

Still Sinking

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Romans 2:1-11

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. 2 We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. 3 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? 5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 He will render to each one according to his works: 7 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; 8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. 11 For God shows no partiality.

I. Self-righteousness blinds me from seeing the seriousness of my own sin.

II Self-righteousness prevents me from encouraging and lifting others up.

III. Self-righteousness blinds me from seeing my seriousness need for Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 7:1-5. What do Jesus' words add to what Paul has said in Romans 2:1-11.
2. Do you look down on other people's sins thinking yours are not like theirs?
3. Have you ever felt numb to God's mercy and kindness? What did you do about it?
4. How does the sin of self-righteousness show up in your life?
5. Give yourself an honest evaluation. Are you one who tears others down or builds others up?
6. Read Romans 2:7-10. What's the difference between those who see their need for Jesus and those who do not?
7. Discuss this statement: "A Christian's works is not the foundation of their salvation, but it is the evidence of it."

Next Week's Message:

"Written On Their Hearts" (Romans 2:12-16)