

When Good is Not Good Enough

Romans 2:1-16
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A couple of thoughts before we dive into our passage:

1. Our judgments of what constitutes both “good” and “bad” are always relative.
2. Our judgments of what constitutes both “good” and “bad” are usually self-centered.

Note: The “moralistic Jews” had made two very serious miscalculations:

1. They had under estimated the perfect, holy, righteous standard of God.
2. They had over-estimated their own goodness and morality.

Principles by which the moralist is judged:

Principle #1: God’s judgment will be executed according to truth (v.2)

This first principle brings to light three significant facts about moralists:

1. Moralists practice the very thing they condemn in others. (v.1)
2. Moralists think God won’t notice their sin and therefore, will escape His judgment. (v.2 ,3)
3. Moralists abuse God’s patience and kindness. (v.4, 5)

Principle #2: God’s judgment will be executed according to works. (v.6-10)

Principle #3: God’s judgment will be executed with absolute impartiality. (v. 11-16)

In light of everything this passage teaches us, there are three facts we must face:

1. We must all face Jesus Christ sooner or later.
2. Either we face Him as Savior now, or we must face Him as Judge later.
3. Those who prefer to face Him as Judge will live to eternally regret their decision.