



## Questions and Answers on God's Judgment Romans 2:1 – 3:31

### Why are you and I not to judge other people?

Judging people for sin belongs to God because He alone balances it with kindness, tolerance and patience with the goal of repentance.

*"Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?" vs. 4*

### Who will God judge?

Two kinds of people:

- **People with an unrepentant heart of stubbornness as reflected in their deeds.** vs. 5-6  
A motive of selfish ambition to not obey the truth which results in tribulation and distress. v. 8-9
- **People with a heart of repentance as reflected in their perseverance in doing good.** v. 7  
A motive of glory and eternal life which results in honor and peace. vs. 7, 10

### Is God fair in judging people who do not know His law? Romans 2:11-16

People will be judged based on their knowledge of God and His truth.

*"For there is no partiality with God." Vs. 11*

### What underlying sins are mentioned for judgment? Romans 2:17-29

Pride, hypocrisy, legalism.

*"You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?" vs. 21*

### How can I be assured that God will not reject me because I may fail? Romans 3:1-5

He is faithful to us even if we prove to be unfaithful to Him.

*"What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?" vs. 3*

### How can God judge people that are basically good in life? Romans 3:6-20

We need to view ourselves as God sees us.

*"There is none righteous, not even one...there is none who seeks for God" vs. 10-11*

### How can anyone escape God's judgment? v

Your faith in Jesus' sacrifice to pay for the penalty of your own sin.

*"Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;" vs. 24*

## Digging Deeper

God is too often portrayed as angry and judgmental, Someone who does not really care about us and just wants to remove all fun and enjoyment from life. Of course, that is not true, and today's passage helps us understand His judgment in a mature and healthy way.

God's judgment is dispensed a number of times. Below are some passages to show the people and timing of those judgments.

- **Judgment of Israel at the Second Coming of Christ** - Ezekiel 20:32-38
- **Judgment of Gentiles at Second Coming of Christ** - Matthew 25:31-46  
*LifeGroup Discussion: What is the basis of this judgment? How does God call us to respond to those around us? In what ways can we be doing that today?*
- **Final Great White Throne Judgment for non-Christians** - Revelation 20:11-15  
*LifeGroup Discussion: In verse 12, what does God evaluate to determine the verdict? Are words or deeds more important? Who are you praying for to avoid this final judgment?*
- **Judgment Seat of Christ for believers after in heaven** - II Corinthians 5:9-10  
*LifeGroup Discussion: What should be our ambition in life? This judgment is not to determine if we deserve heaven, but rather to evaluate and reward our service for Christ.*
  - Read I Corinthians 3:10-15 which describes how God views our work. What should be the foundation and motivation for all we do in verse 11? What needs of others can only be met by Jesus Christ? How are you doing that today? Who do you know that needs Jesus Christ?
  - Read I Corinthians 4:5. What does this teach about our motives in doing good?
  - Read Romans 8:1. If we are in Christ, why do we not need to fear His judgment?  
*LifeGroup Discussion: When we are justified and saved by Jesus, He sets us free from certain outcomes.*
  - Read I Thessalonians 1:10; Romans 5:8-9. What does Jesus deliver us from?
  - Read Hebrews 2:14. Who does Jesus render powerless?
  - Read Colossians 1:13, 14. What kind of kingdom are we transferred to? What do we enjoy in that kingdom?

## Next Steps:

1. **Attend the Alpha Course beginning Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center Lobby.** This will help you get grounded in the basics of the Christian faith and explore any questions, doubts or thoughts you have about the gospel of Jesus. Learn more about the Alpha Course at [calvarylife.org/alpha](http://calvarylife.org/alpha)
2. **Find a discipleship mentor through Growing in Christ.** Discipleship is being mentored in what it means to follow Jesus. To find out how you can be mentored, contact Ross Strachan at 714.541.1053 for more info.
3. **Join a support group in Celebrate Recovery to find fellowship and freedom.** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered twelve-step program and a ministry of Calvary Church of Santa Ana. We are a safe haven where people who are hurting can experience hope and healing in a Christian community. More info at [calvarylife.org/cr](http://calvarylife.org/cr)