THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS

Romans 2:1–16

Key Verse: 2:4

1. Who does Paul address in this chapter? (1,17,27) How and why does he contrast the judgment of man with the judgment of God? (1–3) In what ways did these people “practice the very same things” as the “sinful” Gentiles? (1:29–31; 2:21,22) How could they think they would “escape the judgment of God”? (13,17)
2. Read verse 4. How does Paul describe God? What does he mean by “presume on”? By “repentance”? What sober warning does he give us? (5) How can repentance be more a part of our daily lives? (Mt7:3–5; Ps51:1–12; 139:23,24; Gal5:16–26; 1Jn1:7–9)
3. How does Paul describe the various aspects of God’s judgment? (6–11) Why is God especially against those who are self-seeking? (8) Despite good intentions and efforts, why do both Jews and Greeks fail to pass God’s judgment? (3:9,10; cf. Jas2:10)
4. What further does Paul say about Gentiles and Jews? (12) What misunderstanding of many Jews does he especially correct? (13) How do Gentiles sometimes do what the law requires? (14,15; cf. 1:19) Of what day does Paul remind us, and why? (16)