

## **Bible Study — Romans 2:1-5**

### I. Introductory Thoughts

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." - Romans 1:16-17**

### II. The Gospel is the revelation of God's righteousness

### III. God is righteous in that He righteously judges sin

### IV. What about the Jews?

#### A. The Jews of Jesus & Paul's day essentially fell into four broad groups

1. Sadducees
2. Essenes
3. Zealots
4. Pharisees

### V. Who is Paul referring to in Romans 2?

### VI. The point Paul wants to make in this section of Romans is that the Jews are no less exempt from the judgment of God than their Gentile neighbors

## **VII. Romans 2:1-5**

- A. 2:1 — Jews have no excuse
  
- B. 2:2-3 — No escape from the judgment of God
  
- C. 2:4 — God's patience and forbearance ought to lead to repentance
  
- D. 2:5 — Storing up wrath for the *Day of Wrath*
  
- E. God's righteous wrath will be revealed either in the "here and now" or on the "day of wrath"
  
- F. In either case, repentance is available
  - 1. For the Gentile sinner, repentance is available to get out of the downward spiral of sin and debauchery
  
  - 2. For the Jew, God's kindness and forbearance is NOT an indication that everything is "hockey-dorey" with God, but rather a sober reminder that judgment is coming and that repentance is the only way to escape it