

It's Not Them, It's You

Romans 2:1-11

Context: In chapter 1, Paul explains how the Gospel reveals the righteousness of God. God's righteousness yields wrath towards sinful humanity. Paul ends Romans 1 with a focus on the sins that bring forward God's judgment. In Chapter 2, Paul now points his argument towards the self-righteous person and the Jewish religious person.

To understand the danger you are in...

I. _____ the judgment of God coming for you (vs. 1-5)

- A. Paul transitions from the they/them language of chapter 1, to a "you" focus in chapter 2. Paul is explaining that all are sinners and in danger of God's judgment.
- B. We who judge others for their sins are guilty of doing the same sins ourselves.

II. _____ the trap that Paul is setting (vs. 6-11)

- A. This passage has confused many into believing that Paul teaches a salvation by good works. It is clear from many other passages of Paul that no one can be saved by good works (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, Galatians, Romans 3-6)
- B. Paul is rather emphasizing that "Eternal life would be given if one did good works and kept the law perfectly, but no one does the requisite good works, and thus all deserve judgment" (Thomas Schreiner, BECNT, Romans 2:6)