

Evening Sermon, Sunday, 28 October 2012, Dave Gobbett

The dark night – God’s judgement against pride

Romans 2:1-3:20

- Where we’re heading: **total human lostness** (3:9-20)

1. Beware complacency: God judges everyone *fairly*

a) Judgementalism (2:1-3)

When you condemn others, you condemn yourself

b) Opportunity (2:4-5)

God’s delay in punishing gives us time to turn around

c) Repentance (2:6-11)

Only those who’ve turned around will be truly saved

2. Beware hypocrisy: God cares about what we *do*

a) Justification (2:12-13)

You need heart obedience to be right with God

b) ‘Outsiders’ (2:14-16)

Gentiles with changed hearts get in

c) ‘Insiders’ (2:17-24)

Jews without changed hearts miss out

d) Regeneration (2:25-29)

But the Holy Spirit can change your heart!

Further reading on Romans 2: Christopher Ash, *Teaching Romans vol. 1* (PT Media)

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Group A

8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

Group B

9 There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile;

Group B

10 but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Group A

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Group A

8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, **Unbelievers** there will be wrath and anger.

Group B

9 There will be trouble and distress for **Unbelievers** everyone who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile;

Group B





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Group A

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External

	Jew	Gentile
Belief		
Unbelief		

Internal

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“This is the covenant I will make with the
people of Israel

after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33

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Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have
the law **by nature**, do things required by
the law, they are a law for themselves,
even though they do not have the law.

Romans 2:14

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