



ROMANS 2:1-16

MEN TO MEN MINISTRIES

SESSION 4 OF ?

RECAPITULATION OF THE STUDY

1. INTRODUCTION – WHO WAS PAUL, WHO WERE THE ROMANS, WHEN WAS IT WRITTEN, HISTORICAL CONTEXT
2. THE WHY OF PAUL ROMANS 1:1-17
 - PAUL'S AUTHORITY, ACTS, DESIRE, PURPOSE (WHY)
3. THE GREEKS IN THE ROMAN CHURCH ROMANS 1:18-32
 - INTELLECTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF GOD-

- 1 Therefore **you** have no excuse, every one of **you** who passes **judgment**, for in that which **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 But do **you** suppose this, **O man**, when **you** pass **judgment** on 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 tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads **you** to repentance?
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But because of **your** stubbornness and unrepentant heart, **you** are storing up wrath for **yourself** on the day of wrath and revelation of **the righteous judgment of God** who WILL REPAY EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, *He will give* eternal life; but to those who are self-serving and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, *He will give* wrath and indignation. *There will be* tribulation and distress for every soul of mankind who does evil, for the Jew first and also for the Greek, but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who does what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **For there is no partiality with God.**

For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law; ¹³ for *it is* not the hearers of the Law *who* are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law *who* will be justified. ¹⁴ For when Gentiles who do not have the Law instinctively perform the *requirements* of the Law, these, though not having ¹the Law, are **a law to themselves,** ¹⁵ in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, **their conscience testifying** and their thoughts **alternately accusing or else defending them,** ¹⁶ on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of mankind through Christ Jesus.

LAST WEEK THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
HUMAN ANGER AND
DIVINE WRATH

THIS WEEK THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
HUMAN JUDGMENT AND
DIVINE JUDGMENT





- Morals and Ethics are most often used interchangeably.
- Ethics is most often seen as a logical branch of philosophy.
- Morals are most often static and not subject to change.
- Ethics are driven by the existing culture or time.



What sets our Moral compass?
What governs our actions?
What ultimately makes our decisions?
Truth or Facts?

THE VOICE OF THE MORALIST

LUKE 18:11

¹¹THE PHARISEE STOOD AND WAS PRAYING THIS TO HIMSELF: 'GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I AM NOT LIKE OTHER PEOPLE: SWINDLERS, UNJUST, ADULTERERS, OR EVEN LIKE THIS TAX COLLECTOR.

- I AM EXEMPT FROM JUDGMENT BUT YOU ARE NOT.
- I KEEP THE LAW AS I INTERPRET IT.
- NO BACON WITH MY EGGS
- I AM CIRCUMCISED
- I MAKE SACRIFICES OF THINGS IN MY LIFE. I GO TO CHURCH 1.5 HOURS
- I COMPUTE TO THE LAST PENNY MY TITHE AND PAY IT ONLINE.
- I AM A MORAL PERSON
- EVERYONE SHOULD BE LIKE ME.
- BUT YOU ARE NOT THEREFORE I JUDGE YOU.

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 practice the things.

moralist noun

mor·al·ist 'môr-ə-list 'mär-

[Synonyms of moralist >](#)

- 1 : one who leads a **moral** life
- 2 : a philosopher or writer concerned with moral principles and problems
- 3 : one concerned with regulating the **morals** of others

A MORALIST POINT OF VIEW

- **THE MORALISTIC FALLACY**

- **MAKES STATEMENTS THAT MOVE FROM “HOW THINGS SHOULD BE”**
- **COMPARING THESE SHOULD TO BE HOW THINGS SHOULD BE**
- **THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT THE WORLD IS AS IT SHOULD BE.**
 - **EXAMPLE: CROSSING A ONE-WAY STREET WITHOUT LOOKING BOTH WAYS UNDER THE BELIEF THAT THE WORLD WORKS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE.**

- **MORAL EQUIVALENCE**

- **DENIAL OF ANY ACTION BY COMPARING IT TO A WORSE ACTION**
- **COMPARES ONE ACTION AS NOT SO BAD COMPARED WITH AN EXTREME**
 - **EXAMPLE: NAZISM AND THE HOLOCAUST WAS NOT AS BAD AS COMMUNISM’S MAO’S GREAT LEAP FORWARD, STALIN’S PURGES AND POL POT’S KILLING FIELDS.**

- **MORAL HIGH GROUND**

- **BECAUSE OF STATURE, OR PLACE, OR AUTHORITY, YOUR OPINION IS ALWAYS THE BEST.**
 - **EXAMPLE: IF I QUOTE THE A.W.TOZER OR C.S. LEWIS I MUST BE RIGHT.**



MORALISTIC PREACHING

- CHARACTER ANALYSIS OF SOMEONE, AS AN EXAMPLE
 - FROM THE BIBLE
 - FROM LIFE
- THEY ARE COMMENDED AS BEING GOOD
- BECOME A MOTIVE FOR CONFORMITY
- IS THIS CHRISTIANITY?

MORALISTIC THERAPEUTIC DEISM

- GOD WANTS ME TO BE HAPPY
- GOD EXISTS TO MAKE ME HAPPY.
- WHEN I AM HAPPY, I FEEL GOOD ABOUT MY LIFE.
- GOD IS FAR AWAY AND THE ONLY WAY TO FEEL GOD IS TO BE HAPPY
- THERE IS NO MORAL ABSOLUTES. IT IS ALL ABOUT MY HAPPINESS, MY JOY, MY COMFORT, MY POSITION, MY LIFE, MY HOPES, MY DREAMS, AND MY VIEW OF THE WORLD AROUND ME.
- GOD IS A LOVING GOD AND TO MAKE ME HAPPY HE HAS NO CHOICE TO BUT LET ME INTO HEAVEN.
 - GOD IS SO GOOD HE CANNOT SEND ANYONE INTO JUDGMENT
 - MAN IS SO GOOD, GOD CANNOT SEND ANYONE INTO JUDGMENT.
- THE ONLY DEMAND IN MY LIFE IS DETERMINED BY ME.

I am a moral person as long as I am happy and that brings me closer to God.

WHAT IS THE MORAL OF THIS STORY?

1. YOUR JUDGEMENT HAS NO EXCUSE – 2:1
2. IF YOU JUDGE YOU ARE STORING UP GOD'S WRATH – 2:5
3. IT IS GOD'S JOB TO JUDGE. – 2:6
4. DOING GOOD IS GOOD -2:7
5. THE SELFISHLY AMBITIOUS DO NOT OBEY THE TRUTH AND RECEIVE TROUBLE 2:8,9
6. THERE IS NO PARTIALITY WITH GOD. ALL LIVES MATTER 2:11
7. LIVING WITH SIN WITHOUT THE LAW OR WITH THE LAW, YOU WILL BE JUDGED BY GOD 2:12
8. NOT HEARING BUT THE DOING OF THE LAW WILL BRING YOU TO GOD 2:13
9. LIVING WITHOUT THE LAW IS NOTHING BUT BEING A LAW TO YOURSELF 2:14
10. THE WORK OF THE LAW IS WRITTEN INTERNALLY AND DEFENDED. 2:15
11. THE WRATH OF GOD, ACCORDING TO PAUL'S GOSPEL, WILL JUDGE THE SECRETS. 2:16

No one
heals himself
by
wounding
another.
Ambrose

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO SIN

1. ROMANS 2:3,4 BUT DO YOU SUPPOSE THIS, O MAN, WHEN YOU PASS JUDGMENT ON THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS AND DO THE SAME YOURSELF, THAT YOU WILL ESCAPE THE JUDGMENT OF GOD? OR DO YOU THINK LIGHTLY OF THE RICHES OF HIS KINDNESS AND TOLERANCE AND PATIENCE, NOT KNOWING THAT THE KINDNESS OF GOD LEADS YOU TO REPENTANCE?
2. ROMANS 2:12 ALL WHO SIN APART FROM THE LAW WILL ALSO PERISH APART FROM THE LAW, AND ALL WHO SIN UNDER THE LAW WILL BE JUDGED BY THE LAW.
3. ROMANS 2:14,15 FOR WHEN GENTILES WHO DO NOT HAVE THE LAW INSTINCTIVELY PERFORM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, THESE, THOUGH NOT HAVING THE LAW, ARE A LAW TO THEMSELVES, IN THAT THEY SHOW THE WORK OF THE LAW WRITTEN IN THEIR HEARTS, THEIR CONSCIENCE TESTIFYING AND THEIR THOUGHTS ALTERNATELY ACCUSING OR ELSE DEFENDING THEM,

NEXT WEEK ROMANS 2:17-29

- READ IT THIS WEEK AT LEAST THREE TIMES
JUST 13 VERSES
- INTROSPECTION: ASK YOURSELF IF YOU
HAVE OR ARE NOW JUDGMENTAL. LOOK
INTO EVERY CORNER OF YOUR LIFE AND
CALL THEM OUT. MAKE IT A PRAYER TO
GOD TO HELP YOU BE DIFFERENT.