

2:6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

1. The Judgment made by the Self-Righteous (v. 1-5)

2. **The Judgment made upon the Self-Righteous (v. 6-16)**

The Self-Righteous is judged on the basis of WORKS (v. 6-10)

FAITH determines which judgment we appear at:

The saved appear at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10)

The unsaved appear at the Great White Throne of Judgment (Revelation 20:11)

WORKS are the basis for the judgment:

2 Corinthians 5:10 “according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad”

Revelation 20:10 “were judged...according to their works”

V. 6 “according to his deeds” not according to his wealth, position, popularity, etc.

it is the same standard of judgment for all – “deeds”

God's judgment is based on performance

render – to return, to pay back

to every man – none will escape (Hebrews 9:27) includes the righteous and the unrighteous

Increased light brings increased responsibility.

The hypocrites judgment will be worse than the heathens.

Those who SEEK (v. 7) are rewarded (v. 10) Examples: Acts 10:1-2; 13:42, 48

Those who SIN (v. 8) are recompensed (v. 9)

Those who CONTINUE (v. 7) received a WELL-DOERS reward (v. 10)

Those who are CONTENTIOUS (v. 8) receive a WICKED-DOERS reward (v. 9)

V. 7 Those who SEEK: glory, honour, and immortality

V. 10 Receive: eternal life (v. 7), glory, honour, and peace

V. 8 Those who SIN by: being contentious, not obeying the truth and obeying unrighteousness

V. 9 Receive: indignation and wrath (v. 8), tribulation and anguish

2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

The Self-Righteous is judged on the basis of WORTH (v. 11-16)

V. 11 no respect of persons - when it comes to sin, salvation and judgment, all men are created equal (see Acts 10:34)

all have sinned – Romans 3:23

all are offered eternal life – Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28)

all will be judged – Hebrews 9:27

Divine judgment is on your schedule

with God – the only one who is completely impartial and fair in judgment

Genesis 18:25 “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

V. 12 those who have sinned without the law – the Gentiles
those who have sinned in the law - the Jews

V. 13 Note that vs. 13-15 are parenthetical (only in KJV)

According to the rules of English grammar the thought goes straight to verse 16

Verses 13-15 expound the thought of verse 12

see James 1:22

V. 14 Though the Gentiles do not have the law they do have three things that guide them:

1. Nature – [they] do by nature the things contained in the law

V. 15 this is the work of the law written in their hearts **Physically**

Even without the law Gentile cultures know the basics of right and wrong

Example: the heathen king Abimelech (Genesis 20:1-5)

2. Conscience

Psychologically

things like smoking and drinking are almost always done the first time in secret – an innate knowledge that it is not right

3. Thoughts

Intellectually

“accusing or else excusing one another”
knowing if someone’s actions are justified

V. 16 In the day – there is an appointed day for judgment

when God shall judge – the certainty of that judgment

the secrets of men – nothing shall be hidden – no suppressed evidence

“the Lord...will bring to light the hidden things of darkness”

1 Corinthians 4:5)

by Jesus Christ – “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment
unto the Son” (John 5:22) also Acts 17:31

according to my gospel – “the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24)

Judged not on the basis of baptism, church membership or good works
but on what was done with the Lord Jesus Christ