**WALKING THE ROMAN ROAD**

**The Trap of Religion**

**Romans 2:1-16**

*“Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of Heaven” Jesus Christ*

**The vainly religious will be judged according to the knowledge of God’s truth and righteousness vs.1-4**

They will be without excuse

They will be self-condemning

They will be in contempt of God’s mercy

**The vainly religious will be judged for a prideful, self-righteousness that leads to an unrepentant heart vs 5-10**

Acumulative Judgement

A judgement based on works

Good works = glorifying god

Evil works = glorifying self

An impartial judgement

**The vainly religious will be judged according to God’s grace not man’s law vs. 12-16**

Sin condemns all people (with or without the law)

Grace is a declaration of righteousness through Jesus

NOTES

Now the object goes from “they” to “you”, it starts to get real personal  
Romans 14:10-13

Who’s your worst enemy?

* Who is it that causes the most grief, gives the most trouble?
* Who does everything to cause you to stumble and fall, makes life hard for you?
* Who does all this to you?

If you are really honest with yourself and look at your life, there is only one obvious conclusion; YOU are your own worst enemy!

* Don’t go pointing fingers,
* you are as guilty as the one you are calling to account (judging)
* No excuse,
* no apology accepted, can’t say “I’m sorry”, no excuse (Rom 1:20)
* Don’t think you’re righteous (self-righteous), don’t judge yourself by someone else’s unrighteousness
* Not a competition to see who is the holiest

God’s judgement based on truth (an agreement based on a standard)

Will you escape it? (vs 3&4) spiritual stupidity

God’s judgement is righteous (v 5,13)

There are consequences – negative (vs 8-9), positive (vs 6-7,10)

God’s Judgement – on whose righteousness are you depending?

Can only depend on Jesus’ righteousness as one who is “in Christ”

* it is inescapable,
* all must pass before it,
* only those “in Christ” will not experience His wrath. (John 12:47-50).
* t’s not who you are but whose you are.
* vs. 12-16 – Accountability
* John 12:47-50