

The Hope of Hypocrites?

Romans 2.1-5

12.21.25

¹You, 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. ²Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³So when you, a mere human, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴Or 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? ⁵But 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.

Unmerciful religious people are prone to:

- _____ others
- _____ - _____
- _____
- Thinking _____
- _____
- _____
- People _____ - it's what we do.
- We all owe a debt we can _____.

Further reflection/discussion

What do you like about this passage?

What questions do you have?

What do we learn about people? God's heart?

What is something you need to ask/trust the Lord to help you to apply based on this passage?

-----**(Specific questions)**-----

Which of the ones in Jesus' parable am I more like: the Pharisee or the tax collector?

Do I more closely resemble the Good Neighbor Samaritan or one of the religious people who passed by on the other side?

What might be some ways that my life doesn't match up to what I profess to believe?

How would I describe how grateful my heart is to the Lord?

What would it look like in my life for me to be "running to win" in following Jesus? In what way(s) might my life need to change?

Next time: "The Hope of Judgment" (Romans 2)