

Sermon notes: January 30, 2022

To Row, Row, Row The Boat

Passage: **Romans 2:1-24**

2 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. **2** Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. **3** So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? **4** Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? **5** 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. **6** God "will repay each person according to what they have done."^[a] **7** To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. **8** But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. **9** There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; **10** but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **11** For God does not show favoritism. **12** All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. **13** For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. **14** (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. **15** They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.) **16** This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

The Jews and the Law

17 Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and boast in God; **18** if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; **19** if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, **20** an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— **21** you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? **22** You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? **23** You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? **24** As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

When We Judge Others We Condemn Ourselves

Romans 1:21 ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Matthew 7:1-2 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

God Judges On The Basis Of Reality

God Judges People Depending On What They

Implications

God So Loved

Verse 1

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water... Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness... Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there...With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God, From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him, For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Verse 4

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting...God so loved the world

Overwhelmed

Verse 1

I see the work of Your hands
Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance oh God
All that You are is so overwhelming

Verse 2

And I hear the sound of Your voice
All at once it's a gentle
And thundering noise oh God
All that You are is so overwhelming

Chorus 1

I delight myself in You, Captivated by Your beauty
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You
And God I run into Your arms, Unashamed because of mercy
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You

Verse 3

I know the pow'r of Your cross
Forgiven and free forever You'll be my God
All that You've done is so overwhelming

Chorus 2

I delight myself in You, In the glory of Your presence
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You
And God I run into Your arms, Unashamed because of mercy
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You

Bridge

You are beautiful You are beautiful
Oh God there is no one more beautiful
You are beautiful God You are the most beautiful
You are wonderful You are wonderful
Oh God there is no one more wonderful
You are wonderful God You are the most wonderful
You are glorious You are glorious
Oh God there is no one more glorious
You are glorious God You are the most glorious

Tag

I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

King Of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come, To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me