

Romans 2:1-16 Review...

Last week we discussed – Gentile Moral Sinner... folks like that live around us...

Moral, sinners, not following God, but nice people... yet Paul says folks like that have no excuse before God, just like the folks of Romans 1:18-32 have no excuse. Why? Because they are sinners and God's Judgment is coming on them as well. God is Holy and Righteous, ... nuff said... !!!

Today we will look at the rest of the chapter

Romans 2:17-29 – Jewish Sinners

¹⁷ Now if you call yourself a Jew, and rest in the law, boast in God, ¹⁸ know His will, and approve the things that are superior, being instructed from the law, ¹⁹ and if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light to those in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the ignorant, a teacher of the immature, having the full expression of knowledge and truth in the law— ²¹ you then, who teach another, don't you teach yourself? You who preach, "You must not steal"—do you steal? ²² You who say, "You must not commit adultery"—do you commit adultery? You who detest idols, do you rob their temples?

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²³ You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? ²⁴ For, as it is written: The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.

²⁵ For circumcision benefits you if you observe the law, but if you are a lawbreaker, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. ²⁶ Therefore if an uncircumcised man keeps the law's requirements, will his uncircumcision not be counted as circumcision?

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²⁷ A man who is physically uncircumcised, but who fulfills the law, will judge you who are a lawbreaker in spite of having the letter of the law and circumcision. ²⁸ For a person is not a Jew who is one outwardly, and true circumcision is not something visible in the flesh. ²⁹ On the contrary, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart—by the Spirit, not the letter. That man's praise is not from men but from God.

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What is true about this “Jewish” person Paul describes?

1. This Devout Religious Jew - holds to God's WORD as Holy, God's LAW as Holy, and should BOAST in the God of Israel as the only, real, Living and True God – because it is true, etc. (Romans 2:18)

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2. This Devout Religious Jew - not only believes but Preaches God and His WORD to lost Gentiles (Romans 2:19-22)

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3. This Devout Religious Jew – believes that CIRCUMCISION is a benefit from God, that somehow it makes him holy. (Romans 2:23-29)

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But, Paul exposes some “holes” in this Jewish Person’s belief system:

1. This “Jew” is not ABOVE God’s LAWs
he might have Broken God’s various LAWs at
least once in his life
(see Romans 2:24 – ref.: Isaiah 52:5 & Ezekiel 36:16-24)

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What does God want us to CIRCUMCISE?

Answer: our HEARTS

How does God accomplish this?

Answer: by His Holy SPIRIT (i.e. being Born Again)

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1. Blatant Sinners ... openly sinful, rebellious to God and His Word, etc...' (ref.: Romans 1:18-32)

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2. Moral Gentile Sinners (mostly Gentile, but could be non-religious Jews) (ref.: Romans 2:1-6)

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3. Devout, Religious Jews (ref.: Romans 2:17-29)

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**NO WIGGLE ROOM... all categories of Humans ...
no matter who we are ... we are naturally born
sinners.**

**We are all under the judgment of God and
condemned as sinners ... doomed for God's Holy
Wrath ... outside of Christ**

**Sinners can't hide ... it is going to either God's
Judgment or His Mercy and Grace ... no wiggle room**

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Isn't it great to know, that we, Christians, who are now saved by the Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness, and Love of God that is ONLY found in Christ Jesus ... were Rescued from God's Holy & Just Judgment against us ... we didn't and will never deserve His Loving Rescue, ever... thus we can only thank Him, worship Him, Trust in Him, and Live for Him forever, because of His Salvation. When we truly recognize what God saved us From and what God saved us Unto ... we will never cease to Praise Him and Live for Him.