

ROMANS 09 – 2:11-24

The Secrets of Men

1. 2:10-12

- a. "working good" is not the way you get peace with God - Eph 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, Rom 4:5, 5:1
- b. "Jew first..." – They were first only because God promised them to be – Deut 7:6-8
- c. No respect of persons was written in the law - Deut 16:18-19
- d. God gave advantages/promises to Israel, but does not respect their person in judgment
- e. "sinned without law" are outlaws to God, and will justly perish, but also Israel with law
- f. Israel is held to a higher standard because of their privileges – Rom 3:2, John 12:48

2. 2:13-15

- a. This is a parenthetical remark showing all are accountable to God's judgment (2:16)
- b. Paul is teaching history as it was under the law program to Israel, see James 1:23
- c. "doers of the law" – the gospel of the grace of God is not found in this chapter
- d. "do by nature" – which testifies to the knowledge of God in their hearts – Rom 1:19
- e. "law unto themselves" – even the Gentiles have common order/morality/laws
- f. "work of the law" – is not the law written in hearts under the new covenant – Jer 31:33
- g. The work of the law was to condemn, to give knowledge of sin -Rom 3:20, Gal 3:10
- h. Accusing and excusing is what people do who have the knowledge of sin.

3. 2:16

- a. Romans 2 does not contain the gospel of the grace of God; it is showing all under sin
- b. The first time Christ is mentioned since Rom 1:16, and it is about John 5:22-23, 2 Tim 4:1
- c. "my gospel" is different than gospel of the circumcision or kingdom Rom 16:25, 2 Tim 2:8
- d. Only Paul's gospel can make a righteous judgment of all men from Adam through Christ
- e. Paul declares condemnation without law, and righteousness without law – Rom3:21-22

4. 2:17-20

- a. There was a wall (in the temple) separating them from the Gentiles – Eph 2:11-14
- b. The law was Israel's rest, they depended on it to keep them separate – Deut 4:5-8
- c. "boast of God" – Israel had an advantage and were separate from Gentiles – Rom 9:4-5
- d. "knowest his will" – God's will was always made known to his people – Deut 30:11-15
 - i. Salvation and God's will was known to Israel (not Gentile) – John 4:22
 - ii. We now know the mystery of God's will in Eph 1:9-10, 3:9-10
- e. "things excellent" – These things are the law and prophets which excelled – Rom 11:12
 - i. The mystery to Paul excelled even Israel's law – Rom 5:20, Phil 1:10, 3:8, Eph 3:18
- f. "a light" - Thy word (the law) is a lamp unto my feet - Psa 119:105, Prov 6:23, 2 Pet 1:19
- g. Israel was the light of the world, their light was to do good – Mat 5:13-15, John 3:18-21

5. 2:21-24

- a. This is cry of the skeptic against Christianity, which shows they don't read the Bible.
- b. The recording of Israel's history is a testimony to their law breaking, and God's mercy
- c. If your under the law you are under a curse, under the light of good works - Gal 3:10-13
- d. God's holy name is profaned in Israel, the new covenant for his name sake - Eze 36:19-38