

THE GOSPEL IS WRATH

ROMANS 2:1-3:8 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD
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Facing the wrath of God means I cannot presume upon God's kindness but must repent (2:1-5). I cannot claim an exemption but must engage in well-doing (2:6-11). I cannot be hypocritical but must be a doer of the Word (2:12-24). I cannot be religious but must give my heart to Christ (2:25-3:8)

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is wrath?
- If you expressed your wrath against a situation you've condemned, what would you be trying to accomplish?
- How is God's wrath different than human wrath? What does God accomplish through his wrath?
- How does Paul justify the wrath that will come on anyone who refuses to repent of their sins? *(Consider that in Romans 2:1-5 Paul makes an argument against those who believed their religious heritage gave them an advantage with God over the people who did things outlawed by their religion.)*
- If a person gives the opinion that your life is worthy of God's wrath, on what basis could you object? Would your objection be consistent with Paul's teaching so far in Romans?

- Read Romans 2:6-11. In what way are you engaged in well-doing? How do you know it comes from your heart? *(If you have time to answer, who is God blessing through you?)*

- Read Matthew 7:3-5. Jesus teaches his disciples to deal with the glaring issue (plank) in their own lives before attempting to remove the minor issue (speck of sawdust) in another person's life. How do you remain aware of the glaring issues in your own life when it's often easier to see the minor issues in others?

- Where is the Spirit of God leading your heart concerning the warnings against hypocrisy, judging, and presuming on God's kindness? If you are led to make changes for the better, what will be different and who will be able to notice?