

## Romans 2:1-16 “We are Created in the Image of God”

- 1) Apparently, it's okay to judge for **identification** - just not for **condemnation**.
  
- 2) With God as Judge, there is no such thing as "the **perfect crime**." Men may escape human justice but they will never escape divine justice. We won't escape even one time that we have judged another...
  
- 3) Don't confuse God's **patience** and **mercy** with **approval**.
  
- 4) Here we have **perfect justice** at work. God looks at man's **heart**, and He evaluates a man's works and judges accordingly. The penalty will perfectly fit the crime. Every man will get his due reward, whether good or bad.
  
- 5) Thankfully, God is not only a God of **JUSTICE** but He is also a God of **GRACE**. According to JUSTICE sin must be judged and punished. According to GRACE sin can be pardoned and forgiven.
  
- 6) Today, I live to give **honor to** the Lord; **live for** His **glory**; and, living for **eternal values** (seeking for immortality) each day!
  
- 7) **Every** society, culture or person develops some type of a **moral code** that they judge others and themselves by. The remains of **God's image may be marred** but not **destroyed**, it still operates, even in the most primitive heathen.

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(Matthew 7:15)
  
- 2) With God as Judge, there is no such thing as "the \_\_\_\_\_." Men may escape human justice but they will never escape divine justice. We won't escape even one time that we have judged another...  
(Hebrews 4:13)
  
- 3) Don't confuse God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Psalm 37:1-2, 7, 9, 20)
  
- 4) Here we have \_\_\_\_\_ at work. God looks at man's \_\_\_\_\_, and He evaluates a man's works and judges accordingly. The penalty will perfectly fit the crime. Every man will get his due reward, whether good or bad.  
(Genesis 18:25; Job 34:11-12; Psalm 62:12; Revelation 24:12)
  
- 5) Thankfully, God is not only a God of \_\_\_\_\_ but He is also a God of \_\_\_\_\_. According to JUSTICE sin must be judged and punished. According to GRACE sin can be pardoned and forgiven.  
(Psalm 24:12; Psalm 103:10-12)
  
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(Galatians 2:20)
  
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ society, culture or person develops some type of a **moral code** that they judge others and themselves by. The remains of **God's image may be** \_\_\_\_\_ but not **destroyed**, it still operates, even in the most primitive heathen.  
(Romans 1:20; Luke 12:47-48)

In verse 17, the psalmist understood God's plan. What is the most helpful way for *you* to remember or learn God's plan and purpose?

What is the *main thing* Psalm 73 teaches you?

5) The Great White Throne Judgment is when God will judge non-Christians. But in the following passage, Paul talks about God judging Christians. This is not a judgment of whether we are saved - but a judgment of how we will be rewarded in heaven. How does this passage challenge you?

**2 Corinthians 5:10** - *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."*

How do you think you'll act/think/feel when you are before God in heaven?

### TAKING IT HOME

6) Looking back at this week's teaching and homework, what is most important for you to remember and why?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for persecuted believers in Egypt.
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## Life Group Homework For the week of October 31, 2021

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week, Don gave us four ways God will judge those who have never known the Bible or gospel story. Which standard did you find most helpful? Which was most confusing?
  - The general revelation of creation (Rom. 1:20)
  - Own judgment of others (Rom. 2:1)
  - Light they'd been given (Rom. 2:12, Luke 12:47-48)
  - Conscience (Rom. 2:14-15)

### REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message in Romans 2:1-16? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week we learned about God's righteous judgment. What stands out to you from the following parable?

**Luke 18:9-14** - *"[9] Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: [10] "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. [11] "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. [12] 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' [13] "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to*

heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' [14] "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.""

Why was the Pharisee's judgment wrong?

Why was the tax collector's judgment right?

What does this parable exhort you to do (or not do)?

- 4) Many people misunderstand God's plan or purpose by focusing on this life rather than on eternal life. Read Psalm 73, noting any highlights or questions you have.

**Psalm 73:1-28** - "[1] A Psalm of Asaph. Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart. [2] But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped. [3] For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked. [4] For there are no pangs in their death, But their strength is firm. [5] They are not in trouble as other men, Nor are they plagued like other men. [6] Therefore pride serves as their necklace; Violence covers them like a garment. [7] Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish. [8] They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression; They speak loftily. [9] They set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth. [10] Therefore his people return here, And waters of a full cup are drained by them. [11] And they say, "How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most

High?" [12] Behold, these are the ungodly, Who are always at ease; They increase in riches. [13] Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, And washed my hands in innocence. [14] For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning. [15] If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children. [16] When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me-- [17] Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end. [18] Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. [19] Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors. [20] As a dream when one awakes, So, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image. [21] Thus my heart was grieved, And I was vexed in my mind. [22] I was so foolish and ignorant; I was like a beast before You. [23] Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. [24] You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory. [25] Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. [26] My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. [27] For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry. [28] But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works."

Name at least seven ways the "wicked" in this psalm seem to prosper or be blessed.

In what way(s) can you relate to the psalmist?