

## Introduction Romans Chpt 2

- This is the most important section because this where most of us fall.
- We're not Jews
- We're not Pagans

Not culminated  
if important  
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- Getting closer + closer to Romans 3:23. That all have sinned + come short of the glory of God.
- Paul is laying down his case
- Step by step, stone by stone
- He's covering everybody
- Christianity is all inclusive... It includes everybody
- This section is where most of us fall in "the religious" - "the hypocrite" - "Let God be true + every man a liar"
- Religion sends more people to hell than any single act of sin
- Even the right religion, without Christ, will get you there just as fast

I always wonder how The Holy Spirit dealt with me

NO GOD → THERE IS A GOD → THERE IS A SAVIOUR →

THERE IS A DOCTRINE → INDEPENDANT BAPTIST →

<sup>BAPTISTS</sup> YOU'RE (I'm) NOT RIGHT.

- I was CONVINCED BY THE HOLY GHOST --
- I HAD NO WHERE ELSE TO TURN --

(Verse 1-2)

I. The Same Things -

- 1. How did Paul know that "They do the same things"?
- 2. In fact Paul said, "We are sure..." about this judgment and it's according to truth.
- 3. What allows Paul to say this...?

Paul is saying, "We know the truth! And the truth is: You do the same things!"  
 What things? The things the heathen do. The Pagan-Godless. Let's Review the Heathen. These are the ones that Paul said:

- changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and four footed beasts & creeping things.
- Filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness.
- Full of envy, murder,
- Backbiters, haters of God, proud, boasters
- Inventors of evil things...
- Which commit such things are worthy of death.

Paul says - you'll do the same things.  
 And it's the truth.

- Nowonder people hated Paul... They chased all around Mesopotamia trying to shut him up... laying wait... trying to silence him.

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He said you do the same thing... But my question is "How did he know?"

- How can he see blind as he accuse the world of sin... Not knowing what people have and haven't done. Not knowing if someone is truly guilty or innocent... How can you know?

- Paul said we already know... "You do the same things..."

- "Sin is what everybody else is doing except for you."

- People tend to have their own set of rights and wrongs and everybody says that the bible is their authority.

Example: One family<sup>A</sup> says we're not going to do what that family<sup>B</sup> does because the bible says this and it says that...

... Well, there another family<sup>C</sup> looking at family<sup>A</sup> saying we ain't gonna do that because God don't like that... It goes on and on...

- You can try as hard as you like, you'll never get it all right... I guarantee you someone will take notice of where you missed the mark.

- Paul can step back, and look and say, The heathen are wicked and deserve the judgement of God yes!

- And the religious say Yes. Paul <sup>sup</sup> "idolatry is evil" and the religious say Yes.

- + Sadness
- + Formation
- + Murder
- + Pride

★ Paul says, you'll are doing the same thing

Not me!!

- Paul says, "Yes you are. And you'll receive the judgment of God. And that's the truth..."

(John Chapter 8:1-11)

★ "Thou that judgest doest the same things..."  
 - And I don't think there's a whole lot here that's abstract...

He didn't say "Thou doest the same thing"

- In other words, Paul is not saying that the hypocrite excels in some other sin in the same degree as the heathen...  
 - No he says "Thou doest the same thing..."

- Oh buddy! Paul is saying I know what you're doing when no one is watching. Then doest the same thing I know what your thinking in the covertz of your mind when no one can see. Thou doest the same thing



- I know what your saying when no one is listening -  
Thou doest the same things...
- Paul says "I'm sure its the truth."
- Paul was bold
- [Bro Rennie Simpson example]

1 Cor 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall...."

Embedded in the phrase, "Thou doest the same things" is the doctrine of the fall ~~of man~~ and the depravity of man.

On the Damascus Road Paul not only met Jesus Christ, but Paul met Paul the sinner...

Jesus said, "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen..."

Paul is only speaking + testifying of what he knew of man and of himself. "Thou doest the same things"

(Vers 3-4)

## † The Two Choices

- Paul is asking a question.
- If the above is true, IF they do it something
- If you're just a wicked as the heathen,
- If your religion doesn't help, and you're still doing the same things that are worthy of death...
- Then what are you gonna do? What is your choice?
- Because there's only two now before you...  
verse 3 → The judgment of God...  
verse 4 → The goodness of God...
- You cannot escape the judgment of God without landing smack dab in the middle of repentance toward God...
- You cannot sidestep repentance toward God without falling into the judgment of God...
- Paul is saying to the Religious, You think that you can skirt both...  
- You think you're going to escape the judgment of God ~~and~~ yet have no need of repentance...

(Luke 13:16) Jesus said. "

In verse 34, we see that repentance is God's remedy for Judgment, but the religious hates both.

"You don't like judgment, but they despise the goodness of God that leads them to repentance."

- Repentance is God's remedy for Judgment.

Look @ Winevat

Jerem 3:8-10

- God sends his final prophet before the Day of the Lord, the Day of Judgment... and what was his message? "Repent for the kingdom of God is @ hand."

- Paul says you want to escape Judgment, but you despise repentance.

- Jesus said, "I come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

(Read 3-4 Again)

Open Paul's two paths, and you're going to have to choose one.

- Fork in the Road (7-10)

- One path → tribulation, anguish, & wrath.

- The other → glory, honor & peace.

- One path → wrath & revelation of the righteous judgment of God.

- The other → goodness, forbearance, long suffering, immortality, eternal life.

- Fork, 2 Paths before; Which one will you

choose  
Matthew 7:13-14 Road

One path: broad, many there be that gain there at,  
Andn path, narrow, few

Paul is just preaching what Jesus Preached

- That narrow road is the Road of Repentance.

- The road of brokenness.

- The road of humility

- The road of shame + guilt.

- But it's also the road of the cross

It is well.

And I don't have  
to hear it myself

Oh the bliss of that glorious thought  
My sins, not part, but the whole.

Jesus nailed to an OLD RUBBED CROSS.

Oh Praise the LORD, PRAISE THE LORD OH MY SOUL

Paul is preaching the same thing John the Baptist  
preached - John 3: 5-9

- People were coming from all around Jerusalem,  
and Judaea and all the regions about Jordan.

- John was saying "Repent ye, for the  
kingdom of God is at hand."

- And that's what they were doing;

- The bible says they were confessing their sins  
and John was baptizing them.



- But then, the Pleasure & Sadness shows up to give baptism -
- And John says wait a minute, wait a minute -  
"Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"
- Phew & Sober probably looked at each other and said  
"What's he talking about?"
- "You stole around Jesus & Paul will be praying the same thing later on -"
- You cannot escape the judgment without repentance -
- ~~Therefore~~
- Bring forth ("therefore") fruits meet for repentance -
- Let's see the evidence of repentance, and then we will baptize you -
- But you see the two choices in John the Baptist's preaching
  - One of judgment
  - One of repentance -