



Two Ways

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Romans 1:16 ...I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith."

Left to ourselves...

1. we suppress the truth

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

2. we do not honor God as God

²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

3. we exchange the glory of God for His creation

²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them.

²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

4. we degrade ourselves

²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

²⁸ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are gossips,*
³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;
³² and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

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JUSTICE WAY

Romans 2:1 Therefore you are without excuse, every man *of you* who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

² And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

³ And do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?

GRACE WAY

⁴ Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

JUSTICE WAY

⁵ But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

⁶ who will render to every man according to his deeds:

⁷ to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;

⁸ but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

⁹ *There will be* tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace to every man who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹¹ For there is no partiality with God.

¹² For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;

¹³ for not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

¹⁴ For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves,

¹⁵ in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

¹⁶ on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ

JUSTICE WAY

Romans 3:9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;

¹⁰ as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;

¹¹ There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God;

¹² All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one."

¹³ "Their throat is an open grave, With their tongues they keep deceiving," "The poison of asps is under their lips";

¹⁴ "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness";

¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood,

¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their paths,

¹⁷ And the path of peace have they not known."

¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God;

²⁰ because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

GRACE WAY

²¹ But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

²² even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;