

“Your Group Won’t Save You”
Romans 2:1-11
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I. Being in the Favored Group Will Not Keep You from Condemnation (vs. 1-3)

- A. When the Jews condemned the Gentiles for sins that they also committed, they were condemning themselves.
- B. Thus, they would be condemned along with the Gentiles at the Final Judgment.

II. Being in the Favored Group Should be Calling You to Repentance (vs. 4-5)

- A. The Jews believed that God’s ongoing kindness and patience would insulate them (and not the Gentiles) from future judgment.
- B. But, by not allowing God’s kindness and patience to lead to repentance in their lives, they were showing that they actually despised God’s goodness.

III. Being in the Favored Group Will Not Be the Basis of Your Judgment on the Last Day (vs. 6-11)

- A. The final judgment will be according to works.
 - 1. Our eternal justification before the Lord comes *now* by faith alone.

Romans 5:9-10 - ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

- 2. Our public vindication at the *judgment* will be based on our good works.

James 2:24 - You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

- B. Paul says only two categories of people will exist at the judgment.
 - 1. Those who have done good (the saved) will receive eternal life.
 - 2. Those who have done evil (everyone else) will receive wrath.
- C. *Both* groups will be made up of Jews and Gentiles.