

ROMANS 2:1-11

(1) Welcome to Kings' Church. Holidays / etc.

2:1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. **2** Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. **3** So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? **4** Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? **5** But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. **6** God "will repay each person according to what they have done."^[a] **7** To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. **8** But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. **9** There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; **10** but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **11** For God does not show favoritism.

(2) Intro -

(a) Romans: Samuel Taylor Coleridge: The most profound book in human existence;. **Romans sparked the reformation. - "This Epistle (Romans) is really the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, and is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul."**

(b) Let's remember there are 3 main points as we re-engage this work: (1) Explaining the Gospel; (2) Explaining the Union of Christ and his people; (3) Reconciling the Jewish and the Gentile communities in Christ.

(3) Recap

(a) Natural Law: The whole world knows God is real and that he has a way he has called us to live. Man has suppressed the truth of God.

- (i) 1:18 – “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.**”
- 1) **The Conscience can be seared. It can be cauterized. And that can happen to a whole community.**
 - a) **The Cross-roads cut. *Tsujigiri***
The samurai, and much of the community had suppressed the truth. - medieval Japan
 - 2) **1 John 3:** And so, my dear friends, if our conscience does not condemn us, we have courage in God's presence. We receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. What he commands is that we believe in his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as Christ commanded us. Those who obey God's commands live in union with God and God lives in union with them.

- (ii) **We are talking about the Good news. But first we must talk about the nature of God.** *I saw a woman upset that a man was being held for the police, when that man punched another man in the head.* We need a social worker to come and talk it out between them. The attacker needs to think about what he has done.

1) **God is all Omnipotent**

- a) Psalm 146: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. He remains faithful forever. He executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

2) **God is omniscient**

- a) Psalm 139 O LORD, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

3) **God is Omnipresent.**

- a) Psalm 139:7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I

take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

4) **God is perfectly Benevolent**

- a) Luke 18:19 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

5) **God is perfectly just.**

- a) And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice. Psalm 50:6
- b) Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Psalm 89:14

- c) What is Justice? Justice is giving to each one there due.

- i) Justice is about Transactions. ***That's why I've argued that Life is not a gift.*** Because our bank account has been granted a massive credit, called life - family - friends - sunsets - love - friendship, and we take all of these gifts from God, and turn them into idols, we break God's law and destroy not only his planet but beings created in his image. We are owed justice and with justice: JUDGMENT.

- ii) ... He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead." Acts 17:31

(4) **2:1** You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

(a) Here we have judgment coming: The wrath of God revealed from heaven against all ungodliness...against those who Suppress the Truth

(b) **Remember the context here - Paul is in part speaking universally and in part speaking to the Jews and Gentiles - you who Judge and do the same**

are busted. You also are suppressing the Truth

(c) Gentiles suppress the Truth

- (i) **EX: Allyn Walker – Book - Minor Attracted Persons and Their Pursuit of Dignity.** Suppression of Truth with a lie.

1) ***Daily Mail story from yesterday - researchers believe letting pedophiles act out fantasies on child sex robots might help them from stopping harm to children.***

[12/09/22 story by Stephen Matthews]

2) But Christianity stands against this: Christianity condemned the Roman system in its every part. According to the Roman ethic, a man displayed his masculinity in battlefield and bedroom dominance. In the Christian ethic, a man displayed his masculinity in chastity, in self-sacrifice, in deference to others, in joyfully refraining from all sexual activity except with his wife. The Roman understanding of virtue and love depended upon pederasty—the systematic rape of young boys. But the Christian sexual ethic limited intercourse to a married man and his wife. It protected children and gave them dignity. A Roman woman was accustomed to being treated as second-class human being but “in Christendom, a woman found a culture of genuine love that saw her as equally important as any man in the eyes of God. She was sexually equal with the man in the marriage union and had equal recourse under the law of God to demand marital fidelity.”

a) ANti-elvis presley.

- (ii) **Jews did as well - by their people attempting to Suppress Christ.**

(5) **2** Now we know that God’s judgment against those who do such things **is based on truth.** **3** So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment?

(a) God’s judgment **is based on Truth.**

- (i) Judgment must be based on truth or the calculation is broken.
(ii) Ex. In 2019 Many Christian leaders were talking about how racist the society and especially the police are. [Elton John leaves Twitter, citing misinformation dividing the world]

1) There was even a phrase used. That phrase was BLM. That phrase was birthed out of a police interaction that ended in the death of a man. Out of that interaction [that was determined by a judge and jury to be unlawful] - the nation

and pulpits were repeating a phrase that meant: **Black lives do not matter to police.**

- 2) The church, and many individuals in our community judged not only the police by a belief that
 - a) Will Wit: 3-5 unarmed white men were shot by police
 - b) 1000 - 1500 black unarmed men shot
 - c) The truth was 16 unarmed white 9 unarmed black.
 - d) Cops are actually 18 times more likely to be killed than an unarmed black man is to be killed by the police.
- 3) The church has not recognized that our nation has become secular. You cannot trust secular sources of news information. You must take them with a grain of salt, and you must say - who is being incentivized? — ***Solly's class a kid citing a paper that having 1 hr of screen time is beneficial.***

(iii) Rev 12 ²⁶And into the city will be brought the glory and honor of the nations. ²⁷**But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who practices an abomination or a lie, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.**

- 1) Moral Code - calculation // facts are applied to the calculation.

(iv) ***This is why it is very important what we consume as Christians. We no longer live in a Christian society, so telling the truth is not as important as forwarding an agenda.*** In our society the means justify the ends.

(b) So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and **yet do the same things**, do you think you will escape God's judgment? -

(i) **"He who is spiritual judges all things." 1**

Corinthians 2:15

- 1) Don't judge people when you are doing what they are doing, or you store up wrath.

a) **Matt 7:3** “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? **4** How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? **5** You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

2) Don’t judge the inner contents of one’s heart, you cannot see that only God can.

(6) Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

(a) Four Greek Words from this Scripture:

(b) **.do you show contempt** (or disregard)

(c) **καταφρονεῖς** (kataphroneis) Verb - Present Indicative Active - 2nd Person Singular Strong's 2706: To despise, scorn, and show it by active insult, disregard. From kata and phroneo; to think against, i.e. Disesteem.

(i)

(d) **kindness,**

(e) **χρηστότης** (chrēstotēs) Noun - Genitive Feminine Singular Strong's 5544: Goodness, uprightness, kindness, gentleness. From chrestos; usefulness, i.e. Morally, excellence.

(f) **forbearance,**

(g) **ἀνοχή** (anochē) Noun - Genitive Feminine Singular. Strong's 463: Forbearance, suspense or delay (of punishment), patience. From anechomai; self-restraint, i.e. Tolerance.

(h) **patience,**

(i) **μακροθυμίας** (makrothymias) Noun - Genitive Feminine Singular Strong's 3115: Patience, forbearance, longsuffering. From the same as

makrothumos; longanimity, i.e. forbearance or fortitude.

(j) **Old song it's your kindness Lord that leads us to repentance, your favor Lord is our desire, it's your goodness that makes us stand in silence, your love is better than life.**

- (i) This misses the Point.
- (ii) The point is that we deserve the Judgment of God. That the wicked are being protected from the Judgment of God, but that patience is not eternal.
- (iii) "Surely thou didst set them in slippery places; thou castedst them down into destruction: How are they brought into desolation as in a moment? ([Psalm 73:18-19](#))"

(7) **5** But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

(a) ***Notice here that Paul has moved from "They" – he was using "they" in the first chapter when referencing the GEntile unbelievers, the pagan world. – Now he says to the church "YOU" - who are unrepentant.***

(b) ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharpsword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and **he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.** Rev 19:15

(8) **6 God "will repay each person according to what they have done."**^[a] **7** To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

(a) This is the beautiful paradox. In the middle of the adjudication, is the pathway to Glory. Those who SEEK - glory, honor, and immortality. **This is not a game that will end, this is the real call to the depths of the human heart.**

(9) **8** But for those who are self-seeking and **who reject the truth and follow evil,** there will be wrath and anger. **9** There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile;

- (a) **Isa 66:15 KJV** - ¹⁵ For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.
- (b) **9** They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ... **2 Thes 1:9**
- (10) **10** but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **11** For God does not show favoritism.