

Romans 2:1-29

Romans Chapter 1 reveals the unrighteous of man, and shows how degraded man becomes when he rejects God. We see it in the news everyday – murders, rapes, school shootings, etc. When you take the sanctity of life (the bible and God) out of life, society degrades.

Romans Chapter 2 reveals how man becomes self-righteous in his behavior and attitude after rejecting God.

Vs1: The word “man” means all humans. All of us are capable of some or all of the sins of the flesh listed in chapter 1:29-32. People, without God, degrade to evil wicked beings.

Vs2: God judges truly. Humans do not, so be careful in condemning others because in the right circumstances, you would do the same thing.

Vs3: God will hold every human being accountable for his/her deeds. No one will escape judgement. You reap what you sow.

Vs4: Listen, God has been long-suffering with mankind. He has warned man of all the evil wicked things he should guard against, yet we still reject him. None of us would be so patient with our children. We would discipline our kids quickly. But God is patient with us and gives us opportunity to repent.

Vs5: God is only going to be patient so long, then He’ll say “enough is enough” and He’ll start chastising misbehaving people. Revelation will happen because of the rejection of God by men.

Vs6: You reap what you sow. What you do you will pay for one way or another.

Vs7: there are people who are seeking God’s will because they are seeking His will and they will get rewards in heaven.

Vs8: those who are argumentative or disruptive are not happy. They are rebelling against God, and this makes them miserable. Misery likes company.

Vs9: The Jews will be punished first because they had God’s word and God expected them to behave. The Gentiles will be punished second according to what they know. You are held accountable for what you know and will be judged as such. You can judge a person’s behaviour according the word of God, but don’t think you are better than them, because you will do the same things if you are in the right circumstances. It’s the attitude in your heart when you judge someone that matters.

Vs10: there are people who are seeking God’s will because they are seeking His will and they will get rewards in heaven, again the Jews first then the Gentiles.

Vs11: The word “sin” means “to miss the mark”. It means you have missed the goal of God’s perfection. Sins against the flesh are judged harsh because it’s a sin against God’s image. Man is made in God’s image. Sin is all missing the mark.

Vs12: the Jews had the law and understood God in all detail and understood what was good in all detail. The Gentiles didn’t have the law, so they are held accountable for what they do know. The Jews were far more responsible than the Gentiles. A new Christian will

not be held to as many laws as a mature Christian, simply because the new Christian has not learned all the laws.

Vs13: You are responsible to execute in your life all the laws you know. You are to seek out more and more knowledge and grow in the Word of the Lord. You can't just accept the Lord into your heart and that's the end of it. You need to study everyday and grow in the Word.

Vs14: every human being that is born is born with so much of the knowledge of God just by their surroundings they live in. Everywhere you go on this planet, people are going to worship something. Mankind knows there is a supreme being somewhere that controls this universe. They set up rules to form their society, and this can be good or evil. This is saying that Gentiles that do good deeds naturally, this natural behaviour will become a law to that person.

ROMANS 11:33-36: God has not counseled with us how He will do anything. He doesn't have to. He hasn't told us all the minor details of how He will judge us. But whatever He does will be exactly correct and right and we don't have to worry about it. There will be no mistakes. It is God's wisdom and God's knowledge and that is way past man's ability to understand. But all of mankind is guilty of rebellion against God.

Vs15: your conscience bears witness to how you behave. You know if something is right or wrong.

Vs16: all secrets will be revealed and be righteously judged.

Vs17: to the Jews specifically, if you get self-righteous, because they were chosen to be God's people. They were very prejudiced against Gentiles, that they would cross the street rather than walk by a gentile.

Vs18: You Jews who read this word think you are so much better than everyone else

Vs19-23: you need to stop judging others and look at yourself. You are committing the same sins that you are telling others to stop doing, hypocrites.

Vs24: the Jews are supposed to be an example to the Gentiles of how God's people are to live and be rewarded.

Vs25: you put so much stock in the physical part of circumcision, but your behaviour makes you like you were uncircumcised.

Vs26: therefore uncircumcised Gentiles who obey God's will are considered better than a circumcised Jew who rebels against God and doesn't follow His word. If you get saved but still in the world of the flesh and the devil, you are not an example of God's word and might as well as not been saved at all. You can't be saved and then keep living in sin the way you were before you got saved. You must read the word of God and learn everyday. You have no excuses.

Vs27-29: the concept of circumcision is in the heart, not on the body. If you have a physical circumcision without being saved and living the word of God to the best of your ability and keep growing in the Word, you might as well not have been circumcised at all, unless it's for a purely medical reason.