

The Righteousness of God

Is God Fair?

Romans 2:1-11 (ESV)

¹ Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ² We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. ³ Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹ There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹ For God shows no partiality.

Two truths Scripture clearly reveals about God's judgement:

1) It is _____ . (2:1-4)

For _____ people (Ch. 1)

For _____ people (Ch. 2)

"I'm talking about you!"

*What **hypocrisy** looks like:*

Romans 3:9-12 (ESV)

⁹ What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰ as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

2) It is _____ . (2:5-11)

It is preceded by _____ and _____ (2:4)

It is based on _____ . (2:6)

The **day of wrath** ...

This is *not* the day God's judgement will be _____.

It is the day His judgement will be _____.

Why?

Is Paul suddenly preaching a contrary or conflicting Gospel?

James 2:18,20 (ESV)

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

Galatians 5:6 (ESV)

⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

3 questions that reveal how God's righteous judgments are completely fair:

What am I _____?

Do I...

Or am I...

What am I _____?

The answers to the first two questions provide the answer to the third:

Where am I _____?

Eternal life?

Wrath and fury?