



# ROMANS

## Condemnation According to Divine Standards – Jesus Christ Rom 2:12-16

- Approach: Do an overview of 2:1-16

Address Difficult Passages  
i.e. 2:7 & 2:13

Look at 2:1-16 From  
Paul's Perspective

Look at the Big Picture  
i.e. 2:1-16



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#### Difficult Passages

#### Romans 2:7 (ILG)

*To the ones by endurance in good work seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life:*

Question: What does this appear to be saying?

(That a person can be saved by good works)

#### Romans 2:13 (KJV)

*For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.*

Question: What does this appear to be saying?

(A person can be justified or declared righteous by keeping the law)

Note:

- These interpretations are contradictory to the rest of scripture & Paul's teaching
- So how do we resolve this apparent contradiction?



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- Let's review what scripture says about salvation & justification:

- Salvation by works:

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)**

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

**Romans 11:6 (ILG)**

*But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace no longer becomes grace.*

- Justification by law:

**Galatians 2:16 (NAS)**

*Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.*

**Galatians 3:21 (NAS)**

*Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.*



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### Conclusion:

A person is saved and justified (declare righteous) by faith in the person & work of the Lord Jesus Christ (OT & NT) saints - Acts 4:12

### Questions:

Is then Romans 2:7 & 2:13 hypothetical? (The New Scofield Ref. Bible says so)

Does the context surrounding 2:7 & 2:13 sound hypothetical?

Or is it possible that this is not hypothetical and Christ will really be judging man's works? - whose source is:

- Evil works – Out from self and unbelief
- Good works – Out from the Holy Spirit because of one's faith in Christ ?

### Points:

- There is nothing in the context to indicate these are hypothetical statements
- Therefore let's consider the judgment real

### Question:

Then where and when do the events in Romans 2:1-16 occur?

What is Paul's perspective on "Where & When" these events in 2:1-16 will occur?



# FUTURE JUDGMENTS BY GOD - PAUL'S PERSPECTIVE IN ROM 2:1 -16

**JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (BEMA)**  
2 COR 5:10,  
ROM 14:10-12;  
1COR 3:8-15

2 COR 5:10,  
ROM 14:10-12;  
1COR 3:8-15

Paul Anticipated  
The Imminent Return  
Of Christ – 1 Thes 4:13-18  
- 1 Cor 15:51-53

**2ND  
COMING**

**“RIGHTEOUS  
JUDGMENT  
OF GOD”**  
ROM 2:1-16



**JUDGMENT OF  
THE NATIONS**  
MT 25:31-46

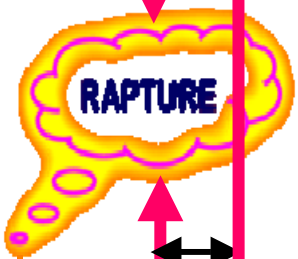
**GREAT  
WHITE  
THRONE  
JUDGMENT**  
REV 20:11-15



**“DAY OF WRATH”**  
ROM 2:5-16



**TRIBULATION** DAN 9:24-27; MT 24:3-31  
REV 6:1-19:31; Rom 5:2



Road to  
Damascus  
Ca 44 AD

Paul Martyred  
Ca 68 AD



**CHURCH**

**7 yr  
TRIB**

**MILLENNIAL KINGDOM (1,000 yrs)**

ca 30 AD  
PENTECOST

ca 57 AD

ca 64 AD

**DAY OF THE LORD (1 Thes 5:2)**



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### Overview of Rom 1:18 – 2:16

#### Unrighteous Persons – Works of Unbelief:

- Immoral (1:18-32)
- Moral (2:1-16)
  - Who judge others – 2:1-3
  - Who are unrighteous – 2:8
  - Who have sinned – 2:12 (with or without a law system)
  - Who heard the law – 2:13

Unbelievers

**DAY OF WRATH - 2:5**  
**(Tribulation Period)**  
 MT 24:3-31 REV 6:1-19:31

- Indignation (*orge*) - 2:8
- Wrath (*thumos*) - 2:8
- Tribulation - 2:9
- Anguish - 2:9

**RIGHTEOUS  
 JUDGMENT OF GOD  
 (BY CHRIST) - 2:5, 16**

Judgment according to:

- Truth - 2:2
- Righteousness - 2:5
- Man's Works - 2:6-10
- Law System - 2:12-15
- The Gospel - 2:16

Believers

#### Righteous Persons – Works of Faith:

- Who endure in good work, seeking:
  - Glory (God's)
  - Honor (God's)
  - Incorruptibility (God's)
  - Eternal life - 2:7
- Doers of the law - 2:13-15 (Jew or Gentile)

Judgment of the Nations – Mt 25:31-46

Great White Judgment - Rev 20:11-15

Unbelievers

Believers

**CONDEMNATION**

**ETERNAL  
LIFE**

Unbelievers

**CONDEMNATION**