

## Romans 2:6-11 • Two Groups, Two Destinies

*Conventional Jewish wisdom of Paul's day held that there were two groups of people that comprised all of humanity - Jews and Greeks; a.k.a. Gentiles. The Jews believed they were God's people and they stood in judgement over the pagan Greeks. In Romans, chapters one through three, Paul is systematically building an argument that "None is righteous, no, not one". As the Jews would expect, Greeks are without excuse. To the Jew's dismay, they also are without excuse. Turns out that there are only two groups - saved and unsaved. There are two destinies. For the saved, eternal life and for the unsaved, eternal destruction. The key is our works cannot save us but they can condemn us. However, works can indicate whether a person is saved.*

Matthew 7:21 **"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. **It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.** And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2Corinthians 13:5 **Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith.** Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, **that Jesus Christ is in you?** —unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,**

Philippians 2:13 for **it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

Romans 2:1 Therefore **you have no excuse,** O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, **because you, the judge, practice the very same things.**

Romans 2:2 We know that the **judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.**

Romans 2:3 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who **practice such things** and yet **do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?**

Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the **riches** of his **kindness** and **forbearance** and **patience**, not knowing that **God's kindness** is meant to **lead you to repentance?**

Romans 2:5 But because of your **hard and impenitent heart** you are **storing up wrath for yourself** on the **day of wrath** when **God's righteous judgment** will be **revealed**.

Romans 2:6 **He will render to each one according to his works:**

Romans 2:7 to those who by **patience** in **well-doing** seek for glory and honor and immortality, **he will give eternal life;**

Romans 2:8 but for those who are **self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.**

Romans 2:9 There will be **tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,**

Romans 2:10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who **does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.**

Romans 2:11 For **God shows no partiality.**

**“He will render to each one according to his works”**

**What it does not mean.**

Romans 3:9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. **For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,**

Romans 3:10 as it is written: **“None is righteous, no, not one;**

Romans 3:20 For **by works** of the law **no human being will be justified** in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:23 for **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

Romans 3:24 and are **justified by his grace as a gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:28 For we hold that **one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.**

Romans 4:5 And to the one who **does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,**

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been **justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Galatians 2:16 yet we know that a person is **not justified by works** of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be **justified by faith in Christ and not by works** of the law, **because by works of the law no one will be justified.**

**“He will render to each one according to his works”**

#### **What it does mean**

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then **he will repay each person according to what he has done.**

Romans 2:8 but for those who are **self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.**

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their **unrighteousness suppress the truth.**

Romans 2:9 There will be **tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,**

2Thessalonians 1:7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels

2Thessalonians 1:8 in flaming fire, **inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God** and on those who **do not obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus.

2Thessalonians 1:9 **They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,**

2Thessalonians 1:10 when **he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed**, because our testimony to you was believed.

“If the Bible didn’t teach this kind of thing, I wouldn’t dare to utter it.”

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Romans 2:7 to those who by **patience in well-doing** seek for **glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;**

Romans 5:2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and **we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

John 5:44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not **seek the glory that comes from the only God?**

1Corinthians 15:50 I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood **cannot inherit the kingdom of God**, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1Corinthians 15:54 When the perishable **puts on the imperishable**, and the mortal puts on **immortality**, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: **“Death is swallowed up in victory.”**

Romans 2:10 but **glory and honor and peace** for everyone who **does good**, the **Jew first and also the Greek.**

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

Titus 2:11 For **the grace of God** has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

Titus 2:12 **training us** to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

Titus 2:13 **waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,**

Titus 2:14 who gave himself for us **to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.**

James 2:17 So also **faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

James 2:18 But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

1John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; **for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us.** But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

1John 2:20 But **you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.**

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and **books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life.** And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to **what they had done.**

Revelation 20:15 And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the **Lamb’s book of life.**

1Peter 1:18 knowing that you were **ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers,** not with perishable things such as silver or gold,

1Peter 1:19 but **with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**

Romans 6:22 But now that you have been **set free from sin** and have become slaves of God, **the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**

2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation.** The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.