

Romans, Session 2/Chapter 2

Summary: Paul continues exposing the _____ of all _____ by setting his sights on judgmental _____.

Where is this going? SEE Road Map & Rom. 3:19-20

Paul uses a rhetorical device called _____ – dialogue with an imaginary student or opponent; not aimed at the Christian reader

Find textual clues to identify the imaginary opponent:

3 options:

- 1) morally superior, self-righteous & judgmental _____
- 2) Either Jews or Gentiles inclined to _____ others, but think themselves _____
- 3) _____ Morally superior, self-righteous & judgmental _____, a “hidden target” until v.17

Doug Moo: “Just as people in general have turned away from the revelation that God has given in nature, so the Jews have turned away ... from the revelation that God has given them.”

Why are sinners of Romans 2 worse than Romans 1?

- 1.
- 2.

2 views on vv.7 and 10:

#1 Describes a _____ whose conduct demonstrates saving faith

- “Seeking” = holy aspirations of the godly
- “glory, honor, immortality” = expectations of the Christian
- “Persevere in doing good” nature of saving faith

Cranfield, John Murray and many others hold this view.

#2 A _____ and _____ statement ONLY, arguing from the _____ of the Jews

Doug Moo: “Paul upholds the Law as a theoretical means of attaining justification ... Paul’s purpose in 2:6-11 is to establish the principle that God will judge every person on the same basis – by works, not by religious heritage or national identity. [The standard of judgment is] a continual seeking after eternal rewards, accompanied by a persistent doing of what is good ... Paul never denies the validity of this principle, but he goes on to show that no one meets the conditions necessary for this principle to become a reality”

So where does this leave those who act selfishly and disobey the truth?

_____, _____, _____, and _____

Q: How can the Gentile keep a Law he doesn’t have?

A:

What is the Conscience? An internal _____ that bears witness to the _____ of the law written on heart and then passes judgment on our behavior as compared to that _____.

3 levels of increasing wrath-worthiness among mankind:

#1 Romans ___ sin and guilt

#2 Romans ___ sin and guilt

#3 Gospel _____ sin and guilt

Within each level, God judges the _____ of the heart.