

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: A Warning to the Religious

Reading: Romans 2: 1-29

Date: 4th February 2024 (AM)

Has anyone had any answers to prayer in the last week that they can share with the group? Share any personal prayer requests and spend a few minutes praying for one another.

Read verses 1-11

1. Verses 1-4. What is the difference between exercising moral judgment (e.g. in Rom. 16:19) and the kind of judging Paul describes in Rom. 2:1?
2. Why should judgmentalism have no place in the life of the Christian?
3. The litmus test of what we say we believe is how we actually live. What then is the overall principle of verses 6-11?

Read verses 12-29

4. Don't be put off by these dense verses. Paul's point is actually a simple one, summarized in verse 12-13. Whether Jew or Gentile, we all fall short and are under God's righteous judgment. And we can all be saved by trusting in Christ. How should this be an antidote to judgmental attitudes when they creep into our thinking?
5. Paul reminds his readers that although the Gentiles were not given the Law of Moses, when a Gentile trusted in Christ they were doing what the Law required. (verses 14-16)
6. Although ethnic Jews had received the Law of Moses along with circumcision, that wasn't enough. They too needed to do what the Law required i.e. to trust in Christ. (verses 17-29)
7. How do we apply these things to ourselves today? (See also John 5:39).

Pray

- *Pray for opportunities this week to talk to friends, family members or work colleagues about the Lord Jesus.*
- *Pray that we would be humble, not judgmental, knowing that we are all sinners needing Jesus.*
- *Pray for those who are new or on the fringe of church – that we would welcome them and they would be drawn in more.*