5c

you are treasuring up for yourself wrath
in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.....

Matthew 6:20-21

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. :21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

In The Light of the Justice of God **Who Do You Think You Are?**

Philippians 3:3-9

3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, 4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless :7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Does that describe You Today? what do you think about you?

Philippians 3:12-14 NLT

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. 13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

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The Constant Cry of The New Heart

Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;
24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me
in the way everlasting.

Ezekiel 36:25b-27 amp.

I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart
of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 *(here's how He does it)*
I will put My Spirit within you and I will cause you to walk in My statutes,
and you will keep My judgments and do them.

**God says “I will Cleanse You of Your Filth”
He says “I will Give You a new Heart”
“I will Take Away Your Dead Cold Heart”
God says “I will Put My Spirit in You” – and God says
“I will Cause You to Walk”**

Verse 5c

5 the day of wrath and revelation
of the righteous judgment of God is coming

“God will not judge on the basis of one’s religious profession, religious relationships, or religious heritage. At issue on the day of judgment will not be whether a person is a Jew or Gentile, whether he is a heathen or orthodox, whether he is religious or irreligious, or whether he attends church or not. At issue will be whether or not his life has manifested obedience to God. On that day each one of us will give an account of ourselves before almighty God”

Billy Graham

Have you ever asked God to give you new heart ?
Recently at the DMV I was asked that “In the event that I should die, would I want to donate any part or parts of my body to someone else in need.”

Ya want my used liver – here ya go

**Ya want my used kidneys – here two
Ya want my used heart – it's only got 50,000 miles left**

Ask yourself this question; **Why Should I Care About This Stuff?**
Here's why you should care, it's because...

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the Bride {Church} say, "Come!" And let him who hears say,
"Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires,
let him take the water of life freely.

John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me
I will by no means cast out.

End of Study

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