

Romans: Righteousness Revealed

“Faith Inside & Out”

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Last week we learned that...

1. God’s judgement is INESCAPABLE! (vs 1-4)

2. God’s judgement is RIGHTEOUS! (vs 5-11)

1. God’s judgement is IMPARTIAL!
(vs 12-16; Ecc 12:14; Luke 12:2-3; Rom 1:20)
 - ALL will perish and are judged whether they know the law of God or not.

 - Obedience REFLECTS faith!

 - Humanity has been given a NATURAL SENSE of right and wrong.

 - God knows all and sees all and we will be held ACCOUNTABLE for our secret sins.

2. It’s your ACTIVE FAITH in Christ, not POSITION with Christ, that matters! (vs 17-24; Eze 36:22; Matt 23:23; 1 Corinthians 8:1b-3)

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Five great advantages the Jews relied on for their position before God:

1. They relied on POSSESSION of the law. (vs 17)
2. They bragged about their RELATIONSHIP to God. (vs 17)
3. They knew the WILL of God. (vs 18)
4. They approved of what was SUPERIOR. (vs 18)
5. They were INSTRUCTED in the law. (vs 18)

Paul confronts the four deep seeded attitudes about what these privileges:

1. They felt they were a GUIDE to the blind. (vs 19)
2. They felt they were a LIGHT to those in the dark. (vs 19)
3. They felt they were INSTRUCTORS of the foolish. (vs 20)
4. They felt they were TEACHERS of children. (vs 20)

Paul's judgement of such people in vs 21-23 is, "you are GUILTY yourself."

- And the result of this HYPOCRISY was not only disobedience to God but giving Him a bad REPUTATION. (vs 24)
3. True faith is demonstrated INSIDE and OUT! (vs 25-29; 1 Cor 7:19; James 2:10)
 - Faith in Jesus must be PLAYED OUT both in our ACTIONS and our ATTITUDES.
 - Paul makes the argument that circumcision has value only through OBEDIENCE. (vs 25-26)
 - Obedience & faith TRUMP physical circumcision... POSITIONAL STATUS ! (vs 27)
 - A RELATIONSHIP with Jesus demonstrated by FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE leads to the PRAISE of God. (vs 28-29)

What needs to change in your approach to Jesus that will reveal true faith in Him?