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Romans week 4

You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. **2** And we know that God, in His justice, will punish anyone who does such things **3** Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things? **4** Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that His kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? **5** But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. **6** He will judge everyone according to what they have done. **7** He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. **8** But He will pour out His anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness. **9** There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. **10** But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. **11** For God does not show favoritism. **12** When the Gentiles sin, they will be destroyed, even though they never had God's written law. And the Jews, who do have God's law, will be judged by that law when they fail to obey it. **13** For merely listening to the law doesn't make us right with God. It is obeying the law that makes us right in His sight. **14** Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know His law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. **15** They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right. **16** And this is the message I proclaim—that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone's secret life. **Romans 2:1-16**

1. The self righteous moralist is guilty vs 1-10

- a. the awareness of right and wrong reveals a **responsibility** to God v 1

Our sin always seems to look uglier on others.

Story of the Prodigal Son
Story of David: **2 Samuel 12**

- b. those who **recognize** the sins of others are responsible to God for their **own** vs 2-3

1. God's delayed **judgement** is intended to produce **repentance** v 4

2 Peter 3:9

2. Our **refusal** to **repent** justifies God's judgement v 5

- c. God will **judge** according to our **works** vs 6-10

1. To those who trust Christ and live for Him: vs 7,10
eternal life
glory
honor

peace

2. To those who reject Christ: vs 8,9

anger

wrath

trouble

calamity

John 6:28-29

2. All mankind is **guilty** vs 11-16

- a. A Jew can't say "I'm **innocent**" because they have the **law** and are Jews vs 11-13

James 2:10

- b. The **gentile** can't say 'I'm innocent' because we don't have the **law** vs 14-15

- c. The **moralist** can't say "I'm innocent" because I am a **good** person because God judges the secret **attitudes** and **actions** v 16

Questions to Ponder

1. What are ways we might suppress the truth about God in our daily lives?
2. Why is it useful to learn about God's judgment? How might it affect how we tell others about Jesus?
3. A hypocrite describes someone who tells others what to do and then doesn't do it himself. In what ways might you be hypocritical?
4. How does **Romans 2:11** shed more light on God's judgment? Do human judges show partiality? Is this just?
Read Romans 2:12-15
5. When might you find yourself trusting in your knowledge of Jesus rather than a relationship with Jesus?
6. What religious heritage or practices might keep you from Jesus?