

Bible Study — Romans 2:6-16

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 at its heart, means **good news**

- A. The advent of Jesus Christ into this world is **good news**
- B. Jesus Christ entered into *this age* on a divine rescue mission
- C. Jesus Christ entered into *the age to come* by way of His resurrection from the dead

III. Good news isn't *good* until we know how *bad* bad news **really is**

- A. The bad news is detailed in Romans 1:18-3:20
- B. In this section of Paul's letter he shows us *the problem*

IV. Romans 2:1-16—Paul attacks the Jewish sense of *privilege*

- A. God's "kindness and forbearance" isn't God excusing sin
- B. It was meant to lead to repentance
- C. Hardness of heart was storing up the wrath of God

V. Romans 2:6-16

A. 2:6-11 — Principles of God's Judgment

1. Judgment will be based on works

- a) Job 34:11
- b) Psalm 62:12
- c) Proverbs 24:12
- d) Jeremiah 17:10
- e) Matthew 16:27

2. In vv. 7-10, **are good works hypothetical or real?**

3. Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 33, Q91

Q: What are good works?

A: Those only which proceed from true faith, and are done according to the law of God, unto His glory, and not such as rest on our own opinion or the commandments of men

4. Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 44, Q114

Q: Can those who are converted to God keep these commandments perfectly?

A: No, but even the holiest of men, while in this life, have only a small beginning of such obedience, yet so that with earnest purpose they begin to live not only according to some, but according to all the commandments of God

5. God shows ***no partiality*** (Romans 2:11)

B. 2:12-16 — Judgment and the Law of God

- 1. Everyone will be judged based on the amount of revelation they have received
- 2. General Revelation & Common Grace
- 3. **Bottom Line:** A day is coming when God will judge all men