

ROMANS SERIES EIGHT
EVEN GOOD PEOPLE HAVE NO EXCUSE

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Romans 2:1-16; Psalm 51

In Romans One Paul demonstrated that no one can be excused for ignoring and dismissing God. Both the internal witness of the conscience and the external witness of nature (Intelligent Designer) make it clear that God exists.

Any society that dismisses Jesus Christ will soon find that He has given them over to promiscuous idolatry, unnatural lusts and depraved minds.

While Romans One reveals the unrighteousness of man, Romans Two reveals the self-righteousness of man.

IN GOD’S EYES, THERE ARE NO “GOOD PEOPLE”. WE ARE ALL FLAWED (ROMANS 2:1,3).

In Romans Two Paul changes from the general plural in Romans One to the specific singular. No longer is Paul discussing “they” who are abandoned by God after they first dismissed Him. He is now addressing the individual—especially those who sees so many others whom he judges are worse than he is and then thinks to himself, “I’m good enough for Heaven. I’m a lot better than most of the other folks I know.”

What about the good people? Surely, God would not send the good people to Hell. God’s judgment is coming. Do you really think (*logizomai*) that you will escape?

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (REVELATION 20:11-15)

This Judgment Scene at the end of time will be populated with people who felt that they were good enough for God without coming to Him through Jesus Christ.

The Books of Works
The Book of Life

GOD WILL USE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF JUDGMENT AT THE GREAT WHITE THRONE. GOD WILL JUDGE:

1. With Truth (Romans 2:2)
2. According To His Kindness (Romans 2:4)
3. On The Basis Of Accumulated Guilt (Romans 2:5)
4. By How Well Our Deeds Compare To The Best Deeds Of Jesus (Romans 2:6-10)
5. Without Favoritism (Romans 2:11)
6. According To How Well We Live Up To The “Light” We Have Received (Romans 2:12-15)
7. According To Our Inner-Most Secrets (Romans 2:16)

CHRIST INVITES US TO SETTLE OUR CASES OUT OF COURT (MATTHEW 5:26-27).

Christ died on the cross to offer us a chance to settle the issue of our sin before Judgment Day. If we die without Christ our cases will come to trial and God has enough evidence to condemn every one of

us to Hell—and He will. There is mercy now—settle out of court. But the days of mercy are not without end. When we die, our choice is sealed for eternity.

PSALM 51:1-4: Has God ever brought you to the place where you have faced the fact that you are without excuse before Him and that it is only by the mercy of God that you will ever be allowed eternity in Heaven? If you haven't, then you are on the way to Judgment. I urge you to settle your case out of court with Jesus while you are still here and are able.