

## Romans 2:11-16

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *2:11* Because of God's perfect knowledge of every detail and because of His perfect righteousness, it is not possible for His justice to be anything but perfectly impartial.
- 2) *2:11* God shows no favoritism, yet He is profoundly patient. That He chooses not to "drop the hammer" is evidence of His capacity to deal with sin in the way He chooses and to demonstrate mercy where He knows it will result in His purposes.
- 3) *2:12* Gentiles were "apart from the law" in the sense that they had no responsibility to obey commands given to Israel. Israel was "under the law" because they were the recipients of God's revelation through Moses. Although both groups sinned, the basis for judgment was different.
- 4) *2:12* In this verse we see clearly that all will be judged according to their response to the light they have, not according to the light they do not have.
- 5) *2:13* The Law is impossible to keep apart from God. Therefore, the Law has a distinct purpose...to lead us to Jesus so that we may be justified (Galatians 3:24).
- 6) *2:13* The idea here is not that obeying the law will produce justification. But we demonstrate the evidence of the relationship by carrying out God's directives.
- 7) *2:14* Not only does God reveal himself in nature (Romans 1:20), but He also wired us with a sense of moral obligation.
- 8) *2:15* The way conscience operates is described as a process of accusation or defense by our own thoughts.
- 9) *2:16* The gospel demands judgment. Otherwise, there is nothing from which we need to be saved.

10) *2:16* You can trust judgment will be fair because there is absolutely nothing, not even the secrets of people's hearts, which is not known to Him.

11) *2:16* Our Judge will be the very one who died for us (John 5:22, 27; Acts 17:31).

GREEK WORDS

Prosōpolēptēs—partiality; literally "to receive a face"

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