

*Romans Part One: What It Takes to Change the World – Fifth Week*

# ***No Judgmental People Allowed!***

*Romans 2:1-16*

**Introduction:** In Romans 1:18—3:20, Paul identifies four different kinds of people who are separated from God and need the atoning work of Christ. Having dealt with the secular non-Christian (1:18-32), Paul now deals with the moral non-Christian (2:1-16). In this passage Paul shows how God is going to evaluate moral unbelievers on his day of judgment. Here, Paul identifies four standards that God will use to judge critical moralizing people.

- 1. STANDARD #1 – God judges people based on the same standards they use in judging others. *Romans 2:1-3***
  - A. What moralists do – They pass judgment on others. 2:1
  - B. How God responds – He uses their own standards of judgment to evaluate them. 2:1b
  - C. Is this just? – Paul claims that this is entirely just. 2:2-3
  
- 2. STANDARD #2 – God judges people because they persist in denial about their own sin. *Romans 2:4-5***
  - A. The timing of God’s wrath – There is a day of wrath that is coming for moralists. 2:5c
  - B. The 1<sup>st</sup> problem – The moralists stubbornly persist in denial. 2:5a
  - C. The 2<sup>nd</sup> problem – The moralists think lightly of God’s grace-period for repentance. 2:4
  - D. The result in the present – Right now, stubborn moralists are storing up a “wrath-debt”. 2:5a
  
- 3. STANDARD #3 – God judges people according to their works, and there will be no partiality. *Romans 2:6-11***
  - A. These verses have caused huge confusion.
  - B. There are three main views on this passage.
  - C. What is the final accounting going to be like? God’s judgment will be without partiality.
  
- 4. STANDARD #4 – God’s judgment – esp. its severity – is based on how you responded to your conscience. *Romans 2:12-16***
  - A. Some people possess clear revelation from God. 2:12-13
  - B. Explanation: What about people who never heard?
  - C. Is God just in judging those who never heard, and if so, why? 2:14-15

