

**God's Impartiality – Romans 2:1-11**  
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Introduction

- Who does Paul particularly have in mind in Romans 1:18-32?
- Who does he particularly have in mind in Romans 2:1 – 3:20?

i God's Resolute Justice

- What does Paul start to engage in in v1?
- Summarise Paul's argument in v1-3.
- How does Paul describe God's justice here?
- What are two ways in which God's justice differs from human justice?

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- What might be the consequence if God were not resolutely just?
- Jot down three verses which praise God for his justice.

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(ii)

(iii)

- What would happen to you if you stood before the God of justice today?
- What is the only way you can avoid condemnation?

ii God's Revealed Justice

- Summarise Paul's argument in v4-5.
- In what is God rich?
- Why does God exercise these characteristics in the world today?
- What does that mean for the present history of the world?
- What does that mean to you as a Christian?

- Why does there need to be a Day of Judgment in the future?
- Should Christians look forward to that?

### iii God's Righteous Justice

- What literary feature is present in v6-11 (technical or what?)?

*Here's how it maps out, by the way:*

*V6 – God judges justly*

*V7 – God rewards the godly who do good*

*V8 – God punishes the ungodly who do evil*

*V9 - God punishes the ungodly who do evil*

*V10 – God rewards the godly who do good*

*V11 – God judges justly*

- How should a Christian respond to God's righteous justice in v6 and v11?
- What is the goal of the godly in v7 and v10?
- What is their work?
- What is their end?
- How does Paul characterise the ungodly in v8-9?
- What is the result?
- How do you need to respond to this?