

## Romans 2:9~11

Hebrews 9:27 ... *it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this **the judgment**:*

Beginning last Sunday, and continuing all week long, I have been in a funeral home every day... I have watched as family after family has suffered *its devastating effects*... Death has compassed me this week, and has taunted me with its apparent victories.

And there was a question, which kept going over and over in my mind, and it was this...

Who will be next? I've saw family this week, that I'm quiet certain that I won't see again until we meet at the funeral home... Sad, but true.

But just as certain as it death, so is the judgment that follows... The conditions that take us out of this world is unimportant, for certainly something will. The important thing *is the condition of our soul*... And I want to just quickly say...that just because we "*feel*" we're all right, just because we "*say*" we're ready to go...doesn't mean that it's true. Many say such statements based on being a "*member*" of a church, or having been "*baptized*," or maybe because they are "*relatively a good person*..." And there's several others reasons...reasons that **won't stand in the Day of Judgment**...

Over the past few weeks, we have been looking into this very important section of scripture...that deals explicitly with the "*Judgment of God*." Romans 2:1~16 are one long statement in the original language. One, which Paul with great clarity, and great detail, lays out the "*Divine Principles of that Judgment*."

According to the scripture...<sup>6</sup>*God will render to every man according to his deeds:*

**T:** The "*Righteous Judge*" will look at the life we have lived here on earth, taking into account every piece of evidence, and on the basis of what he finds, will render His **Righteous, Impartial Judgment**...

<sup>7</sup>*To them* who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality...  
*He will render eternal life:*

<sup>8</sup>*But unto them* that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness...  
*He will render indignation and wrath...*

Every soul of man that has ever lived, will fall into one of these two categories...

One describes a "*Life*" that is lived by "*Faith*..."

The other, a "*Life*" that is lived for "*Self*..."

**(1:17)** "...the *just shall live by faith*..."

Verse 7 is a description of the one who walks by faith... His steps, the footprints that he leaves behind are very distinct, manifesting a heart that is "*upward, heavenward*..."

While verse 8, is a description of a person who lives for "self"... That's what *contentious* means...

<sup>8</sup> ...are *contentious* ...comes from the Greek word, *eritheia*...

- Which has at it's root meaning, "*a hireling*..."
- Everything he does is for the purpose of pleasing self...
- He does what he does, for what he will receive, what he gets out of it...

It's extremely important to understand something at this point... "*This man*" may not live a necessarily what we think of as an "*Evil Life...*" In that of drunkenness, drugs, whoredom, lying, etc... This man may live a good clean, moral life... [Even a life that includes the church...](#)

The man Paul is speaking too is a Jew... One raised in the "synagogue" (Church). Raised in the ways of God, partakes in the ceremonies, activities... but...

**A close examination of his life, reveals that his life does not "*Consist*" of service to Christ...but *service to self!* This individual lives not in submission to Christ WILL, but his own... As best described in Matthew 16, he "*keeps his life...*" instead of "*surrendering his life*" to Christ and his will... And as Jesus made clear in that passage, because his life manifest he has "*kept his life...*" he will lose it!**

Simply stated... Verse 7 "*Characterizes*" a person who has "Jesus Christ" as Lord and Master...

Verse 8 "*Characterizes*" a person who has "Himself" as Lord and Master...

**T:** [A close examination of this person's life will reveal they have lived their life for themselves!](#)

And because he has rejected "*God's love and mercy*" which is IN Christ Jesus...because he has rendered and counted the "*Precious blood of Christ*" as unworthy and insignificant, and chosen to live for himself...he will undergo the *Wrath of God!*

A wrath that Paul describes "*vividly*" in verses 8~9...

**(V8~9)** God will render **wrath and indignation...Tribulation and anguish...**

The Greek word Paul uses here is that of Orge.

It signifies the strongest kind of anger, that which reaches fever pitch...

It describes the end of God's patience and tolerance with unregenerate, unrepentant mankind.

The best definition... **When God's mercy and grace are fully exhausted!**

Jesus is Lord of my life...or I am...

[And for that reason, God is just in "\*Judging\*" us on the "\*Basis of our deeds...\*"](#)

Listen very closely... For a man to be judged by his deeds, by the product of his life, is not a "**Contradiction**" to faith in Christ...but rather, it is a "*Confirmation*" of faith in Christ!

My life will "*bear witness*", my life will "*tell the true story*" of who is REALLY on the throne...

★ In verses 7~8, Paul states the two verdicts that will be given on that day. Every one of us in this room will hear one of these two... I think there's a question that each of us ought to give serious thought.

**Q:** If **your not** "*living*" by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality... What makes you think, you will receive *eternal life?*

Do you think that God is going to be “*lenient*” on you?

Do you think that God is going to “*overlook*” your disobedience to Him?

Do you think that God is going to “*make an exception*” with you?

No doubt, that’s what Paul had in mind, as he continues here in verse 9...

(Vs 9~11) <sup>9</sup>Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; <sup>10</sup>But glory, honor, and peace, to every man that works good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: <sup>11</sup>For there is no respect of persons with God.



The judgment of God will be one with “*No Exceptions...*” “*No Favoritism...*” “*No Leniency...*”



Every Individual’s life will be the *sole, determining factor!* During “*our lives here on earth*” over and over we experience the “*Grace & “Mercy”*” of God...

But listen... **But not so** during JUDGMENT!

<sup>11</sup>For there is no respect of persons with God...

MacArthur... The question will not be whether a man is a Jew, or whether he is a Gentile, whether he is a heathen, whether he is religious, whether he goes to church or whether he doesn’t go to church... The issue is, does his life manifest “**obedience to God?**”

God will simply “*look*” for the life that has been “*Surrendered to Christ, His Son...*”

Remember what Jesus said... “<sup>25</sup>*For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*”

If I have “*Lost my life for His sake...*” I shall receive **LIFE ETERNAL!**

If I have “*Kept my life...*” I shall receive **ETERNAL DEATH!**

Jesus Illustrated this well in John 12... (Corn of Wheat)

<sup>24</sup>*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it die, it brings forth much fruit.* <sup>25</sup>*He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.*

We will reap what we have sown... If our “*life*” manifest a habitual sowing to self...death. If our “*life*” manifest a habitual sowing in the eternal...life!

In this passage we find an interesting truth... In Romans, Paul is very graphic on the anger and wrath of God towards those who do not follow His Son... But, what terrifies me more, is the “*It abides alone...*” If you want to keep your life, live it for self... You will reap what you have sown...an eternity with self! Separated from God!

If I have “*Lost my life for His sake...*” I shall receive **LIFE ETERNAL!**

If I have “*Kept my life...*” I shall receive **ETERNAL DEATH!**

It is that “*cut and dry...*” There will be *no leniency, no overlooking, no excusing...*

That's the point Paul is trying to get across in verses 9 & 10... *It doesn't matter whether you grew up in the church, under the word of God or not... If your life outside the church does not manifest "obedience to Christ as Lord..." you are no better off than the Gentile outside the church! Your not earning "**brownie points** with God!"*

Were going to see, that this is "*exactly Paul's point*" when we study the next two verses...

*<sup>12</sup>For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; <sup>13</sup>(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, **but the doers** of the law shall be justified.*

Knowing the law, knowing God's word, doesn't make us any better than the lost pagan world... **only more accountable!**

How about it this morning... **Are you ready to stand before God?**