



GRACE-POWERED LIVING

A Study of the Book of ROMANS

THE RELIGIOUS...RIGHT IN HELL
Romans 2:1-6

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Introduction: Hell will be filled with religious people. In today's passage, we will discover why that is true.

I. The Description of the Self-Righteous (Romans 2:1-4)

Romans 2:1-4 "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 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? 4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"

A. His Condemnation of Others (Romans 2:1)

Romans 2:1 "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."

Matthew 7:6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces."

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Matthew 7:13-14 ¹³“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. ¹⁴For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.”

Matthew 7:15-17 ¹⁵“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? ¹⁷Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit.”

We Cannot...

1. Determine people’s obligations in “gray” areas (Romans 14:3)

Romans 14:13 “Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother’s way.”

2. Discern people’s motives (Proverbs 16:2)

Proverbs 16:2 “All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives.”

3. Determine people’s fate (James 4:12)

James 4:12 “There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you to judge your neighbor?”

B. His Hypocritical Conduct (Romans 2:1-3)

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Romans 2:1-3 “¹Therefore 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. ²And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. ³And 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?”

Galatians 3:10 “For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.’”

James 2:10-11 “¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. ¹¹For He who said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ also said, ‘Do not commit murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.”

C. His Contempt for God’s Grace (Romans 2:4)

Romans 2:4 “Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?”

Evidences of God’s Goodness

1. God’s “kindness”
2. God’s “forbearance”
3. God’s “patience”

2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”

II. The Destiny of the Self-Righteous (Romans 2:5-6)

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Romans 2:5-6 “⁵ But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who will render to every man according to his deeds.”

A. The Time of His Judgment

Revelation 20:11-12a “¹¹ And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. ^{12a} And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life;”

B. The Basis of His Judgment

Revelation 20:12b-13 “^{12b} and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds, ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.”

C. The Result of His Judgment

Revelation 20:14-15 “¹⁴ And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Romans 2:5-6 “⁵ But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who will render to every man according to his deeds.”

Romans 5:9 “Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”

Conclusion