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## GOOD MORAL PEOPLE ARE CONDEMNED

Why People Go To Hell, Part 2 Romans 2:1-16

Introduction

## Review: Why People Go To Hell

Part 1: People without the Bible

are condemned because they have rejected the revelation (about God's person and purposes) given to them. 1:18-32

- 1. Premise: people who reject God's truth [revelation] become subjects of God's wrath. (1:18)
- 2. God has given revelation about His person and purposes to all people—no one can say "But I didn't know." (1:19-20)
- 3. People choose the path of condemnation. (1:21-32)

## Part 2: Good moral people

are condemned because they have not rightly responded to the revelation given to them. 2:1-16

- A. God's judgment of condemnation of the unrepentant is based on truth in contrast to the hypocritical standard used by the moralist. 2:1-4
  - Moral people set standards.
    So, God will use their rulebook!
  - Judgment based on truth
  - Kindness
  - Tolerance
  - Patience
  - Repentance

- B. God's judgment of condemnation of the unrepentant does not reflect favoritism because all will be judged according to their works. 2:5-11
  - When God condemns a moral person, it will be fair and impartial
  - Moral people rely on fairness and justice, not on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Verses 6 and 11
  - Verses 7 and 10
  - Verses 8 and 9
- C. God's judgment of condemnation of the unrepentant is according to a person's response to the revelation given to them (Torah law or natural law). 2:12-16
  - When God condemns a moral person, it will be because they sinned.
  - Religion and morality do not create righteousness, they only reveal our condemnation.

## Conclusion

God's judgment of the moral or religious person is:

- 1. Consistent with truth, v. 2
- 2. Righteous and impartial, v. 5
- 3. According to our deeds, vs. 5, 6-10, 12-15