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Moral people are unrighteous and condemned 2:1-16

Theme of Romans: The Righteousness of God

- A. The *Righteousness of God Revealed* - **(Blessings)** - 1:1-17

- B. The *Righteousness of God Required* - **(Condemnation)** - 1:18-3:20
 - 1. The Gentile world **condemned** - 1:18-2:16
 - 1. **Condemnation** according to divine standards (God to man)
 - 1. Truthfulness - 2:1-3
 - 2. Impartiality - 2:4-11
 - 1. According to righteousness - 2:4-5
 - 2. According to works - 2:6-10
 - 3. Jesus Christ - 2:12-16
 - 1. According to achievements - 2:12-15
 - 2. According to the gospel - 2:16
 - 2. The Jewish world **condemned** - 2:17-3:8
 - 3. The whole world **condemned** - 3:9-20



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Condemnation according to truthfulness – 2:1-3

1 Therefore *you* are without excuse, every man of *you* who passes **judgment**, for in that *you* judge another, + *you* condemn yourself; for *you* who **judge** practice the same things. 2 And we know that the + judgment of God * (is according to truth) rightly falls upon those who practice such things. 3 And do *you* suppose this, O man, when *you* pass **judgment** upon those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that *you* will escape the + judgment of God? Rom 2:1-3

- * 'is according to truth' is not in the NAS but is in the Greek and KJV & NIV
- + condemned themselves and condemned by God



Condemnation according to truthfulness – 2:1-3

- ‘Therefore’ – is referring back to 1:18-20 – 2:1
- ‘without excuse’ – used here and in 1:20
 - Inexcusable – anapologetos – ἀναπολόγητος
- These are the moralist or the respectable sinners:
 - They do not believe the things of the 1st Chapter mean themselves therefore they consider themselves better.
 - They are self-righteous, proud and think, ‘Paul cannot be speaking to us’.
 - They are continually judging others – (present active participle) not something they did just one time
 - They are doing the same things of those that they judge
- Four statements about them:
 - You pass judgment and judge others
 - You condemn yourself
 - You do the same things
 - You are without excuse



Condemnation according to truthfulness – 2:1-3

- You that judge
 - Judge – krinoo – κρίνω – the idea is to condemn a person, not to say if something is right or wrong or if a persons actions are right or wrong.
 - Is passing judgment or judging something or someone wrong?
 - No, but to do so to condemn a person when we are doing the same things that is wrong.
 - To judge in such as way as to establish if something is right or wrong is OK.
- You condemn yourself
 - Condemnation came because while condemning others they were doing the same thing. Matthew 7:1-5, John 8:1-11
 - Example: David – 2 Samuel 12:1-7
- You do the same things
 - They were doing some of the things listed in verses 29-31
 - They may not of been doing them outwardly but they were doing them inwardly.
 - Matthew 5:27-28 & Romans 2:16



Condemnation according to truthfulness – 2:1-3

- You are without excuse
 - The people described in 1:21-32 approved, enjoyed and promoted what they did but the people of 2:1 disapproved of the things that they did.
 - They knew it was wrong yet continued on doing it which is a sign of the activity of the sin nature.
- ‘And we know’ or ‘we are sure’ – 2:1
 - Verb, perfect, active, indicative - This is an action which has been completed and stands completed in the present
 - Paul is here assuming that they know what the judgment of God would be based on and that is truth.
- God’s judgment is according to truth
 - No definite article is present so truth as a principle is being referred to here.
 - His judgment is according to what he has revealed and it is according to His nature. He says ‘I am the way the truth and the life’.
- This judgment is against those who practice such things.
 - He has already established that they are practicing these things



Condemnation according to truthfulness – 2:1-3

- The judgments of God
 - The sins of the believer have already been judged at the cross. Romans 5:1
 - Judgment of the believers works at the Judgment Seat of Christ – where only the works of the believer are judged. (2 Cor. 5:9-10)
 - The judgment of the nations – immediately following tribulation and 2nd advent
 - Matthew 25:31
 - The sins of the rest of mankind are judged at the Great White throne judgment. Revelation 20:11
 - This is the judgment referred to in Romans 2:2
- Do you suppose or think you will escape the judgment of God - - 2:3
 - Idea is one of reasoning, concluding or counting
 - “God is dealing with the accused folly of the deceitful heart of man, who dreams that by merely judging others (though he practices the same things), he shall escape God’s judgment.” William R. Newell



Condemnation according to truthfulness – 2:1-3

- Flow of thought from God's point of view
 - Are you so self-deceived that you thought because you judge others you were going to escape God's judgment?
 - But you knew that the judgment of God is based on truth.
 - No, you will not escape the judgment of God - you are condemned.

Rom 2:3-5 And ***thinkest** thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or ***despisest** thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart ***treasurest** up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; KJV

- * Indicating the action of the deceived individual in bringing upon themselves the condemnation of God.