

INTRODUCTION

- * Paul's letter to the church of Rome.
- * It was mentioned in the first two messages regarding the importance that this epistle has in the discussion of the place of the law in the life of the believer.
- * During those first two messages we considered the call of God, the power of the gospel and the response of man to the revelation of God.
- * Today, we transition from the wrath of God being poured out upon those who suppress the truth and exchange the glory of the Creator to that of the creation, to the judgment of God being satisfied against all of the unrighteous - a broader group than the Jews cared to acknowledge!
- * Beginning in this "chapter," Paul begins to discuss the difference and commonness of the Jews and the Gentiles in their relationship to God ... God's declaration that salvation is not through the works of the law but through faith in the grace of God.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE C_____AL NATURE OF _____ JUDGMENT (cf. 2:1)

A. The Statement:

B. The Rationale:

II. THE I_____AL NATURE OF _____ JUDGMENT (cf. 2:2-3:26)

A. The E_____ion of God's Standard

1. THE JUDGMENT OF GOD IS A _____ TO T _____ (cf. 2:2; 2:8; 2:16; 3:7)

2. THE JUDGMENT OF GOD IS A _____ TO T _____ (cf. 2:12-15)

B. The A_____ion of God's Standard

1. THE H _____ ISY OF THE "SELF-RIGHTEOUS" (cf. 2:12-24)

2. THE U _____ ITY OF THE UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MAN (cf. 3:5-23)

C. The P_____ion of God's Standard (cf. 3:21-26)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- * HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPRESSED THE TRUTH?
IF, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Psalm 14:1) ... HOW MUCH GREATER OF FOOL IS HE WHO KNOWS THERE IS GOD AND ACTS AS IF THERE IS NONE?!

- * "DO YOU DESPISE THE RICHES OF GOD'S GOODNESS, FORBEARANCE, AND LONGSUFFERING, NOT KNOWING THAT THE GOODNESS OF GOD LEADS YOU TO REPENTANCE?"

- * WHAT "SECRETS" HAS GOD EXPOSED IN YOUR HEART? IS THERE A NEED FOR CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE?

- * MAYBE YOU ARE HERE AND YOU HAVE NEVER RECEIVED THE PROPITIATION OF GOD FOR YOUR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS - BEHOLD, TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION!