

THE IMPARTIALNESS OF GOD

Romans 2:5-16

Introduction:

- The Equal Opportunity Act was put into place because some employers would refuse to hire people because of their r_____, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity
- The contrast between sinful humanity and God
 1. Sinful humanity tends to play f_____
 2. God is totally impartial when it comes to j_____ and s_____ (verse 11)
- The purpose of today's message
 1. To help us understand what is wrong with us and what is true about God
 2. To stir us to thanking God for saving us from judgment and changing our lives.

The Area of Judgment (5,6,8,9,12)

- Verse 5 – the person who uses his “good” credentials to gain God's approval is actually storing up w_____ for the day of wrath or judgment.
 1. Some question how a good God and a loving God could send anyone to hell.
 - a. Jehovah's Witness teach that there is no eternal punishment for the unbeliever, but will simply cease to e_____
 - b. Some teach that since God is love (I Jn 4:7,8), that He will eventually s_____ every single person.
 - c. Beware of religious philosophy that chooses to ignore one part of God's revelation.
 2. The Bible indicates that God does not choose hell for anyone but we all have made that c_____ for ourselves.
 - a. God told Adam and Eve that they if they ate from the forbidden tree they would d_____ (Gen 2:16,17)
 - b. Adam and Eve chose d_____ when they chose to disobey God.
 - c. Since all have s_____ (Rom 3:23) all have chosen the penalty of sin – death (spiritual and physical).
- P_____ action (verse 5)
 1. What leads to God's wrath? An unrepentant h_____
 2. Who stores up wrath? The unrepentant not G_____
- P_____ action (verse 5,6,9)
 1. This is not a one time sinful action but a l_____ of sin (remember “sin” means “to miss the m_____”)
 2. This lifestyle of sin is due to the “h_____” of the heart (where we get our word sclerosis)
- P_____ action (9,12)
 1. Punishment is a r_____ judgment
 2. It falls on everyone with an unrepentant heart regardless of
 - a. N_____ - *to the Jew and the Greek* (9)
 - b. Having the L_____ or not (12)
 3. God pronounced the same punishment on all the a_____ who sinned (Matt 25:41)

The Area of Salvation (7,10,13-16)

- Verses 7 and 10
 1. Looks like goodness is the m_____ of receiving eternal life (but see Eph 2:8,9)
 2. Are speaking of a l_____ that RESULTS from receiving God's gift of salvation
 - a. What is the definition of good? (verse 7) – it is the opposite of s_____ so it is doing what God wants.
 - b. Who practices what God wants? – only those b_____ of God (I Jn 3:9,10 – Greek refers to a lifestyle)

- c. Those who are saved practice good as they seek the glory, peace, and immortality that promises to believers.
 - d. Eternal life (to live in relationship to God forever) is the promised g_____ to all believers who by definition are those who practice doing what God wants.
- Verse 4 – what leads to repentance? – God’s _____
 - Verse 9 - Where is God’s kindness or goodness displayed? – in the g_____ (means good news; see I Cor 15:1-6)

Conclusion:

- We all have chosen j_____
- God has chosen s_____ and will not rest until He saves people from all walks of life (Matt 24:14; Rev 5:9,10)
- How will you respond?