



ROMANS

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

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 only →

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 (during Tribulation some believe) →

Righteous Persons – Works of Faith:

- Who endure in good works, **seeking** = (“go about in what you already have”, see Col 3:1, so seek = rest in what we have, every spiritual blessing as in Eph 1):
 - Glory (God's)
 - Honor (God's)
 - Incorruptibility (God's)
 - Eternal life - 2:7
- Doers of the law (Jew or Gentile) - 2:13-15

Judgment of the Nations – Mt 25:31-46

Great White Judgment - Rev 20:11-15

Unbelievers

Believers

CONDEMNATION

ETERNAL LIFE

Unbelievers

CONDEMNATION



Condemnation Against Unfaithful Jews – Because of Hypocrisy – 2:17-24

Overview of 2:17-24

- Addresses each individual Jew (singular vs. plural) - Why?
- Reveals why a religious Jew is condemned (& continues thru 3:8)
- Any religious person (even a Jew) who is unrighteous is condemned
- The Jew addressed here is condemned because of hypocrisy – manifested by:
 - One's empty profession (**One's Talk**)
 - One's sinful deeds (**One's Walk**)
- Rom 2:17-20 addresses a Jew's profession (**One's Talk**)
- Rom 2:21-24 addresses a Jew's deeds or works (**One's Walk**)
- Rom 2:21-23 also asks 5 questions as to whether:
A Jew's Profession (His Talk) = His / Hers Deeds or Works (His Walk)
- Rom 2:17-24 is one big conditional sentence:

Condition (IF) - 2:17-23

If the condition is true
(Condition: empty professions /
the talk & evil works / **the walk**)

Conclusion or Result (THEN) - 2:24

Then the result is true
(Result: God is being blasphemed)



Condemnation Against Unfaithful Jews – Because of Hypocrisy – 2:17-24

But IF (This is your profession = Talk) -2:17-20

- You are called a Jew
- And rest upon a law system
- And boast in God
- And know His will
- And approve the things excelling (or better) by being instructed out of the law
- And you yourself having confidence to be:
 - A guide of the blind
 - A light of the one's in darkness
- An instructor of the foolish
- A teacher of babes (immature ones) having the form (appearance) of:
 - Knowledge (*gnosis*) &
 - Truth in the law

(And IF) (This is your works = Walk) – 2:21-23

- You are stealing
- You are committing adultery
- You are robbing temples
- You are dishonoring God

THEN (this is the result) – 2:24

"THE NAME OF GOD IS
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But IF (This is your profession = Your Talk) -2:17-20

- “You are called a Jew”

Question: Why would a Jew be proud of being called or surnamed a Jew?

- A Jew is God’s chosen people - Isa 43:20
“The beasts of the field will glorify Me; The jackals and the ostriches; Because I have given waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My chosen people.”
- A Jew considered himself above other people who were common or unclean - Acts 10:14,15,28; Gal 2:15
- God gave the Jew the promises & the law - Rom 9:4

Point: A Jew’s confidence was in his heritage & not in the God that gave him his heritage (Similar to a Paul’s confidence in being a Jew - Phil 3:4-8)

- “and rest upon law (a law system)”

Question: What expectation did a Jew have by keeping the tenants of a law system?

- This is a picture of a blind & mechanical reliance on any law system – e.g.
 - The Mosaic law
 - The traditions of men = Jewish leaders (Mt 15:1-3,6,9)

Point: A Jew thought he could please God, be acceptable to God, and obtain righteousness from God if he kept the tenants of any law system he was placed under



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But IF (This is your profession = Your Talk) -2:17-20 - cont'd

- “and boast in God” - How?
 - A Jew was honoring God with his lips but his heart was far from God, Mt 15:1-3,7-9
 - Their worship (or reverence) was in vain (it was empty & had no purpose in the sight of God)
- “and know His will” (a professing knowledge)
- “and approve the things excelling (or better) by being instructed out of the law
“approve” = to test or try with a view of approval (not by God but by man)
- And you yourself having confidence to be:
 - A guide of the blind - Mt 10:15-14
 - A light of the one’s in darkness
 - This was Israel’s God given role - Isaiah 42:6,7
 - “I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.”*
 - They did not comprehend that only Christ was the light to those in darkness
 - Jn 1:4,5; 3:19



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But IF (This is your profession = Your Talk) - 2:17-20 - cont'd

- “an instructor of the foolish”
 - Instructing / correcting via legalism doesn't edify nor did they gain favor with God
 - apart from the cross all is foolishness - 1 Cor 1:18-27
- “a teacher of babes (immature ones) having the form (appearance) of:
 - knowledge (*gnosis*) &
 - truth in the law”
- (And IF) (This is your works = Walk) - 2:21-23
 - You are stealing
 - The one teaching others not to steal was himself stealing
 - You are committing adultery
 - The one teaching others not to commit adultery was himself an adulterer Jn 8:1-11
 - You are robbing temples
 - The one teaching others was himself taking treasures from temples of idols
- You are dishonoring God
 - Paul is saying that the unbelieving boastful & prideful Jew was a disgrace to God

- Acts 19:37



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