

THE INABILITY OF MORALITY  
Romans 2:1-16

- I. PURSUING MERE GOODNESS LEAVES US INEXCUSABLE (vv. 1-5)
  - A. We Assume That Others Are Worse Than We Are (vv. 1-3)—*For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself...*(v. 1)
  - B. We Presume That God's Kindness Equals His Approval (vv. 4-5)—*do you presume on the riches of his kindness...*(v. 4)?
- II. POSSESSING PERFECT GOODNESS IS UNATTAINABLE (vv. 6-11)
  - A. The Lord Would Reward Perfect Righteousness (vv. 7, 10)
  - B. The Lord Will Condemn Lapses in Righteousness (vv. 8-9)
- III. PUNISHING HUMAN "GOODNESS" IS JUSTIFIABLE (vv. 12-16)
  - A. On The Pagans Who Disobey General Laws (v. 12, 14-15)—*all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law...*(v. 12)
    - 1. Natural law is their standard (v. 14)
    - 2. Judicial rulings prove their sin (v. 15)
  - B. On The Religious Who Disobey Scriptural Law (vv. 12-13)—*all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law* (v. 12)
    - 1. Revelation Available (v. 13)
    - 2. Revelation Unapplied (v. 13)