

Romans # 033

“We’re all doomed!”

Romans 2:12-16

All throughout the Bible

in human history, a righteous and just God defines the terms.

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God’s standard and God has done all that He could to bridge the gap.

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God has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to righteousness.

Paul recognizes the arrogant, filled with a sense of their own morality and he says if they judge and condemn from

self-righteousness, they are without excuse.

Both the moral person and the Jew believe in the principle of classes of people that must be evaluated based on their behavior and God will certainly be more generous to them on Judgment Day.

If you’ve conned your way in life, it’s scary to think that there’s a reckoning coming in which God won’t be fooled.

If you’ve been judged unfairly in life, take comfort in knowing that the Righteous Judge will make things right!

Whether or not a person had knowledge of the Law, they still sinned and are guilty before God.

The Jews have no special benefit by their birth,

but they do have an advantage and to whom much is given, much is required.

Part of the Law’s function was to reveal man’s need beyond himself and part was to declare the pattern

of salvation by grace through faith as demonstrated in Abraham.

They instinctively have a value system that tells them right from wrong and if they violate it,

they know they’re guilty.

And if they deny God and

any responsibility before Him; remember that

their conscience convicts them and they know deep down they’re guilty.

With God, there's no difference between darkness and light as there is with us, as darkness hides things.

The Gospel by definition is "Good News" however, it's incomplete without the understanding

that every thinking human being will be held accountable.

The justice of God administers what the righteousness of God demands.

Lack of integrity or virtue in mankind does not cancel the integrity or virtue of God.

The point of responsibility toward sin was made in eternity past by

4 decisions of Jesus Christ:

1. Substitutionary atonement
2. Propitiation to satisfy the justice of God
3. Reconciliation to provide salvation by grace through faith alone in Christ alone
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Redemption

to pay for our freedom

What the righteousness of God condemned, the justice of God judged on the Cross, so that the love of God provided a solution expressed by the grace of God.

The reason for divine discipline is divine love.

The point of reference for discipline is the love of God; the sponsor of the greatest spiritual life that ever existed.

Since divine integrity is the basis of our salvation: it's the significance of our spiritual life, our relationship to recovery, momentum after recovery and it's the unique impact of the *Jeshurun* believer in all human history.

All divine solutions to problems in life go through the grace of God, to include divine discipline.