

“The Grace and the Condemnation of the Law”

Romans 2:12-29

- *Romans 2:13*: The evidence of saving faith is obedience to the Word of God (James 2:20-26; John 3:36; John 14:15; 1 John 3:16-18; 1 John 5:1-3). Faith without transformation is not a saving faith.
 - Love for God and love for others is found in obedience to God’s Word.
 - Eternal reward is found in love for God and love for others.
 - The whole law is wrapped up in love for God and love for others (Matthew 22:36-40).
- *Romans 2:12 & 14-16*: God has given us the written law (His Word) and God has given His law written on our hearts (our conscience). They are both a grace and a condemnation.
 - God has given us many graces that can also be condemnations: The Scriptures (Romans 1:32); our conscience (Romans 1:18-25); the gift of prayer (Romans 1:10); the gift of the visible church (Romans 1:11-12); God’s invisible attributes seen in His creation (Romans 1:19-20); the Gospel (Romans 1:16); proper judgments (Romans 2:2); God’s kindness and patience in common graces (Romans 2:4).
- *Romans 2:17-27*: The dangerous blessing of (Jewish) privilege.
 - The Jewish people know God’s will; The Jewish people know what is God’s moral standard of excellence; The Jewish people are instructed out of God’s Word; The Jewish people had the honor of being God’s chosen people; The Jewish people had many examples of holiness; The Jewish people had the privilege of evangelism (Genesis 12:2-3).
 - The more privilege and grace that you have the more you blaspheme God with your neglect of it, therefore the greater your judgment.
- *Romans 2:28-29*: Our new identity is found in Christ supremely, and nothing else. Our identity in Christ doesn’t remove all distinctions, but sanctifies those distinctions to glorify Him (Colossians 3:11 & 17; Ephesians 5:21-6:9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31). Privileges and distinctions do nothing of eternal value without regeneration and transformation.
- *Romans 2:29*: In Christ we seek for the praise of God, not man (Galatians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; Philippians 3:4-8; Matthew 6:1-6).

Worship: Nothing But the Blood (Various Artists)
In Tenderness (The Sing Team)

God Omniscient, God All Knowing (Matt Boswell)

Closing Song: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (Matt Boswell)