

Good News
A New Heart (and a New Identity)
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Romans 2:17-29

Big Idea: The gospel is Good News that gives you a new heart that loves God and neighbor.

1. Stop judging others, you too stood before God condemned.
Romans 2:1, 17-24

A. Any other human being

- 1) We struggle with people who are different than us.

- 2) We struggle with feelings of superiority.

“You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgement on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgement do the same thing.”

Romans 2:1

B. In the church

- 1) Stop judging others.

- 2) Accept one another.

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ has accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” **Romans 15:7**

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.” **Romans 12:10**

2. Examine your heart.

- A. Where is your confidence?

- B. Who are you trying to please?

“Such a man’s praise is not from men, but from God.” **Romans 2:29**

“The Lord says, these people come near me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up of only rules taught by men.” **Isaiah 29:13**

3. Put your faith in Jesus and receive a new heart.

“Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin...For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.”
Romans 3:20, 23-25a

