



THE FALLACY OF JUDGMENTALISM

Romans 2:1-13

Life Group Study -- Week of February 3, 2019

Memorize.

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

Romans 2:1

Open. Which was your favorite commercial in this year's Super Bowl? Why?

Study.

If you had the opportunity to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? What questions did it raise for you, if any?

Read Romans 2:1-13. What would you say this passage is all about?

What's the "therefore" there for? What does it correspond to in chapter 1?

Whom is Paul addressing?

- Jews only
- Gentiles only
- Everyone
- The New England Patriots

The expression "We know" in verse 2 can be accurately translated, "Everyone knows" (as in "everybody knows that!"). What does everyone know?

Carefully follow the progress of Paul's thought in verses 1 to 5. What does presuming on God's kindness and forbearance (tolerance) and patience look like?

What's missing from a Christianity that fails to lead to repentance?

What will characterize the lives of those who will inherit eternal life? What, by contrast, will characterize the lives of those who will become the objects of God's wrath?

Is Paul doing an about-face and asserting now that salvation is by works, and not by faith? Why or why not?

Why is Paul careful to affirm that God judges with impartiality?

Compare verse 2 with verses 12-13. How would one who is not in possession of "the law" (i.e., a Gentile) still be judged (*perish*) without the law?

What is required of one who insists on being justified by keeping the law, whether the law of Moses or the law of conscience? Why won't biblical knowledge ever suffice for a transformed life (verse 13)?

How do you want to respond to what we have discussed?

Remember to pray for, and share Christ with your



