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Judge Not

Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

YOU ARE NOT THE JUDGE (Romans 2:1-5)

4 characteristics of a self-righteous judge:

1. He accuses others and excuses himself.

You therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. (Romans 2:1)

*Greek word (krino) = self-righteous judging
"To sentence, to pass a verdict, to condemn"*

2. He measures others by the wrong standard.

Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. (Romans 2:2)

3. He thinks that judging others puts him in a better position.

So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet you do the same things, do you think that you will escape God's judgment? (Romans 2:3)

4. He misinterprets God's blessings in his life.

Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? (Romans 2:4)

The results of being a judgmental person...

*But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, **you are storing up wrath against yourself** for the day of God's wrath, when His righteous judgment will be revealed. (Romans 2:5)*

7 specific instances when the Scripture says it's wrong to judge others...

1. **When you practice the same sin.** (Romans 2:1-3)
2. **When it blinds you to your own faults.** (Matthew 7:1-3)

3. **When you draw conclusions based on outward appearance.** (John 7:24)
4. **When you condemn somebody else before hearing the facts.** (John 7:51)
5. **When you judge a person's spirituality based on external observances.** (Colossians 2:16)
6. **When it causes you to speak evil against, or slander, another believer.** (James 4:11-12)
7. **When you question people's motives.** (1 Corinthians 4:5)

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths but only what is helpful for building each other up according to their needs that it may benefit those who listen.” (Ephesians 4:29)

*“I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the **motives** of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.” (1 Corinthians 4:3-5)*

KEY POINT:

Never judge another person's motives!

GOD IS THE JUDGE (Romans 2:6-16)

1. When God will judge?

This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares. (Romans 2:16)

Unbelievers Judgment – Great White Throne (Revelation 20)

Believers Judgment – Bema Seat (1 Corinthians 3:9-15)

2. How God will judge?

*“Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is **based on truth**.” (Romans 2:2)*

*“For God does **not show favoritism**.” (Romans 2:11)*

Christians get a free pass... paid for by Jesus.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:12-15)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17)