

Overview

1-V1 There is great need to appear as a good and righteous person (because we are born sinners). From the beginning the first people denied there was anything wrong with them and blamed each other, Satan, and indirectly God. God’s way is for us to love ourselves and each other the way we are – and work on what needs fixing in our own life and perhaps be helpful in someone else’s struggle to be a better person. So Paul tells the Roman church (and us) that as _____ as the rebels spoken of in Romans 1 were they were no better because they were doing those very _____.

2-V2-4 God will be even handed in judging people. He not will _____ some we think much worse than ourselves and _____ judge us. God is being kind, _____ and _____ with all of us. It is better to focus on ourselves and take the opportunity before us now that God is giving us to _____ from our own _____.

3-V5 None of us is perfect. In fact, the closer people draw near to the Lord the more distressed they become about their imperfections –the rebellion and corruption in their own lives. Paul was addressing the attitude of the Pharisee who prayed “ I thank you God that I am not a sinner like every one else. “(Luke 18:10). So Paul says, “But no, you won’t _____ So you are storing up terrible _____ for _____ because of your _____ in refusing to _____ away from your _____.”

4-V6-9 On the day of _____ God will judge _____ according to what they have done. Those who are aware of the depravity that defiles their God likeness persist in doing what is _____, seeking after the _____ and _____ and _____ that God _____. On the other hand, God will pour out His _____ and wrath on those who are in denial and actually live for _____, -- who _____ to obey the truth ad practice _____ deeds.

5-V9 Before every person, it doesn’t matter who they are (no favoritism), is a choice resulting in either trouble and _____ for those who _____ sinning--- Or honor and _____ for those who desire, and intend, and seek to please God by doing _____.

6-V16 The day is coming when God by Jesus Christ will judge everyone’s _____ life. V13 The basis of judgment is whether or not they _____ the law --whether they know it in a written form like the scriptures or they know it instinctively because it is written in their _____(everyone knows (“do unto others as you would have them do unto you) like the _____, the non Jews. Our _____ either accuse us or assure us in our consciences whether or not we are sincerely trying to be right with God.

7-V 17-20 The Jews in general thought that they were” in with God” whether or not they wanted to have a heart like His or not. They felt they had a _____ relationship with him because they were born of Jewish blood. They were _____ that because they had the written laws of God (which they had domesticated) that they were a guide for the _____ and a beacon _____ for those who are lost in darkness without God— that they could instruct the _____ and children.”

8-V21-24 “Well then you teach _____ why don’t you teach _____? You steal, you commit adultery You dishonor God in a special way

because people think you represent Him. In fact, because of your hypocrisy, the world _____ the name of God because of you.”

9-V25-29 It not some outward ritual like _____ that makes you a true Jew It is to _____ the intent of God’s law by His grace. “True circumcision is not a _____ of the body but a change of _____ produced by God’s _____. Whoever has that kind of change seeks _____ from _____ not from people.”

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1.V1 _____ Loving actions is what the Law of God intended. Why is Paul writing such harsh words to the church in Rome? It is because the first churches were started with converts from Judaism who said outward law keeping and circumcision saved. However, the Pharisees had re-written the commandments – Which allowed them to get by with divorce (Matthew 19:3-8) – To break the 4th commandment to honor and take care of their parents by giving a token gift to the temple (Corban - Mark 7:11)—To steal the homes of widows and orphans (Matthew 23:14) —To stone a woman caught in adultery and not the man (John 8:1-8) To execute innocent men like the Lord himself because He threatened their privilege. “(Mark 15:1-10). For the commandments are all summed up in this one commandment. Love your neighbor as yourself.” Romans 13:9-10

2.V3 _____ Judgment is spoken of in different ways in the Scripture. (1) HEAVEN OR HELL The judgment of whether or not we will spend life beyond this life with the Lord . That is the judgment referred to here- which depends on whether we accept or reject the Lord from the heart. “And anyone whose name was not found record in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:15 (2) The judgment of REWARDS for the Lord’s people in the life to come. “If the person’s work survives the fire, that builder will receive reward. But if that work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builders themselves will be saved, but like someone escaping through a wall of flames.” 1 Corinthians 3:14-15. (3) ETERNAL SECURITY The judgment that our present and eternity is secure. “ I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me HAVE eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have ALREADY passed from death into life.” John 5:24

3.V 7 _____ The Lord said, “ If you seek me with all your heart you shall surely find me.” Jeremiah 29:13 The test is whether a person “loves the Lord his God with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his mind.” Matthew 22:37 To love the Lord means one wants to be as a bride with her husband.-- For their spirits and lives to live in the same place.—To be like the 12 disciples who ate and drank, ate and slept, walked and talked with the Lord and those days were the most precious in their life.--To be like David who was “a man after God’s own (loving) heart “who said, “My soul longs for you O God.” (Ps 42:1)

4. V11 _____ Every person is a favorite of God for whom God is a favorite of theirs. This is not only a Christian principle – is the way relationships in the world operate.

We recognize as dear friends—as favorites of ours -- those who cherish us and do us no harm. We recognize that there are others who do not value our company or who harm us --- as “not our friends.” “Peter replied, “ ‘I see very clearly that God doesn’t show partiality.

In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.” Acts 10:34

5.V14 _____ Can people be saved who have never heard of Christ?

Most of the people who have lived on this earth have not had the opportunity. This scripture perhaps supports the hope of those who never heard—who “instinctively” acknowledge God as Creator (Romans 1:19) and instinctively know what God’s pure heart is like and live righteously are saved. If they had had a chance to know Jesus they would have accepted Him.

6.V 287-29 _____ A true Jew is one like the great Jews of Scripture who had broken and contrite hearts –who were cut to the heart because they knew they were sinners. (Psalm 51) True circumcision – the mark that a person is a true Jew in eternity is one who is marked in the heart—a transformed person by the working of the indwelling Spirit of God.

What does this Scripture say to you?
