

Service gives us an opportunity to use our gifts & talents alongside our bros & sisters in Christ

God empowers us to serve & multiplies our efforts so our church functions as God intended

# Spiritual ways to help at Free Church

- Prayer: Prayer Chain, Mon prayer/card ministry, Sun morning prayer team
- •Youth: Nursery, Children's Church, AWANA, Youth Group
- •Worship: Praise Team, sound tech, media & light tech

# Physical ways to serve at Free Church

- •Connections table, greeters, ushers, coffee ministry
- Tabitha meals ministry, Safety Team, chair setup, Trustee special projects, work days, facility attendant
- Contact Amy or Pastor Rich

Chap 2:1-16



## Where have we been so far?

- Have you received God's grace and peace?
  - •Finding success and some failures
- Have you received the Gospel by faith?
  - Results in thanksgiving & commitment
- Rejoice: Gospel saves you from the lies of sin

# Romans 2:1 – inditement of the hypocrite

...in passing judgment on another <u>you</u> <u>condemn yourself</u>, <u>because you</u>, the judge, practice the very same things.

- •The things in Rom 1:29-31
- Are we to judge others? (Matt 7:1)
  - Go to a Growth Group and find out!

- <sup>2</sup> We know that <u>the judgment of God rightly</u> falls on those who practice such things.
- •God will condemn evil
  - He has the right / authority /responsibility

- <sup>3</sup> <u>Do you suppose</u>, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?
- •Escape b/c you are "saved"?
  - Jew by heritage, believer b/c you profess

<sup>4</sup> Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that <u>God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance</u>?

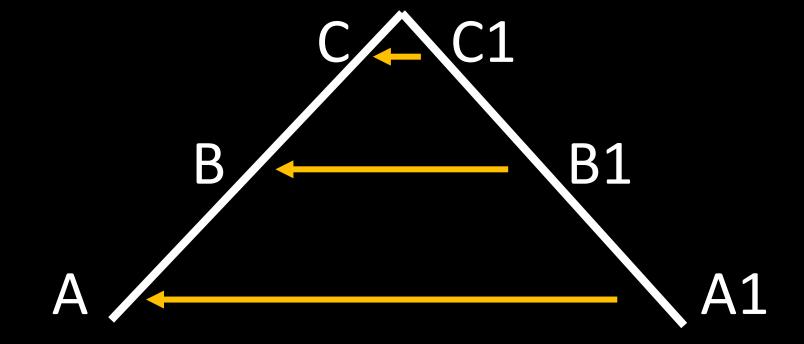
•God's gift of salvation is supposed to stimulate repentance & a changed life

<sup>5</sup> But because of your <u>hard and impenitent</u> <u>heart you are storing up wrath</u> for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

•Stern warning expanded in verses 6-11

# Verses 6 to 11: "chiasm" (χίασμα)

A, B, C, C1, B1, A1



Romans 2:6 – A: God's is just

<sup>6</sup> <u>He will render</u> to each one according to his works:

Romans 2:7 – B: character trait of the Godly

<sup>7</sup> to those who <u>by patience in well-doing</u> seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; Romans 2:8 – C: character trait of the Ungodly

<sup>8</sup> but for those who are <u>self-seeking</u> and <u>do</u> <u>not obey the truth</u>, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

Romans 2:9 – C1: end for the Ungodly

<sup>9</sup> There will be <u>tribulation and distress</u> for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,

Romans 2:10 – B1: end for the Godly

<sup>10</sup> but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

Romans 2:11 – A1: God's is just

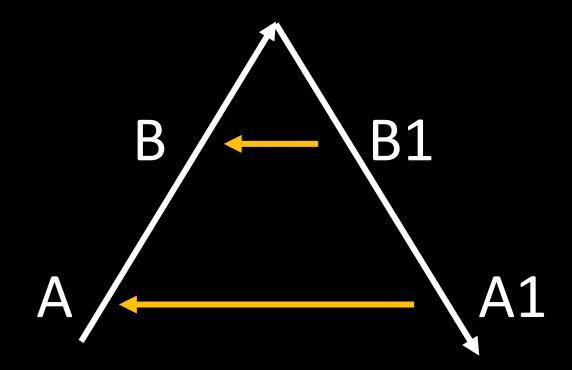
<sup>11</sup> For God shows no partiality.

# Chiasm – the Ungodly are farthest from God

- A: God is just he will render
- B: Character of the Godly well doing
- C: Character of the Ungodly self seeking
- C1: For the Ungodly tribulation & distress
- B1: For the Godly honor & peace
- A1: God is just God shows no partiality

# Verses 12-15: "chiasm"

A, B, B1, A1



#### Romans 2:12a - A

<sup>12</sup> For all who have sinned <u>without the</u> <u>law</u> will also perish without the law...

Gentiles who sin will be judged

Romans 2:12b — B

...and all who have sinned <u>under the law</u> will be judged by the law.

Jews will be judged

### Romans 2:13 – B1

13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.

Perfect obedience is required under the Law

### Romans 2:14-15 — A1

14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves...<u>their</u> conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

•W/out the Law → convicted by conscience

### Chiasm

A: Gentiles who sin w/out the Law will perish

B: Jews w/the Law – judged by the Law

B1: Jews will be convicted by the Law

A1: Gentiles will be convicted by conscience

on that day when...God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

•God will judge all — Rev 20:11-15

# Summary

- Do not hypocritically judge others
- You won't escape b/c of Jewish heritage
- God will judge everyone
  - Jews by the Law
  - Gentiles by their conscience
- At the Great White Throne Judgement

# Application – b/c you have received the Gospel...

- Hypocrite
  - •"...take the log out of your own eye"

    Matt 7:1-5
- Act in the best interest of others 14:10-13
  - "decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother."

# Holy God



# ROMANS GOSPEL-ROOTED LIVING

