

The Book of Romans, Lesson 14, Romans 2:6-10, "The Son is the Dividing Line"

- ↳ When we are young in the Lord, we need knowledgeable Christians to oversee us, **1st Peter 2:2**. You don't just show an infant where the milk is and turn them loose on their own.
- ↳ Were you aware that you can prove anything with the dictionary? Did you know that by using the dictionary, I can prove to you that black is white or vice versa? I hear what you're saying: "That's breaking the rules; that's not how you use the dictionary." Nevertheless, if you break the rules, you can prove anything using the dictionary. The same is true with the Scripture: if you don't follow the rules or don't know the rules, you can prove or disprove anything.

1. Here are some very important principles to remember.

- 1) Any part of the Bible can stand alone. It does not need anything more than to be a part of the Bible to be true and reliable.
- 2) All Scripture must be interpreted in light of all other Scripture, be sure you are well informed before you draw hard and fast conclusions.

2. Initially, the scripture in Romans 2:6-10 makes it sound like all the good people go to heaven and the bad people don't.

- ✓ Be careful; we can prove anything from the Bible if we don't follow the rules. All scripture must be judged in light of other scripture, and the rest of scripture does not teach that good people go to heaven! Notice in **Revelation 20:11-15**, it is their deeds are what are judged and what causes people to be thrown into the lake of fire, and only a name in the right book keeps them out of that place. So, what are the deeds that Paul is speaking of here? First of all, the Scriptures are clear that a person who is a committed sinner and has no remorse or repentance toward God concerning their sin is probably not saved, i.e., **1st John 3:6; James 2:26; 1st Corinthians 6:9-10; and Galatians 5:19-21**. Nonetheless, it is not their cessation from sin that saves them, faith alone, in Christ alone, is what saves as stated in **Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10**. The milk of the Word is great, but we can't just leave the babes alone with the milk! We have to be responsible. Discipleship is an imperative, **Ephesians 4:11-14**.
- ✓ There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek", **Romans 2:9**. That's logical, isn't it? It's not logical to think everyone is going to be in Heaven. Since we know that there are no good deeds that get us into Heaven, **Romans 2:10**, what is Paul speaking about? Note in **John 6:28-29**, the dividing line between those who receive God's wrath and those who don't is God's Son. We saw last week that either we accept Jesus as our Savior or we will have Him as our judge, either way, we have Jesus. Either we bow the knee to HIM now and confess Him as Lord or be forced too later. God is not going to accept anything from us short of His one and only Son. There is nothing that He will exchange for what His Son has done for us on the cross. So, we ignore and "trample underfoot" the precious blood of God's Son that He shed for our sins and treat it as if it were worthless by not accepting God's offer of forgiveness through Jesus. Do we really think God is going to accept anything else we have to offer Him? We try to substitute our good deeds in place of our sin "Sure I'm a criminal, but I've been a good person mostly." Either we pay our own penalty in a place called Hell, which will take all of eternity, or we accept Jesus' payment for that penalty for us. God will accept nothing but His Son as our substitute.

People everywhere pray whether they are believers or not. There are all kinds of religions that claim to pray to God. But God is hearing only one prayer from the mouth of a sinner. It is the same as someone who's holding your child hostage asking you for a favor! People think that they can come to God but reject His Son. Those people will not be heard! There is no partiality because we are all sinners, Romans 2:11. If we reject Jesus, we go to Hell, and if we accept Jesus, we go to Heaven; it doesn't matter who we are or what we have done.
