



¹ Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? (NKJV).

Review

Our Jewish friend did not see a need for justification and that the whole world is guilty before God.

The Jews were God's chosen people, set apart to be a demonstration to other nations, and yet they were guilty of all of the sins from chapter one. They practiced the same things (v. 1) The other nations were not impressed.

Paul's task

To convict the Jew of his sin and to show him his need for the blood of Jesus to cleanse him, to justify him. It is not the form of sin that matters, it is the essence, not the act, but the attitude – failure to give God His glory.

Verse 1

We are blind to our own sins, ready to denounce, judge, and condemn others for the same! (2 Samuel 12:1-14). Judge not that you be not judged. In passing judgement on others, we may be condemning ourselves. (Mt. 7:1)

Verse 2

KJV vs. ESV - The judgement of God is always according to the truth of God (Romans 3:3-4; 23-26). Why is this important? If we do not understand this, we cannot understand:

- The doctrine of the wrath of God
- The doctrine of justification by faith only
- The doctrine of the atonement
- Antinomianism
- Blessings withheld (promises/conditions)

God's righteous judgement upon sin according to truth (10 Commandments; Genesis 18:25; Psalm 11:4; Habakkuk – theodicy – a vindication of the ways of God; 1 John 1:5)

There are no varying standards with God, one for the Jew and one for the Gentile (James 1:17). His standard is always truth. The same blazing eternal light! *Do your standards vary?*

Verse 3

God sees the inside as well as the outside (John 7:24; Luke 11:39; Luke 16:15; Hebrews 4:12-13)

Can you buy God's favor? (1 Samuel 15:22-23; Amos 5:21-27)

God shows no partiality. (Romans 2:11; Acts 10:34; James 3:17)

You cannot backslide without suffering. You cannot say, "Because I am saved it does not matter what I do."

Whether you are a believer or an unbeliever, sin is sin. God's judgement is always according to truth (1 Cor. 3:15).