



Family preparation for congregational worship on December 11, 2016

Our Scripture-Romans 2:1-16(ESV):

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ²We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. ³Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹For God shows no partiality. ¹²For 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. ¹³For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. ¹⁴For 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. ¹⁵They 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 ¹⁶on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Discuss:

1. Why is God patient?
2. How does God respond to our stubbornness?
3. How will God judge people?

Prayer: Praise the Lord for who He is. Praise the Lord that He is our refuge. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Ask Him for greater sensitivity to sin. Pray for the ministry of our church. Pray for Good News Jail & Prison Ministry as they work in evangelism and discipleship with inmates both in county jails and the state prisons. Ask the Lord for opportunities to share the gospel this week. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize (December): "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." ***John 3:16-17 (ESV)***

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today; Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from every sin and set me free.*

"*Cleanse Me*", The Celebration Hymnal, #657, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997

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JUDGE	KINDNESS	KNOW
OBEY	PATIENCE	PRACTICE
RIGHTEOUS	SHOW	SINNED
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