

Series: In the Hands of a Faithful God
 Series 1: God's Faithfulness to All People
 Part 3D: WE'RE ALL OUT OF EXCUSES
 Romans 2:5-29

"But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶He will judge everyone according to what they have done. ⁷He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. ⁸But He will pour out His anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness. ⁹There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil--for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. ¹⁰But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good--for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. ¹¹For God does not show favoritism. ¹²When the Gentiles sin, they will be destroyed, even though they never had God's written law. And the Jews, who do have God's law, will be judged by that law when they fail to obey it. ¹³For merely listening to the law doesn't make us right with God. It is obeying the law that makes us right in His sight. ¹⁴Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know His law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. ¹⁵They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right. ¹⁶And this is the message I proclaim that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone's secret life. ¹⁷You who call yourselves Jews are relying on God's law, and you boast about your special relationship with Him. ¹⁸You know what He wants; you know what is right because you have been taught His law. ¹⁹You are convinced that you are a guide for the blind and a light for people who are lost in darkness. ²⁰You think you can instruct the ignorant and teach children the ways of God. For you are certain that God's law gives you compete knowledge and truth. ²¹Well then, if you teach others, why don't you teach yourself? You tell others not to steal, but do you steal? ²²You say it is wrong to commit adultery, but do you commit adultery? You condemn idolatry, but do you use items stolen from pagan temples? ²³You are so proud of knowing the law, but you dishonor God by breaking it. ²⁴No wonder the Scriptures say, 'The Gentiles blaspheme the name of God because of you.' ²⁵The Jewish ceremony of circumcision has value only if you obey God's law. But if you don't obey God's law, you are no better off than an uncircumcised Gentile. ²⁶And if the Gentiles obey God's law, won't God declare them to be His own people? ²⁷In fact, uncircumcised Gentiles who keep God's law will condemn you Jews who are circumcised and possess God's law but don't obey it. ²⁸For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the ceremony of circumcision. ²⁹No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by God's Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people."

How to deal with our excuses when it comes to committing our lives to Jesus.

I. _____ on God being _____ at the end of your life. Romans 2:5-11

A. God will _____ everyone according to what they have _____ . Romans 2:6; Proverbs 24:12; Psalm 62:11-12; Matthew 16:27; John 5:28-29; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; Galatians 6:8-9

B. God _____ eternal life to those who _____ what God offers.

C. God _____ out His anger for those who selfishly refuse to _____ the truth. Romans 2:8

D. God _____ no _____. Romans 2:11

II. _____ God will judge all of our _____ through Christ Jesus. Romans 2:12-16

A. People instinctively _____ God's truth _____ knowing it. Romans 2:14

B. People's conscience _____ or _____ they're doing right. Romans 2:15

III. _____ yourself to _____ to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. Romans 2:17-29

A. A true _____ of your heart comes from _____ the Holy Spirit have His way. Romans 2:29a

B. The _____ of a changed heart is you _____ praise from God, not people. Romans 2:29b