



# PARTIALS

## Romans 2:1-11

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### **Man's Partial Justice - verses 1-5**

1. What does Paul mean by “therefore” (verse 1)? Do you think most people would describe themselves as part of Paul’s “therefore”? Why or why not?
2. Is it hard to see yourself as part of Paul’s “therefore”? Why or why not?
3. What does Paul mean by “*you have no excuse*”?
4. What “excuses” have you heard? Are some better than others? Have you used any of these yourself? How is that going for you?
5. Why do you think it seems easier to make excuses than to trust God (repent)?
6. “To suppose” (verse 3) has to do with our presuppositions about God’s judgment. What presuppositions might the people around us have about God and His judgment?
7. “To presume” (verse 4) literally means “to despise.” How might we “despise” God’s kindness, forbearance, and patience? Why would we ever do that?
8. How does Paul describe God’s attitude towards us? How does Paul describe our attitude towards God?
9. Do you think Paul is “out of line” with his description? Especially as it concerns your attitude towards God?
10. Is there any part of Paul’s description that touches on your own presuppositions about God’s attitude towards you?

### **God's Impartial Justice - verses 6-11**

11. If our salvation is by God’s grace and not our “works”, what does Paul mean by “*He will render to each one according to his works*”? (check out Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 4:4,5; Ephesians 2:8-10)
12. When does God’s “rendering” take place? (i.e. Does any of that take place today? Or, is it all reserved for eternity? Or, both?)
13. What does Paul mean by “*For God shows no partiality*”?
14. How might God’s impartial justice give you hope?
15. Paul writes that God desires for us to come to repentance. Repentance means a changing of our mind (and heart) towards God that will be evident in the change of direction/pattern of our lives. Meaning that, when we repent at the heart level (turning our lives over to God) God not only deals with us spiritually, but He is also interested in changing the very quality and character of our lives (our works). What might God change in your life if you were to come clean with Him about your sin? What might that be like for you?
16. If you had to pick just one insight from this study that speaks specifically to you, what would it be? Why? How do you plan to respond to it?