

ROMANS

SEEING WHAT IS RIGHT • THROUGH GOD'S EYES



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3. A friend at a party is clearly drunk and you see her eat a couple of Marijuana brownies. (After July 2018 in Canada) She is searching with great difficulty for her car keys to drive her children home. What do you do?
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Quick Review

- **Module 1 “Condemned”**
- **The gospel = more than sentences - 16 chapters!**
- **Declares the Righteousness of God**
- **God has made Himself known to all**
- **We have suppressed the truth**
- **We reap what we sow - God has given us over – God’s Wrath – to let us live with our choices**
 1. **To our physical lusts and idolatry 1:24-25**
 2. **To sexual immorality and especially the practice of homosexual acts 1:26-27**
 3. **To depraved minds – a huge list of relational sins 1:28-32**



The Roman Church Culture

- **A new church but much like today**
 - **Mature believers, new believers, immature, non believers, seekers, hypocrites**
- **Three main cultural attitudes:**
 - **Jews - I am morally superior I have God's truth. You are a wicked sinner.**
 - **Gentiles – I am a Greek. I am intellectually superior. You are just a legalistic religious fool.**
 - **There would have also been some humble broken followers of Jesus the Messiah**



Direct Application to Our Culture

- **Our church today:**
 - **Mature believers, new believers, immature, non believers, seekers, hypocrites**
- **Three main cultural attitudes:**
 - **Christians - I am morally superior I have God's truth. You are a wicked sinner.**
 - **Secular people – I am a modern enlightened person. I am intellectually superior. You are just a legalistic religious fool.**
 - **There are also some humble broken followers of Jesus the Messiah**

Which are you?

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Romans 2:1- 3:20
(Read 2:1-5, 17-24; 3:1-4, 9-20)
pg. 796 pew bible



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1. Action Not Attitude 2:1-16

1. Judge or related words in Greek text – 15X in chapters 2 & 3 (10X in 2:1-16!)
2. When I condemn (judge) someone for any of the 3 “God gave them overs” (1:24-32) I condemn myself
3. We are judged for our actions, not our knowledge
4. We are not judged for what we don’t know
5. Key word – v1-3 – *practice* - (ESV, NASB, NKJV)



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2. Spirit Led Not Hypocritical 2:17-29

- 1. You (who have the biblical truth) pride yourself in having and broadcasting the truth yet you dishonour God because you don't keep it**
- 2. God's name is blasphemed because of you!**
- 3. God looks to the heart, not religious behaviour, we need the Holy Spirit.**



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1. So what is the advantage of being a follower of Jesus ?
2. Everything! You have been entrusted with the truth!
3. Beware – you are seriously accountable!



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1. Everyone – Jew (Christian) and secular are all in serious trouble

2. It is not us – them

• it is **WE** are sinners

3. God's law (Word) makes us all accountable

4. The law (Word) – reveals our guilt

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4. A friend is guilty of anything listed in Romans 1:24-32

- Unmerciful, gossip, idolater, deceitful, disobedient to parents, sexually immoral, committing homosexual acts etc. ... What do you do?

- a. Help them – affirm them?
- b. Mind your own business to do otherwise is to judge?
- c. Warn them with tears and humble brokenness that God will hold them accountable just as he holds you accountable?



Where does that leave me?

1. Any hint of moral superiority is disgusting before God and man
2. What you know is of little value - it is what you practice that is of infinite importance
3. To ignore or (if anything worse) to affirm or what the God of the universe says is wrong is a massive compromise (you think secular society is hard on you? What about Judgement day?)
4. To ignore or affirm is to condemn someone to God's judgement without loving them with the gospel!
5. God is looking for humble, broken, spirit filled followers of Jesus, to speak the truth. Is that you?