

One Standard Fits All

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Romans 2:1-16

It is human nature to hold different standards for those we love than for those we hardly know. We give a little extra grace to those we love when they fail; we give less grace to strangers. All such human measurement is subjective and based upon how we are connected with others.

Not so with God; He shows no favoritism (v. 11). Romans 2 remind us that throughout their history, God gave His chosen people many opportunities to understand His will and heart. Conversely, the Gentiles knew very little about Him and had little opportunity to fully understand His will and heart. But that difference in knowledge does not mean that God was unfair; rather, He leveled the playing field by giving everyone the opportunity to respond to what they had been given.

Trouble and distress await those who fail to act upon the grace they have received (v. 9), but glory, honor and peace await those who live out the grace they have received (v. 10). What part of the imprinted grace of God is in your heart and hands?

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