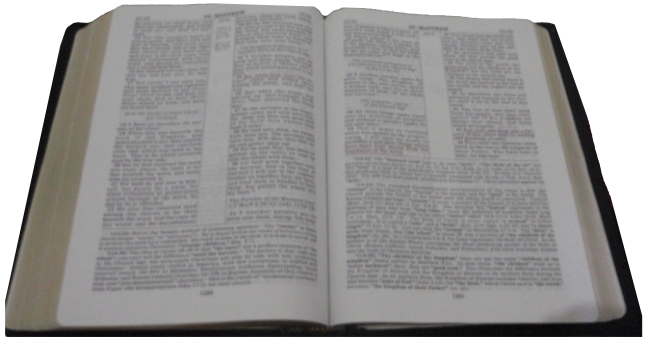
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Romans
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Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Rom. 2:1-3- Religious hypocrites condemned themselves by being guilty of the same things for which they condemned others.

I- Is it right to judge?

- Mt. 7:1

- Jh. 5:22

A- Judge/Judgment

#1- Form an idea or opinion about, to think or suppose, to distinguish, to decide, to determine, to choose, to conslude, to try or test, to critize, to call into question.

#2- applies only to God

- To condemn, to sentence, to execute punishment.

1- Only God can see into and judge the heart and motives

- 1Cor. 4:1-5

- 1Sam. 16:7

- Acts 15:8

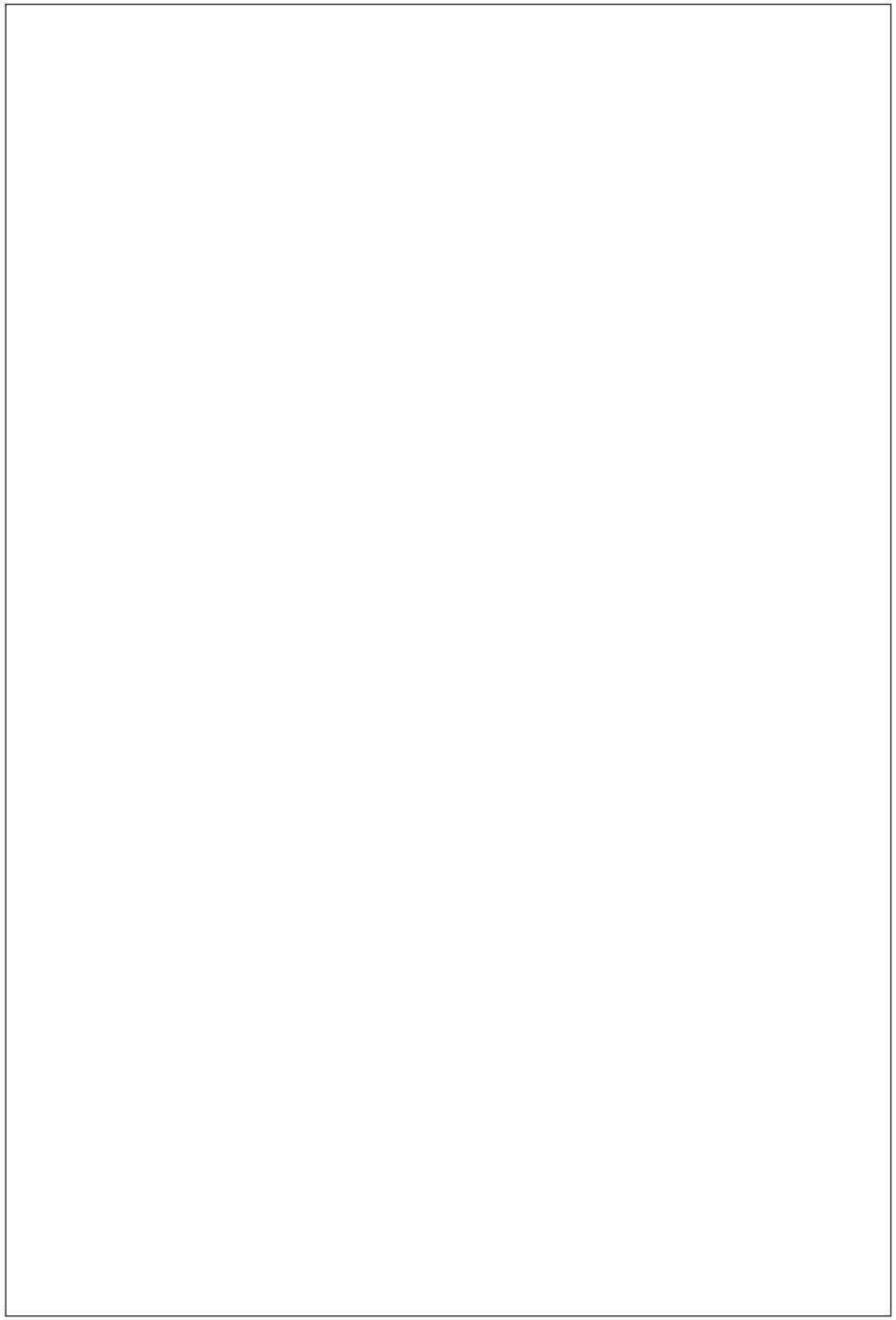
- We can only get a glimpse of the heart by what people say - that is if their not lying

B- It is not only right but also the duty of Christians to judge.

Diff. #1

1- We are commanded to judge in the scriptures

- Lev. 19:35



- Jh. 7:24

- Lk. 7:41-43

- 1Cor. 10:15

- 1Cor. 2:15

- Rom. 16:17-18

- Acts 17:11

- Pr. 21:15

2- We are warned of the need to judge false prophets

- Mt. 7:15

- 1Jh 4:1-3

- A standard for judging is the word of God

- Isa. 8:20

3- We are called to judge false doctrine

- 2Jh. 1:7-11

4- We are called to judge without hyprocrisy

- Mt. 7:1-5

- We are to judge others the way we'd like to be judged.

- Mt. 7:2

- Mk. 4:24

- Lk. 6:38

5- We are to judge immoral conduct

- 1Cor. 5:9-13

6- Disputes between Christians should be judged by Christians

- 1Cor. 6:1-8

7- We ought to judge ourselves

- 2Cor. 13:5

- 1Cor. 11:31-32

8- We are not to condemn others (as in # 2)

- Jam. 4:11-12

a- Who do you think you are in assuming the role of God

- Rom. 12:19

9- We are not to judge as to wherher people are actually saved

- 2Tim. 2:19

C- We must identify and be separate from those who are in the wrong

- 2Cor. 6:14-18

- 2Tim. 3:1-5

- 2Th. 3:6, 14-15

- Eph. 5:6-11

- Rom. 12:9

- 1Th. 5:21-22

2:28-29- Circumcision is not the outward cutting, but an inward cutting of the heart.

- Deut. 10:16-17

- Jer. 9:23-26

- God is saying that a Jew who doesn't keep the Law is no better off that an unbelieving Gentile dog who violates his conscience or the truth he knows by nature.

- The Jew is worse off, because he causes unbelieving Gentiles to blaspheme God and bring reproach upon Gods Law.

- A real Jew is only a Jew if he is circumcised inwardly.

- Rom. 9:6-8

- There is no hope for anybody outside of Jesus Christ

- Why? - Because no Jew has ever kept the Law perfectly.

- No Gentile ever obeyed his conscience and all the truth given to him by God.

- Rom. 3:10, 23

1- Spiritual health can only be maintained be spearating from false doctrine.

D- We ought to steadily grow in our knowledge and ability rightly judge.

- Ph. 1:9-10

1- Able to discern both good and evil

- Heb. 5:11-14

E- We outh to temper our judgments

1- Consider that our lives will be judged

- 2Cor. 5:10

2- Consider ourselves lest we be tempted

- Gal. 6:1

3- Judgment must begin at the house of God

- 1Pet. 4:17

F- The Lord loves judgment... so lets get it right

- Ps. 33:5

- Ps. 37:28

- Isa. 61:8

2:4- Everything God does to the lost is to get him to repent.

- Through goodness or suffering

- God has only one purpose for the lost, that is to open their eyes to the fact that Jesus Christ is the saviour and they dont have to go to hell. is the good or the bad extremes God will go to in order to keep people out of hell.

- Here God uses the goodness of God to lead sinners to repentance.

- Mt. 5:45

- Jude 1:22-23

2:4- Forbearance - God withholding rightful and deserved punishment upon unsaved people.

- Mercy - It is God not yet requiring just payment that is due for sin. God's patient tolerance.

- Longsuffering - God patiently enduring and tolerating unsaved man's foolishness a long time.

2:5-16 - In summary these passages refer to God judging people by what they do with the light God has given them.

- There is no gospel in these verses - 100% works.

- This is God's foolproof method to show all men are under the penalty of sin and there is no hope in living righteously to merit salvation.

- All men will be judged by the truth they know.

- These verses show nobody can attain eternal life by their deeds and the absolute futility of relying on good works to attain salvation.

2:25-29- Outward vs. Inward= Works vs Faith

- Living a righteous life is only meaningful and profitable if we are saved.

- Mt. 7:21-23

- Outward circumcision is only profitable if the Law is kept.

- The same way water baptism only has meaning after a person is saved.

- It's an outward symbol of an inward change.

- Circumcision doesn't mean a thing if the Law is broken.

2:26- If the Gentiles keep the truth and the Law they know then his uncircumcision is accounted by God as circumsicion and the Gentile will receive the blessings of God.

- 1Cor. 7:19

2:27- Will not God allow a Gentile who fulfills the Law to judge the Jew who is only outwardly circumcised?

- The Jews that reject Jesus Christ will be judged

- Mt. 12:41-42 - By Gentiles

- Jh. 5:38-40 - By the scriptures

- Jh. 5:42-47 - By Moses

- Jh. 8:39-40, 52-59 - By Abraham

- Mt. 27:23-26 - By their own mouths.

- Just like those who want you to send them money so you can be blessed with wealth or healed of your sickness.

- Mt. 23:1-15

- Adultery and lust

- Mt. 5:28

- Sacrilege- Temple robber, stealing things thatbelong to God.

- When idols were being destroyed the Jews made a business out of hiring soldiers to take the spoils and anything of value and bring it to them.

- The Jews were like TV preachers- say anything to get your money.

2:23-24- Breaking the Law disnonors God.

- Even the Gentiles could see they were a bunch of hypocrites causing them to mock and ridicule the Jews scriptures and their God.

- As Christians God's name and purposes are hindered when we fail to live up to our calling.

- 2Sam. 12:7-14

- David's sin led to an occasion for the enemies of God mock, scorn and blaspheme the Lord.

- What happenes when you sin?

- Nobody will see a need to become a Christian if there isn't something different about us.

- Here God addresses those who feel their good will outweigh their bad and those who believe they have some measure of self-righteousness that will merit salvation.

- It is the ultimate proof that all men are under sin when God shows us that no man could possibly be justified by "patient continuance in well doing"

- Rom. 2:7

2:5- God's just and righteous wrath is coming soon for those who are stiffnecked, hard-hearted, and stubborn.

- Pr. 29:1

- Obadiah 1:15

- Impenitent - does not say unrepentant

- Impenitent is not that a person couldn't repent, but that they refuse to repent when confronted with the challenge of the need to repent.

- Impenitence leads to callousness which leads to God's indignation and wrath.

- Rom. 2:8

- God's wrath and righteous judgment on the lost is being amassed, reserved and stored up.

- The failures to repent equals the more wrath that is being stored up.

- Example - River that is damned up- the wate keeps getting fuller and fuller,

2:6- God will judge condemn the lost according to their deeds or actions.

- God will repay... no sins a lost person has ever committed will he get by with.

- Everything will be opened and revealed

- Num. 32:20-23 - There is a pay-day someday

- God's wrath will be poured out on the lost.

2:7,10- God will give light to all men and them will lead them to salvation if they follow the light they have been given.

- Rom. 1:19-20

- Jh. 1:6-9

- It is eternally important to respond correctly and with obedience to he light God gives

- Isa. 55:6-7

- Hosea 10:12

- One single failure to do right puts a person under Gods wrath.

- Jam. 2:10

2:8-9 - Those rejecting the light God has given them will suffer God's righteous and boiling anger, God's fierce wrath and extreme indignation and vengeance.

- Contenious- to belligerently argue or dispute; to quarrel; to sow discord and conflict; to resist, reject mock, refuse, and rebel against God and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- They thought the Law gave them a special path to God, not available to other men.

2:18- They used the Law to boast and brag about knowing God's will as revealed in the OT because they saw themselves as being more deucated and religious than those heathen Gentiles.

2:19- The Jews were self-confident, arrogant, and full of pride because they had the supposed "light" of the Law, when in reality they were rejection their Messiah Jesus Christ the true light.

- The Jews misused the Law to shine thier own self-righteous light rather than accept Jesus Christ.

- Even today they largely refuse to study the prophesies of the OT and their fulfillment in Jesus

- They are guilty of sterilizing the OT scriptures of their prophetic references to Jesus Christ.

2:20- The Jews treated those outside the Law as "foolish" and "babes" because they are inferior and ignorant.

- "Form of knowedge" =

- They took the 10 commandments and added men's traditons to them to form 613 laws for public display, which formed the basis of their self-righteousness.

- Mk. 7:9-13

- The Jews found loopholes around the intent of the Law.

2:21-22- Are you practicing what you preach - aimed at Jews

- The Jews were subverting the Law for thier own profit.

- I know when to stop
- I can stop whenever I want
- I know what I'am doing
- Etc.

- Christians should ask:

  - Is it the right thing to do?

  - Will it bring honor and glory to God?

  - Can I ask God to bless it

  - What if the Lord came back right now?

  - Is it against scriptures.

2:16- Judgment is coming for the lost at the Great White Throne judgment.

- It will be according to the gospel

- It will be a perfect judge - Jesus Christ.

- It will be a proper and just judgment for the lost.

2:17- Now the bible turns to the self-righteous Jews.

- The Jews considered themselves superior to the Gentiles.

- They used the Law ass a badge of honor and a status symbol of their sopposed morality.

- They used the Law as a pillow to rest on rather than a personal judge to convict them of their own hyprocrisy and lead them to repentance.

- They used the Law as a tool to compare and prove their superiouity to other men.

- God has no other choice but to cast into hell those rejecting Jesus Christ.

- 2Th. 1:8-9

- God made a plan of salvation, but requires each of us to obey it by believing on Jesus.

- God will give more light if a person does not reject the light already given.

2:11- As individuals and our relationship to God, there is no rispect of persons with God.

- Doesn't refer to nations or races - Israel

- Paul is speaking to a Gentile church with Lost people in it and telling them as far as sin, conscience, the Law and Salvation,

- THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE EQUAL BEFORE GOD.

- Jam. 2:1-9

- James rebukes Jewish Christians for their partiality

- Jews and Gentiles today are saved in exactly the same way.

- Rom. 3:22-23

- Rom. 10:11-13

2:12-13- All are under sin and are guilty as charged Jew or Gentile.

- Gentiles without the Law have:

  -violated their own conscience and God's revalation of Himself in nature.

- Conscience = Cauterize, brand, render insensitive, to make callous, unfeeling, or harden

- 1Tim. 4:2

- Tit. 1:15-16

- Things that are sin that no longer bother you shwos a seared conscience.

- Sinful things we tolerate that God has already passed judgement on come from our seared conscience and make it where we are no longer sensitive ot God's word and the still small voice of the Holy Spirit.

- Ex. 15:26

- Open sin today = No conscience

- Jews who had the Law have violated the Mosaic Law and the 10 commandments.

- To be justified by the Law or without the Law a person would have to live a perfect life.

- Only one man has ever done this - Jesus Christ

2:13- Is directed to the Jews who had the Law, but didn't keep it.

- Acts 15:1-12

- It's the Pharisees of today that are still preaching works for salvation.

- You must give up this or that

- You must repent of all your sins in order to get saved

- As believers, we are free from the law of sin and death.

- Rom. 8:1-4

2:14- ILLustration of vs. 12 -13

- Gentiles have a conscience given to them by God.

- All people know it is wrong to kill, commit adultry, lie, or steal because God has written it in our hearts.

- Therefore we become guilty when we violate the law we know and deserve death and hell..

- No sinner has ever fully obeyed the law or followed his conscience 100%

- God is bringing All MEN to a personal conviction of their sinfulness.

- The heathen will be judged based on their own understanding of right and wrong.

- Rom. 7:7-10-14

2:15- This is the "it's never my fault" and the "please excuse my sin" crowd

- People spend most of their time excusing their own sins or pointing out the sins of others.

- It's always somebody else's fault... parents upbringing, culture, circumstances, etc.

- It's the alibi for continuing in sin

- Eamples - Everybody's doing it
  - It depends on how you look at it
  - A little bit don't hurt