Series: Excuses, Excuses, Excuses!
Message: I Am Moral & Religious, Part 1
Scripture: Romans 2:1-16
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Definition of Moralist

"A moralist is someone who seeks favor with God based on his/her virtuous life."

Past Weeks:

1. "God Is Good" – Romans 1:18
2. "I Never Knew" – Romans 1:19-20
3. "God Made Me The Way I Am" – Romans 1:21-32

This Week:

4. "I Am Moral And Religious" – Romans 2:1 – 3:20

Argument #1 – Without Christ, Moral And Religious Man Will Be Rightly Declared Guilty. Romans 2:1-16

1) His Judgment Will Be Fair. vs. 1-2

Romans 2:1

[1] Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

Romans 2:2

[2] And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

2) His Judgment Is Inescapable. vs. 3

Romans 2:3

[3] But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?

Carl Barth
"Everyone stands in community, but this doesn't negate the fact that at one moment in history we will stand before God alone."

3) His Judgment Will Be Cumulative. vs. 4-5

Romans 2:4-5
4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

4) His Judgment Will Be Solely Based On Man's Actions. vs. 6-10

Romans 2:6-10
6 who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:
7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;
8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.
9 There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,
10 but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Luke 12:47-48
47 "And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes,
48 but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

5) His Judgment Will Be Impartial. vs. 11-16

Romans 2:11-16
11 For there is no partiality with God. 12 For all who have sinned [a]without the Law will also perish [b]without the Law, and all who have sinned [c]under the Law will be judged [d]by the Law; 13 for it is not the hearers [e]of the Law whoare [f]just before God, but the doers [g]of the Law will be justified. 14 For when Gentiles who do not have [h]the Law do [i]instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having [j]the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, 16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

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"They who are the seed of Abraham according to the flesh shall in any case, even if they be sinners and unbelieving and disobedient to God, share in the eternal kingdom."

Next Two Weeks:
Argument #2 – Without Christ, Moral Man Will Not Be Aided By Religion. Romans 2:17-3:8

Argument #3 – Without Christ, Moral And Religious Man Is No Better Off Than Immoral, Non-Religious Man. Romans 3:9-20