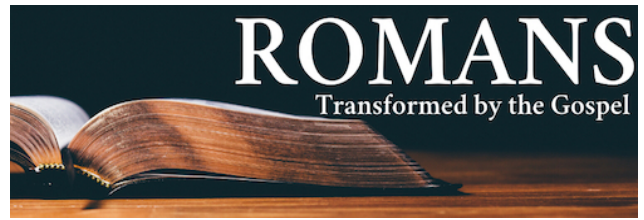


The Guilt of the Judgmental Moralist!

March 29th, 2020 – Romans 2:1-11

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What Is Paul Revealing about The Judge?

1. God's judgement is inevitable. (v.2, v.5)
2. God's judgement is inescapable. (v.3)
3. God's judgement is impartial. (v. 6-11)

What Is Paul Revealing about Judgmental People?

1. Judgmental people are blinded by their perceived sense of moral high ground. (v.1)
2. Judgmental people don't really understand sin or God's judgment of sin. (v. 3-4)
3. Judgmental people reveal their unrepentant heart.

Questions to reflect upon:

1. What stood out to you about the judgment of God in Romans 2:1-11?
2. In what ways do you find yourself blinded by your own sense of moral high ground?
3. Is it shocking to hear Paul's teaching that no one is good or even seeks after God in their natural selves? Why or why not?
4. In what ways do you find yourself downplaying the seriousness of sin in your own life?
5. How does a right understanding of our own sin ultimately bring us joy?
6. How does a right understanding of our own sin help us to relate to those outside the church?

Questions to reflect upon (older kid's version):

1. God's judgment is not meant to motivate us to change our behavior, but to awaken us to our need for a Savior. What does the Gospel reveal that actually brings us hope on the day of judgment?
2. When you find yourself thinking of yourself better than another person, what can you do to remind yourself that you need Jesus as much as they do?
3. How does a right understanding of our own sin ultimately bring us joy?
4. How does a right understanding of our own sin help us to relate to those who are not Christians?

My Personal Take-Away from the Message:

Next Steps: March Reading Plan (Week 5)

Day One: 2 Cor. 13

Day Two: Mark 1

Day Three: Mark 2

Day Four: Mark 3

Day Five: Mark 4

Next Week's Sermon Passage: Romans 2:17-29

Journaling Tip:

Sometimes it is really helpful to write out a short prayer to God to help cement in your mind what His Spirit is leading you toward. It may look like this...

"O God, help me to rest in the work of Jesus to secure my salvation. I have nothing to boast about, in fact, my only boast is in what Christ has accomplished on my behalf."

March Scripture Memory:

32 *"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.*

Luke 6:32-36 (ESV)