## The Book of Romans "A New Society in the Kingdom of God" Romans 2 Pastor John Honold

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- I. God's Righteous Judgment [Romans 2:1-16]
  - A. "Me, Too" and the Kindness of God [2:1-4]
  - B. How Does God Judge People? Based on Their Deeds [2:6]
  - C. How Does God Measure Deeds? Based on the Law They Have [2:12]
  - D. What Law Does a Person Have? [2:13-16]
    - 1. Jews have Mosaic Law
    - 2. Gentles have a Law of Conscience
  - E. There is NO Favoritism with God [2:11]
- II. God's Righteous Judgment of the (Religious) Jews [Romans 2:17-29]
  - A. You = (Religious) Jew; "I have Knowledge and Truth" [2:17-20]
  - B. "Do You Obey What You Know?" [2:21-24]
  - C. Significance of Circumcision in the First Century Church
    - 1. The Mark of a Jew was Circumcision [Lev 12:3; John 7:22-23; Gen 17:10-14; 21:4]
    - 2. Being Raised in the Church and Knowing the Bible is Nothing if You Do Not Live a Life of Obedience [2:25]
    - 3. Someone Who Lives Righteously -- though He was not raised in the Church or has Read the Bible is More Religious than You [2:26]
    - 4. Does Not the Non-Church Guy Have a Right to Judge You, who Claim to be Religious, but do not Obey? [2:27]
    - 5. Circumcision of the Heart [2:28-29; Jer 31:33; Col 2:11; Ro 4:9-12]
- III. A New Society in the Kingdom of God
  - A. Those Who Embrace Jesus are "no longer Regarded According to the Flesh" [2 Cor 5:16]
  - B. We are a New Creation In Christ, Fully Forgiven and Given Permission to be Happy!" [2 Cor 5:17; John 15:11; Ro 15:14]
  - C. We Are Now and Forever Righteous [2 Cor 5:21]
  - D. We are No Longer Under the Curse of the Law by Cross of Jesus Christ [Gal 3:13]
  - E. We are All One in Christ: Racial Distinctions are Removed; Class Distinctions are Nullified; and Limitations or Advantages based on Gender are also Eliminated [Galatians 3:28]
  - F. We Can Forever Enjoy the Favor of God [2 Cor 6:2; Luke 4:18-21]
- IV. 2024: "The River Has Moved" A Daily Decision to Believe that God is Good [Ro 5:8-9]