

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

There is No Partiality with God

Romans 2:11-16

¹² 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;

¹³ for *it is* not the hearers of the Law *who* are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

¹⁴ For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do by nature the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law for themselves,

¹⁵ in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and the thoughts within themselves accusing or else defending,

¹⁶ on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

(Romans 2:12-16)

God's Impartial Judgment

1. All who sin will alike perish

- possessing or not possessing the Law will not matter in God's judgment
- only "doers of the Law" will be openly vindicated and not punished

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2. All Gentiles have the Law on their hearts

- God has made know certain requirements of the Law to every person in their very nature
- the conscience bears witness by the fact that people struggle within themselves regarding right and wrong

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➤ *Who are these Gentiles?*

- all those without the Law – they at times keep some of the requirements of the Law
- their knowledge of God's moral demands only demonstrates their guilt

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➤ Implications:

1. There are universal moral standards that every person knows innately
2. All those who have "never heard" God's Word will perish under God's impartial judgment

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3. All secrets of men will be judged by Christ
 - God will judge not only outward actions but the "hidden things"
 - it is through Jesus Christ that God will judge, as the gospel teaches