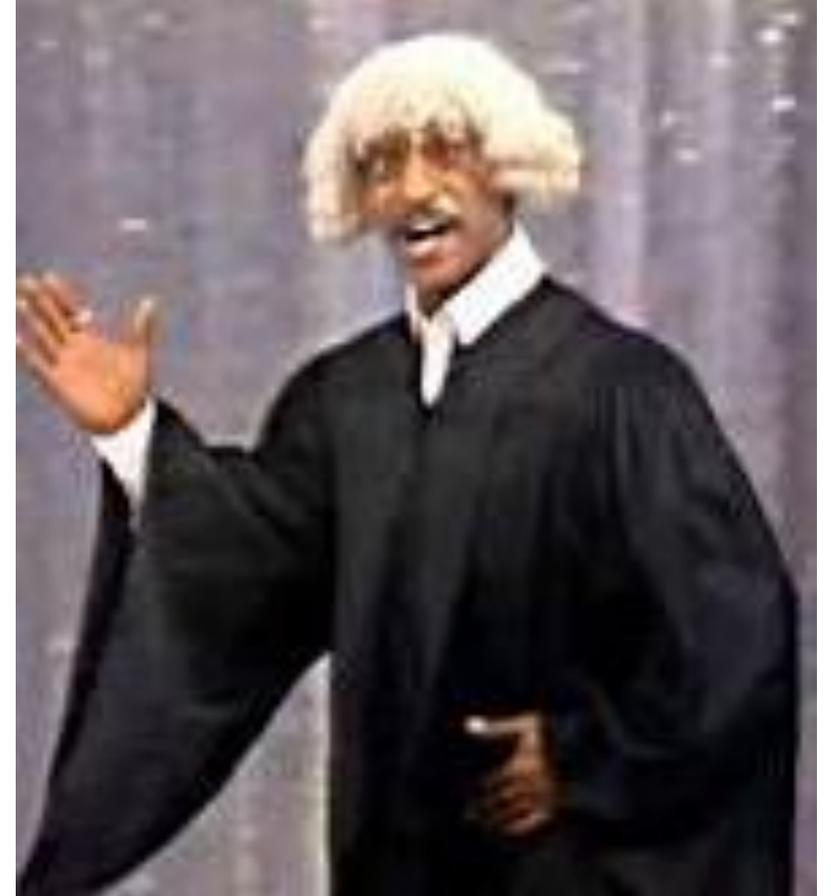


Here Comes the Judge

- Romans 2:1-11:
- Man's Judging is Wrong. God's Judging is Right.

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THE GOSPEL'S MANY FACETS

Different Ways of Viewing the Gospel:

- Lost/Found
- Dirty/Clean
- Sick/Healed
- Dead/Resurrected
- Prisoner/Set Free
- Darkness/Light
- Hostage/Rescue



ROMANS IS A FORENSIC LETTER

MEANING OF FORENSIC:

- belonging to, used in, or suitable to courts and the judicial system



The Big Picture: the Roman Road to Salvation

- Paul is explaining the Gospel.
- First he gives us the punchline: **1:17. The Just shall by Faith.**
- Second he shows us the sinfulness of Mankind
 - Gentiles depraved
 - Jews not justified by the law.
- Christ Died for Us
- Believe that and you will be saved.





1:1-17 Review Key Points

1:18-32 Review Key Points

- Mankind rejected God. It failed to honor or thank him, even though God had revealed himself through nature and history enough that all men are without excuse.
- So God gave mankind over to its own depravity.
- The judgment was for rejecting God, not for the list of sins. The list of sins was actually the fruit of Mankind's rejection, allowed to grow because of God giving them over.
- This was an earthly judgment, not eternal last judgment. This judgment primarily affected nations, societies and cultures.
- Don't worry. God hasn't given you over, except maybe collectively! ;!)



“Don’t You Judge
Me”

Jesus Tells Warns Us Not to Judge

Matthew 7:1-5

**Most
quoted**

- **"Do not judge so that you will not be judged.**
- **2** For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.
- **3** Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? **4** Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? **5** You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Κρίνω (creeno): I Judge.

DIFFERENT USAGES	Example Usage Or Meaning	Modern Equivalents
to approve, esteem, evaluate, appraise	Esteemed him not.	Property appraisal
have and express an opinion regarding someone or something.	When a judge presides over a trial When a court issues an opinion. When Paul judged the man who lived with his mother in law.	Judicial authority
call or bring (someone) before a court to answer a criminal charge	Judge not that you be not judged	Indictment or Arraignment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a judge, to pronounce judgment on someone's guilt or innocence. Those who act the part of judges of all of life, or pretend to pass judgment on the deeds and words of others. 	to determine, resolve, decree or Issue judicial decisions. Adjudication of disputes	Issue a Verdict. Pronounce Sentencing
to separate, put asunder, to pick out, select, choose, discern, distinguish	he separated the sheep from the goats, wheat and chafe etc. Distinguish between truth and error, orthodoxy v. heresy	Judicial review Holding of the case

2:1 Our Judging is Wrong (1)

- Therefore,
- **you have no excuse,**
 - everyone of **you**
 - **who passes judgment,**
- for in that which
 - you judge another,
 - **you condemn yourself;**
 - **for you**
 - **who judge**
 - **practice *the* same things.**
- Reason our Judging is Wrong:
- (1) We are likely to be hypocrites because we do the same things

2:2 Our Judging is Wrong (2)

- **2** And we know that
 - **the judgment of God**
 - **rightly falls upon**
 - **those who**
 - **practice such things**
- Reason our Judging is Wrong:
 - (1) We are likely to be hypocrites because we do the same things
 - (2) Because it is for God to Judge, not us.

2:3 Our Judging is Wrong (3)

- **3** But do you suppose this, O man,
 - **when you pass judgment**
 - on those who practice such things
 - **and do the same *yourself*,**
 - that you will escape
 - **the judgment of God?**
- Reason our Judging is Wrong:
 - (1) We are likely to be hypocrites because we do the same things
 - (2) Because it is for God to Judge, not us.
 - (3) Because it is a sin as much as what the judger is judging.

2:4 Why God's Judging is Right (1)

- 4 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?
- God's Judgment is Right Because:
 - (1) He Patiently Delays Judgment so that we may repent.

2:5 Why God's Judging is Right (2)

- But
 - because of
 - your stubbornness and unrepentant heart,
 - you are storing up wrath
 - for yourself
 - in the day of
 - wrath and
 - revelation
 - **of the righteous judgment of God,**
- God's Judgment is Right Because:
 - *(1) He Delays Judgement so that we may repent.*
 - (2) We are judged for our choice to reject God intentionally

2:6-8: Why God's Judging is Right (3).

- **6** who will render
- to each person according to his deeds:
 - **7** to those who
 - by perseverance in doing good, seek for glory and honor and immortality,
 - eternal life;
 - **8** but to those who
 - are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness,
 - wrath and indignation
- God's Judgment is Right Because:
 - *(1) He Delays Judgement so that we may repent.*
 - *(2) We are judged for Rejecting God intentionally*
 - *(3) The Punishment Fits the Crime*

2:9-10 Why God's Judging is Right (4)

- **9** *There will be* tribulation and distress
 - for every soul of man
 - who does evil,
 - of the Jew first and also of the Greek,
 - **10** but glory and honor and peace
 - to everyone
 - who does good,
 - to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- God's Judgment is Right Because:
 - (1) He Delays Judgement so that we may repent.
 - (2) We are judged for Rejecting God intentionally
 - (3) The Punishment Fits the Crime
 - (4) Everyone will be judged according to their deeds

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2:11 Why God's Judging is Right (5)

- **11** For there is no partiality with God.
- God's Judgment is Right Because:
 - (1) He Delays Judgement so that we may repent.
 - (2) We are judged for Rejecting God intentionally.
 - (3) The Punishment Fits the Crime
 - (4) Everyone will be judged according to their deeds
 - (5) God is impartial and Judges Fairly.

Assessments are not Judging at all

Naming

Naming some kind of behavior as being “sinful” or a “sin.”

Valuing

Assessing a person’s value, contribution, personality, etc. as long as other requirements are met.

Discerning

Assessing teaching as error, heresy or false.

1 Corinthians

6:1-5

Judging Disputes is Allowed

- **6** When any of you has a legal dispute with another, does he dare go to court before the unrighteous rather than before the saints? **2** Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you not competent to settle trivial suits? **3** Do you not know that we will judge angels? Why not ordinary matters! **4** So if you have ordinary lawsuits, do you appoint as judges those who have no standing in the church? **5** I say this to your shame! Is there no one among you wise enough to settle disputes between fellow Christians?

1 Cor 5:12-13

Church Leadership's Judging is Allowed

- **12** For what do I have to do with judging those outside? Are you not to judge those inside?
- **13** But God will judge those outside.
- *Remove the evil person from among you.*

When Can You Judge?

- When YOU Are
- In a Position of Authority
- You are Qualified
- You're not Hypocrites
- When You can be Fair and Impartial
- When you have all the facts.
- When reading hearts is not required.
- When it is not condemning.



When Can't You Judge People?

You can't when

- You are made ineligible by the requirements on the previous slide.
- You are the Muller Probe
- When you are mainstream media
- When you are the Senate Judiciary Committee

Also, Don't Judge when

- You are just a busy body and you have no reason to be involved.
- You are immature or of limited or no exposure to the issues to be decided.
- No prejudices or jumps to conclusions will bind you.
- The investigation has not finished.

In My Humble Opinion (IMHO)

- Those who judge others are much more likely to also be responsible for
- Gossip
- Slander
- Divisiveness
- Pride and Arrogance
- Envy & Jealousy