

## Romans 2 Outline

- 1A The inevitable and inescapable judgment of the hypocrites, vv.1-3:
  - 1B The defenselessness of the hypocritical judge, 1: Therefore you are without a defense, O every man who judges, for in what you judge another, you condemn yourself, for you one who judge practices the same.
  - 2B The true and certain judgment on the hypocritical, 2: And we know that the judgment of God is according to truth upon those who practice such things.
  - 3B The impossibility of escape for the hypocritical, 3: And do you figure this, O man who judges those who practice such things and does the same, that you might flee the judgment of God?
- 2A The confrontation of the hypocrites, vv.4-5:
  - 1B The possibility of repentance or wrath, 4 Or do you despise the wealth of His kindness and restraint and longsuffering, ignorant that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
  - 2B The current course of the hypocrites, 5: But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart you are treasuring up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation and righteous judgment of God,
- 3A The justice of God chiasm, vv.6-10:
  - 1B The perfect justice of God, 6: who repays each according to his works;
    - 1C The perfect justice of God as applied to the good, 7: while to some who seek glory and honor and incorruption according to a perseverance in good works, eternal life;
    - 2C The perfect justice of God as applied to the disobedient, 8: to others who, from selfish ambition, disobey the truth, and on the other hand obey unrighteousness, anger and wrath,
    - 3C The perfect justice of God toward the evil as it transcends racial lines, 9: tribulation and distress upon every soul of man who produces evil, Jew first and Greek.
    - 4C The perfect justice of God toward the good as it transcends racial lines, 10: but glory and honor and peace to every one who produces good, to the Jew first and to the Greek.
  - 2B The perfect justice of God, 11: For there is no partiality from God.
- 4A The application of the law equally to those in and outside the law, vv.12-16:
  - 1B The principle of equal application, 12: For as many as sinned lawlessly will also perish lawlessly; and as many sinned in the law, they will be judged through the law;
  - 2B The limit of listening and the merit of doing, 13: for those who are hearers of the law from God are not righteous, but the doers of the law will be justified.
  - 3B The illustration of the Gentiles, vv.14-16:
    - 1C The natural inclination of Gentiles, 14: for whenever Gentiles who do not have the law by nature do the things of the law, these, not having the law, are a law for themselves.
    - 2C The message of the lawless, 15: who demonstrate the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience co-testifying, and calculating between one another, either accusing or also defending,
    - 3C The day of the message and its character, 16: in the day when God will judge the secrets of men, according to my Gospel, through Jesus Christ.
- 5A Paul's confrontation of Jewish unbelievers in the Roman church, vv.17-29:
  - 1B The many advantages to being a Jew, vv.17-20:

- 1C The Identification, heritage, and boast of Jews, 17: Look, you are named Jews, and you find rest in the law, and you boast in God,
- 2C Their knowledge and wisdom from the law, 18: and you know the will, and you test the things that are excellent, being instructed from the law,
- 3C Their confidence in their purpose, 19: and you have become confident yourself to be a guide for the blind, light of those in darkness,
- 4C Their ministry from the law, 20: an instructor of the unthinking, a teacher of the naïve, having the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law;
- 2B Paul's confrontation, vv.21-24:
  - 1C General principle, 21a: Therefore, the one who teaches another, do you not teach yourself?
  - 2C Applications, 21b-23:
    - 1D In the realm of property, 21b: The one who preaches not to steal, do you steal?
    - 2D In the realm of marriage, 22a: The one who says not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery?
    - 3D In the realm of worship, 22b: The one who loathes idols, are you a temple-robber?
    - 4D In the realm of the law, 23: Whoever boasts in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?
  - 3C Conclusion, 24: For the name of God is being blasphemed among the Gentiles by you, just as it has been written.
- 3B The benefit of circumcision, vv.25-27:
  - 1C The effect of the law on circumcision, 25: For while circumcision is profitable if you practice the law, if you are a breaker of the law, circumcision has become uncircumcision.
  - 2C The effect of righteousness on uncircumcision, 26: Therefore if the uncircumcised guards the righteous decrees of the law, will not the uncircumcised be counted as circumcised?
  - 3C The result: the uncircumcised will judge the circumcised, 27: And will not the one who is physically uncircumcised, having satisfied the law, judge you who through the letter and circumcision are a breaker of the law?
- 4B The true Jew, vv.28-29:
  - 1C The unreliability of the visible circumcision, 28: For he is not a Jew by means of the visible, nor is the circumcision by means of the visible in the flesh;
  - 2C The reliability of the invisible circumcision of the heart, 29: but the one who is a Jew in secret, and circumcision of the heart by means of the Spirit is not by the letter; whose praise is not from men, but from God.