

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 12-6-09 PM NOTES  
"NO EXCUSES ALLOWED"  
ROMANS 2:1-4  
#11 in Series, "Verse by Verse through Romans"

"[Romans is] really the chief part of the New Testament, and...truly the purest gospel."

—Martin Luther

"If we have gained a true understanding of this Epistle, we have an open door to all the most profound treasures in the Scripture."

—John Calvin

"If you get Romans, you get Christianity."

—John Piper

**Habakkuk 1:13a (NKJV)** "*You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness.*"

**Hebrews 10:31 (NKJV)** "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

**Hebrews 12:29 (NKJV)** "For our God *is* a consuming fire."

**Amos 2:6 (NKJV)** "Thus says the Lord: 'For three **transgressions of Israel**, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals.'"

"I have spent the best years of my life giving people the lighter pleasures, helping them to have a good time, and all I get is abuse, the existence of a hunted man."

—Al Capone

I. The Hypocrisy of the Moralist (v. 1)

**Romans 1:18 (NKJV)** "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness."

"Have you ever criticized anyone for anything? Then you are without excuse, because your criticism arises from the fact that you have a conscience, which now recognizes a sin in another because it is aware of the existence of sin in self; and you have never lived up to the light of your conscience, whatever it might be. Anyone who has ever criticized anything in anybody has thereby written his own condemnation. For even the finest critic has been guilty in some degree of the thing he has judged in another."

—Donald Barnhouse

II. The Justice of God (vv. 2-3)

**Romans 1:20b (NKJV)** "...so that they are without excuse."

**Romans 2:1a (ESV)** "Therefore you have no excuse..."

**Romans 3:19b (NKJV)** "... that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God."

**James 3:1 (NKJV)** "My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment."

III. The Patience of God (v. 4)

**Romans 2:4a (AMP)** "Or are you [so blind as to] trifle with *and* presume upon *and* despise *and* underestimate the wealth of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering patience?"

"O sinner, can you give any reason why since you have risen from your bed this morning God has not stricken you dead?"

—Jonathan Edwards

The Goodness of God

The Forbearance of God

The Longsuffering of God

**2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)** "The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

**Ezekiel 33:11 (NKJV)** "Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'"