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Romans

Rom. 2:1-4 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

Rom. 2:5-11 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. God "will give to each person according to what he has done." To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For God does not show favoritism.

1. God is good, God is just.

2. God gives more light to those who respond to his light.

"They" = those who did not respond to the God in creation

"You" = those we were able to judge others but failed to judge themselves

Rom. 2:1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

If they really believe they are beyond judgment...then they are putting themselves beyond salvation.

Rom. 2:4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

The opportunity to repent is a great kindness of God.

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Truth!...Truth

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Truth!...Truth

No truth!...your truth, my truth

Rom. 2:6 God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

Eph. 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

James 2:18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

Do we have to "work" to be or to stay a Christian? No

Does Christianity "work"? Yes

Rom. 2:7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. 1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

"When someone shows you who they are, believe them."

Angela Mayo

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

This is about the kind of person who knows enough to judge others...but fails to judge themselves.

Change shows up in our lives...perseverance is evidence of salvation.

Rom. 14:4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Phil. 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

An invitation to the table of the King

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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...

Heb. 12:2

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Cor. 1:21-22