



<sup>11</sup> For God shows no partiality. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> (For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. <sup>14</sup> For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. <sup>15</sup> They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them) <sup>16</sup> on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. (ESV – *parenthesis added*).

Verses 9 and 10 “the Jew first and also the Greek.” What does this mean?

Why the parenthesis around verses 13, 14, and 15 in the Authorized Version?

Verse 11 – God does not lift up the face of one more than another. Does man? Are you more lenient with yourself than others? With your family members? Friends? Class? Group? Country? We are biased and prejudiced and we tend to think God is the same. No! His judgement is always according to truth (verse 2).

Verse 12 – ‘For’ introduces this verse. We have an elaboration on verse 11. You are either under the law or not (1 Cor. 9:20-21). This is an explication of the division - Jews and Gentiles.

Gentiles were not given the written law through Moses and will, therefore, not be judged by it. God is, after all, fair and impartial. They will be judged as they are.

Will a man who has never heard the gospel be judged as if he had heard it?

The Jew has the law and he will be judged accordingly (Rom. 3:1-2).

*This has nothing at all to do with justification or salvation.*

What matters in judgement is not the possession of the law, *but sin*. The Jew believes the law saves him. Herein, lies God’s impartiality. The Jews are not God’s favorites because he gave the law to them.

Whether you go to church, or not, who your family is, or isn’t, what nation you belong to... None of this matters in judgement, only *your sin*. God is impartial.

What is the difference between perishing without the law and being judged by the law? Is their ultimate destiny affected? To whom is more expected? Is it the one who has been given the codified law in which sin has been defined? The judgement of the Jew is far more severe! (Luke 12:41-48)

What about believers? (1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:10)

The more times you hear the gospel, the more you have grown in grace and the knowledge of the Lord, the greater your responsibility. God, in His judgement, is going to take all of these things into account. (Rev. 14:13)

*Our works will follow us. They will not determine our salvation, but they will make a difference.*

Verse 16 – Jesus is not only Savior, but Judge (John 5:22; 26-29; Acts 17:30-31)

Why Jesus? Because God is fair. Jesus has been here as a man living under the law. This removes the argument that God, who sits in heaven, judges us and it’s not fair! He doesn’t understand human nature and the conditions in this world.

Judgement is in the hands of the One who has been through it all.



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What are the secrets of men? Everything you have thought, imagined, harbored, fostered, or fondled with your mind and heart. We are not judged solely by our deeds and actions. (Luke 11:39; Matthew 12:36; Hebrews 4:12-13)

It is not enough to say, "I did not commit that sin." Did you play with it in your mind? Are there things you'd rather the world not know you do? God knows. It is all recorded. It will all come out at the judgement.

Judgement! Perishing! Secrets exposed! Sentence executed! Can these all be part of my gospel? Yes, without them, we preach a false gospel. The gospel saves us from the wrath of God. Don't deny this. Don't gloss over it. You are leaving out a part of the gospel of God if you do. (Gal. 1:8)