



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, July 18, 2021

Romans 2:1-16 – Sin, Righteousness & Judgment - Part 2

We Learn:

Romans 1 ends with a list of sins that are the result of human beings pursuing their own “over-desires.” Lest the religious reader think that the list does not apply to them, Romans 2 begins with this admonition, “You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.” When we judge others, it is because of our *self*-righteousness and not God’s righteousness, kindness, patience, or truth. When we judge others, we condemn ourselves. When God judges us, our own words and our consciences bear witness of our sin.

- What does it mean to be *self*-righteous versus being covered by the righteousness of God?
- Why is self-righteousness a rejection of God?
- Why are we quick to judge others but overlook or excuse our own sins?
- How do our words “bear witness” before God of our sin and judgement of others (see Matthew 12:36-37)?
- How is the conscience the proof of God’s requirements of the law being written in our hearts?
- How does our conscience “bear witness” before God of our secret thoughts?

We Respond & Apply:

- How can we like Paul strive to keep a clear conscience before God and people?
- According to 2 Corinthians 1:12, how can we live “in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God” to conduct ourselves in the world with a good conscience?
- How can we have our mouths (words) and our consciences (thoughts) cleansed?