

Romans 2 “Repayment”

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1 Therefore, every one of you who judges is without excuse. For when you judge another, you condemn yourself, since you, the judge, do the same things. 2 Now we know that God’s judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth. 3 Do you think—anyone of you who judges those who do such things yet do the same—that you will escape God’s judgment? 4 Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? 5 Because of your hardened and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath, when God’s righteous judgment is revealed. 6 He will repay each one according to his works: 7 eternal life to those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but wrath and anger to those who are self-seeking and disobey the truth while obeying unrighteousness. 9 There will be affliction and distress for every human being who does evil, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does what is good, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no favoritism with God.

God is the better judge.

Romans 2:2

2 Now we know that God’s judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth.

God’s judgment is with a knowledge that is total and impartial.

Romans 2:11

11 For there is no favoritism with God.

Romans 2:6

6 He will repay each one according to his works:

God repaying or rewarding according to what someone has done is consistent throughout the Bible.

Psalm 62:12

12 and faithful love belongs to you, Lord.
For you repay each according to his works.

Jeremiah 32:19

19 the one great in counsel and powerful in action. Your eyes are on all the ways of the children of men in order to reward each person according to his ways and as the result of his actions.

Matthew 16:27

27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will reward each according to what he has done.

Revelation 22

22 “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work.

Our works become the body of evidence that reveal and substantiate our justification.

“Faith is a living, restless thing. It cannot be inoperative. We are not saved by works; but if there be no works, there must be something amiss with faith.” - Martin Luther

Romans 2:7-8

7 eternal life to those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but wrath and anger to those who are self-seeking and disobey the truth while obeying unrighteousness.

God’s judgement is great and final.

Hebrews 9:27-28

27 And just as it is appointed for people to die once—and after this, judgment— 28 so also Christ, having been offered once to bear the

sins of many, will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Philippians 3:12

Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus.

Your life is more important than you think.

1 Corinthians 4:5

5 So don't judge anything prematurely, before the Lord comes, who will both bring to light what is hidden in darkness and reveal the intentions of the hearts. And then praise will come to each one from God.

How are you living out your calling?

How are you expressing your gifts?

How much joy is in your service?

Life Group Discussion Questions

1.) What did God say to you through His Scripture during our Sunday gathering?

2.) How did you do this week judging others? When did you stay at a distance from others and feel successful that you weren't as bad as someone else?

3.) How is Paul encouraging us to think about Christianity as a total and encompassing way to live? How might we evidence our faith by the way we live? How would you describe your body of work?

4.) How has your faith developed? Has it ever been weighted towards what you believe and think? Has it ever leaned toward what you did and doing good things? How do you keep the right balance between faith and works?

5.) Paul says at the end, when Christ returns, there will be eternal life for some and wrath for others. How does that reality hit you? What about that causes you to struggle or question? Rejoice and celebrate?

- Why do you think Paul encourages us to persist? Why is endurance and “fighting the good fight” Scripture’s encouragement? Are you tired? What would help you persist in seeking God’s glory?