

Need No Repentance, Pt. 1

Lk 5:31-32, Matt 7:13-14

Romans 2 is for two primary reasons:

Witness and Self-Evaluation.

The Gospel is not good news instead of Judgment.
The Gospel is good news in light of Judgment.

The Gospel does not remove Judgment,
The Gospel simply reassigns Judgment...
from the sinner to the Substitute.

5 characteristics of God's Judgment

1) God Judges Finally – v. 5, 16

John 5:28-29

2) God Judges Simply (based on Works) – v. 1-3, 6-10, 13

- Mt 5:20, 48
- Mt 19:17
- Jn 5:29

3) God Judges Impartially – v. 11

4) God Judges Comprehensively – v. 16

Isaiah 47:10-11

5) God Judges Mercifully – v. 4

God has no delight in the death of the wicked, but rather that he should turn from his ways and live.
- Ezekiel 18

Praxis

1. What keeps people (you) from seeing the need for repentance? (be comprehensive)
2. What are some of the *kindnesses* (2:4) of God that lead you to repentance? How do you at times “think lightly” of them?
3. Paul clearly puts forward “works” in 2:5-12 as the basis for both judgment and eternal life (see also Mt 5:20,48,19:17, Jn 5:28-29). How do these statements fit with the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith?
4. How can we practically help our neighbors who think they need no repentance see their need of the Gospel? How might v. 12-16 help?