

## **GOD'S ETERNAL JUDGMENT**

### **Romans 2:1-8**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- A. We know of the judgment day to come. Acts 17:30-31; Hebrews 9:27; Romans 2:5-6
- B. But on what will that judgment be based?
  - 1. The Jews based their salvation on receiving the Law and circumcision.
    - a. They boasted of Abraham their father. John 8:33
    - b. They were God's chosen people. Romans 2:17-29
  - 2. Perhaps it is based on God's mercy and grace? Ephesians 2:8-9
  - 3. Or perhaps on God's wrath?
  - 4. Maybe it is based on "belief" or "works" – or both? James 2:17
- C. In Romans 2, Paul outlines at least 8 principles of God's eternal judgment.

#### **I. ACCORDING TO THE TRUTH. Verse 2**

- A. *"But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth..."* (KJV).
- B. God's Judgment is Right.
  - 1. Not according to conscience. Jeremiah 17:9
  - 2. God has shown faithful to His Word.
    - a. Psalm 33:4; Isaiah 25:1
    - b. 2 Timothy 2:13
- C. God's Word.
  - 1. Pilate questions Jesus as to truth, John 18:38.
  - 2. Jesus had answered in prayer, John 17:17.
  - 3. Hebrews 4:12
  - 4. John 12:48

#### **II. GOD'S GOODNESS ... NOT APPROVAL. Verse 4**

- A. *"Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"*
- B. Privileges of the Jews.
  - 1. God's goodness and forbearance is not a show of approval. Acts 14:16; 17:30
  - 2. God extended opportunity to repent. Jeremiah 35:17; Matthew 23:37
  - 3. An impenitent heart is the wrong response.
- C. God's Patience.
  - 1. Forbearing spirit. Romans 3:25
  - 2. Wanting all men to be saved. 2 Peter 3:9

#### **III. ACCORDING TO WORKS. Verse 6**

- A. *"...who will render to every man according to his deeds:..."*
- B. Saved By Grace, Right?
  - 1. Ephesians 2:8-9
  - 2. Titus 3:5
- C. An [Obedient] Faith Which Saves.
  - 1. James 2:24, 26
  - 2. Galatians 5:6, faith working through love

#### **IV. GOD REQUIRES OBEDIENCE. Verses 7-8**

- A. “...to those who by perseverance in doing good...eternal life; but to those who...do not obey the truth,...wrath and indignation.”
- B. Two Groups on Judgment Day.
  - 1. Those who persevere in doing good.
    - a. Exodus 19:5
    - b. Matthew 7:21, 24
    - c. John 14:15 [obey]
    - d. Philippians 2:12
  - 2. Disobedience. 2 Thessalonians 1:8