



## Salvation: Why? and How?

Romans Chapters One to Five

Calvary Baptist Church

Sermon 7: The Condemnation of the  
Self-Righteous

Sunday, April 7, 2013

Romans 2:1-16

### INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW:

#### I. Self-Justification

- His view of truth is **subjective**.

The moralist, or self-justifying individual has a problem with ...

#### A. His **Criticism** (2:1,3; Mt. 7:1; Rom. 14:13; James 4:12; Gal. 6:1; Rom. 15:1)

**QUOTE:** The moralist judges others. The word "judge" (*krino*) means to criticize, to find **fault**, to condemn. This is the terrible flaw of the moralist. Note: any person becomes a moralist when he sets himself up as a judge of others. Very simply, judging others raises self and lowers others, exalts self and debases others; and in the eyes of God this is wrong. It is sin. It is being full of self-righteousness, pride, and **arrogance**. It sets self up as a moralist, and it makes a person judgmental and critical. *P.O.S.B.*

#### B. His Consistency

##### 1. In His **Actions** (2:1)

- While some may not have the boldness to do the sin outwardly, God knows that they harbor the thought in their mind.

##### 2. In His **Attitude** (2:3, 16, 21-22; Luke 12:2)

**THINK** – *logizomai*. To **reckon**, account.

- One possible explanation for his arrogance may be seen in verse 16.
- He places trust in the **secrecy** of his actions.

3. In His Assessment (2:4; Rom. 1:21-22; 2 Cor. 10:12; Pr. 20:6; 28:26; 30:12; Gal. 6:3, 7)

- “I must be God’s **darling**.” “I must be the exception.”

C. His **Conduct** (2:8)

1. **Contentious** – Also rendered as “self-seeking” and “selfish.” (Ps. 32:9)
2. Does not **Obey** Truth
3. **Obeys Unrighteousness**

D. His **Callousness** (2:5; Pr. 29:1)

E. His **Condemnation**

1. **Inexcusable** (2:1)
2. **Hypocrite** (1:3)
3. **Self-indictment** (2:1,5)
4. **Judgment** (2:2,3,5,12,16)

E. **Consequences**

1. **Defenseless** Before God (2:1,12; 14:10-12)
2. **Displeasure** of God (2:5, 8)
3. **Distress** from God (2:9)
4. **Destiny** apart from God (2:12)

**CONCLUSION TO PART I (John 3:16)**

- We look at the sinner outside the church and say, you need John 3:16 or you will perish.
- Paul reminds us that we must look at ourselves as the sinner **IN** the church, and make John 3:16 a reality in our lives, lest we perish.

**APPLY: Not all the sinners are “out there.”**

**II. Sovereign Judgment**

