INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION





The Heart of the Matter

We learned in Romans 1 of God's judgment against those who are guilty of more obvious sins—idolatry, immorality, and other blatant forms of iniquity. God has declared that the guilty are "without excuse" (1:20) and "worthy of death" (1:32). But there is another segment of depraved humanity that is equally guilty, who also "have no excuse" (2:1), yet they look on "sinners" in a judgmental and self-righteous way. These are the clean-living, morally upright, sweet-smelling, law-abiding, legalistic, and conceited sinners who boast of their ethical values and wrap themselves in pride. As we will see, this group is just as bankrupt before God and no less guilty than the overt, shameless sinners who openly despise God.



Discovering the Way

1. Judging: What Christ Said (Matthew 7:1–5)

Jesus told us to stop judging people without mercy, to stop putting others down while elevating ourselves.

2. Judges: What Paul Wrote (Romans 2:1–16)

Too often we judge others from a self-righteous point of view, where obstinance and ambition direct our actions.

3. Judgment: What God Declares

God promises that we will all face judgment in the future.



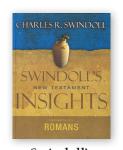
Starting Your Journey

We can either accept the truth and change or reject the truth and suffer the consequences.





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