

Repentance is Vital

Romans 2:1-29

1. Self-appointed judges –v.1-3

a. We see & condemn sin in others and ignore or excuse the same sin in ourselves – v.1

b. Sin includes attitudes & desires as well as deeds – Mt.5:21-48; Lk.18:9-14

c. Human judgment – some knowledge

God's judgment – full knowledge –v.2

2. God's judgment is impartial – v.4-16

a. A warning – v.4,5 DON'T PRESUME

b. The standard for judgment – v.6-16

Our deeds –v.6; Ps.62:12; Pr.24:12

1. Public announcement & vindication – v.5

2. No favouritism – v.11

3. We all have God's law – v.12-16

Is Paul contradicting himself?

Salvation by faith-1:16,17; Judgment on works

- a. No-one can be saved by works – 3:9-20
- b. Jew & Gentile are called to repentance & faith
- c. The reality of our faith is shown by obedience – 1:5; Mt7:21-23; James 2:14-26; Gal.5:6
- d. We can have assurance now – John3:16; Rom.5:1; 8:1

3. The obedience of faith

Special gifts from God:-

a. His law – revelation of himself – v.17-24

We are called to obey it – Mt.7:24-27;
James1:22-25

b. Circumcision – sign of his covenant – v.25-29

Circumcision of the heart – Dt.10:16; Col.2:11

Spiritual health-check

- a. God's revelation is rejected - 1:18-20
- b. God's law is broken – 2:8,15
- c. We need to repent & trust Christ

Key questions

1. Do I condemn in others what I excuse in myself – greed, anger, lust, lying etc?
2. Do I presume on God's kindness & patience?
3. Does my life show an “obedience of faith”?
4. Where does my confidence lie?