



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday Sept Oct 1st, 2017

PASTOR DAVID COOKE: Actions Have Consequences

Romans 2: 1-29

- What's Your Excuse? (Romans 2.1 ESV)

"Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things." (Romans 2:1, ESV)

- Who Gets To Judge? (Romans 2.2-3 ESV)

"Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness." (James 3:1, ESV)

"We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?" (Romans 2:2-3, ESV)



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- Why God Is The Judge (2.4-5)

“Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.” (Romans 2:4–5, ESV)

- This Life Matters (Romans 2.6-11)

- Are You _____-glorifying?
(Romans 2:7 ESV)

- Or Are You _____-glorifying?
(Romans 2:8–9, ESV)

- God Doesn’t Play Favorites
(Romans 2:11, ESV)

- Putting Some Pieces In Place
(Romans 2:13, ESV)

i) Why “the Law” Matters



ii) A Big Little Word: _____

iii) Finding Your _____

- Actions Have Consequences

Answers: God, Self, Justified, Identity.



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6. Read Dallas Willard's quote about grace and effort from the notes. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

"Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action. Grace, you know, does not just have to do with forgiveness of sins alone." — Dallas Willard

7. How do you see evidence of God's moral law being something universal that is in people's hearts?

8. Romans 2:23-24 makes it clear that when we don't live consistent with our beliefs, it affects us but it also affects God and how people see God. How is hypocrisy dishonoring to God? How does it lead to people rejecting God?



9. What are the outward symbols of faith in Jesus that people use today? What happens when those symbols don't match their actions? (2:25-29)

10. What in your life do you need to make Jesus **fully** the Lord over so you can honor God and be better at pointing people to the goodness of God?



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