**ROMANS 1:16 – 2:16**

Expanded Outline

II. DOCTRINAL DISCUSSION (1:16 – 11:36)

Theme: Justification (or righteousness) by faith in Jesus Christ

1. General Proposition Set Forth (1:16 – 17)
2. No reason for shame in the gospel (1:16a)
3. Gospel is God’s power to save (1:16b)
4. That which is revealed in the gospel (1:17)
5. The righteousness of God
6. The means of becoming righteous in the eyes of God
7. Universal Need for Righteousness Established (1:18 – 3:20)
8. Sinfulness of the Gentiles and their need for righteousness (1:18 – 32)
9. Through sin they stifled the knowledge of God’s power and divinity evident in creation (1:18b – 20)
10. By deliberately ignoring their knowledge of God, they entered into vain speculation and finally the worst kind of idolatry (1:21 – 23)
11. God gave them up because of their absolute moral degradation (1:24 – 32)
12. The principles by which God will judge men (2:1 – 16)
13. The disobedient are self-condemned when they attempt to judge others (2:1)
14. The judgment of God is just, fair, and reasonable (2:2 – 16)
15. Is according to truth (2:2 – 5)
16. Condemns all who practice things worthy of censure (2:2b)
17. None will escape this judgment through special treatment (2:3)
18. God’s mercy is an opportunity to repent, not a license for further sin (2:4)
19. A hard and unrepentant heart will increase the coming wrath (2:5)
20. Is according to works (2:6 – 10)
21. Those who are steadfast in doing good will receive glory, honor, peace, and eternal life (2:7, 10a)
22. The factious, disobedient, unrighteous evil-worker will receive wrath, indignation, tribulation, and anguish (2:8 – 9a)
23. Reward according to works will be applied to both Jew and Gentile (2:9b, 10b)
24. Is with no respect of persons (2:11 – 12)
25. Those who sin without the law shall perish without the law (2:12a)
26. Those who sin under the law shall be judged by the law (2:12b)
27. Is according to doing and not hearing (2:13 – 15)
28. The Gentiles who do by nature the things of the law become a law unto themselves (2:14)

[1] The demonstrate the essence of the law written in their hearts as a guide to their consciences (2:15)

1. Is according to the gospel (2:16)
2. Even the secrets of men shall be judged

Questions on Romans 1:16 – 2:16

1. What is the gospel according to Romans 1:16?
2. Does the gospel have the same effect on everyone? If not, what is the source of its power?
3. What is revealed in the gospel? Explain each.
4. What overall point is made in Romans 1:18-32?
5. Against whom is the wrath of God revealed?
6. Why cannot sinful men claim, as an excuse, that they did not know about the existence of God and were therefore not responsible?
7. How are the invisible things of God “seen”?
8. What attributes of God are seen in the creation?
9. List the failures of men as listed in Romans 1:21 -23.
10. What prompted God to give men over to impurity (Romans 1:24)?
11. Why did God give mankind over to degrading passions?
12. What moved God to allow men to be possessed of a depraved mind?
13. List the “things that are not fitting” appearing in Romans 1:29 – 32 which characterize these degenerate people.
14. What is the central message of Romans 2:1 – 16?
15. How many standards of judgment are found in these verses?
16. What indicates that the Jews are the primary targets of this section?
17. Does Romans 2:1 forbid all judgment? If not, under what circumstances is judgment not appropriate?
18. What standard of judgment is given in Romans 2:2?
19. What is the purpose of God’s kindness, forbearance, and patience?
20. What standard of judgment is given in Romans 2:6? List other scriptures which support this standard.
21. List the two categories of works found in Romans 2:7 – 10 and the rewards reserved for those who do them.
22. How does Romans 2:12 show that there is no respect of persons in God’s judgment?