



RIGHTEOUSNESS...How a perfect God responds to imperfection.

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The Reality, Power, and Cycle of Sin (Romans Chapter 1)

The Heart and Desire of Our God (Romans 2:4)

*⁴Or do you show contempt for the riches of his **kindness, forbearance** and **patience**, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to **lead you to repentance?***

The Righteousness of Our God (Romans 2:2 & 5)

² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.

⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

How do we deal with the reality and problem of sin? Option 1-JUDGEMENTALISM!

Romans 2:1-3

1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. 2 Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. 3 So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?

Tactics of a Judgmentalist... I ignore my sin by focusing on your sin

Tactics of a Judgmentalist... I minimize my sin by comparing it to your sin

How do we deal with the reality and problem of sin? Option 2- [LEGALISM!](#)

Romans 2:17-24

¹⁷ Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and boast in God; ¹⁸if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; ¹⁹ if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, ²⁰an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— ²¹ you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? ²²You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? ²⁴As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

Tactics of a [Legalist](#)...I rely on my knowledge of the law of God

Tactics of a Legalist... I focus on my good works (laws I follow)

Tactics of a Legalist...I create a self-made "religious" image and buy my own press!

Key Passages: Romans 2