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## FOCAL PASSAGES FOR TODAY'S STUDY:

❖ **ROMANS 2:1-5**

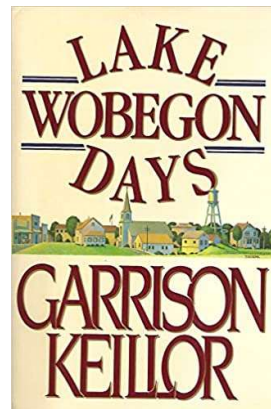
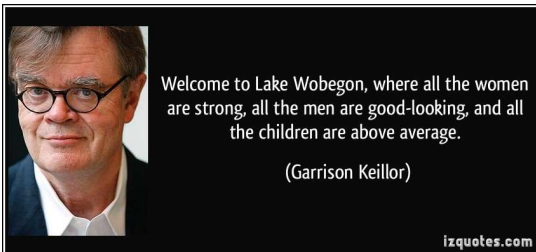
❖ **ROMANS 2:6-13**

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## The Lake Wobegon Effect



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# ROMANS 12:2

Do not be conformed to this age, but be **TRANSFORMED** by the renewing of your mind, **so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.**

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## CONDEMNATION OF SINFULNESS

Romans 1:24-32

What were many Jews thinking when they heard Paul's indictment of the Gentiles?

<sup>29</sup> They are filled with all unrighteousness, evil, greed, and wickedness.

### SPECIFIC TYPES OF WICKEDNESS

• Envy	• Slander	• Disobedient to Parents
• Murder	• God-hater	• Senseless
• Quarrels	• Arrogant	• Untrustworthy
• Deceit	• Proud	• Unloving
• Malice	• Boastful	• Unmerciful
• Gossip	• Inventors of evil	

<sup>32</sup> Although they know God's just sentence—that **those who practice such things deserve to die**,—they not only do them, but even applaud, others who practice them.

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## ROMANS 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, every one of you, who judges is without excuse. For when you judge another, you condemn yourself, since you, the judge, do the same thing. **What's it there for?** We know that God's judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth. <sup>3</sup>Do you think—anyone of you who judges those who do such things yet do the same—that you will escape God's judgment? <sup>4</sup>Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? <sup>5</sup>Because of your hardened and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment is revealed.

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## ROMANS 1:18-20

**For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth, since what can be known about God is evident among them, because God has shown it to them... as a result, people are without excuse.**

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Jews and  
Gentiles alike.

CAUSE

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***"Paul's point is that we are all involved in a solidarity of sin that embraces the whole human race."***

Leon Morris

**Jews are no better than Gentiles, we are all sinners in need of a Savior.**

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# ROMANS 2:6-13

<sup>6</sup>He will repay each one according to his works: <sup>7</sup>eternal life to those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality; <sup>8</sup>but wrath and anger to those who are self-seeking and disobey the truth while obeying unrighteousness. <sup>9</sup>There will be affliction and distress to everyone who does evil, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek; <sup>10</sup>but glory to everyone who does what is good, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. <sup>11</sup>For there is no favoritism with God.

<sup>12</sup>For all who sin without the law will also perish without the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. <sup>13</sup>For the hearers of the law are not righteous before God, but the doers of the law will be justified.

There is no favoritism with God, all of us are worthy of judgment.

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## JUDGMENT BY WORKS? Romans 2:6-8

How should we interpret this passage?

He will repay each one according to his works:

- eternal life to those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality;
- but wrath and anger to those who are self-seeking and disobey the truth while obeying unrighteousness.

Wait a minute, this sounds a lot like works-based salvation...

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## DAY OF WRATH

Romans 2:5

What does Paul tell the Jews about judgment day?

<sup>5</sup>Because of your hardened and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in **the day of wrath**, when God's righteous judgment is revealed.

- ❖ What is the day of wrath?
- ❖ When will God's righteous judgment be revealed?

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## THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Revelation 20:11-15

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw a great white throne and one seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup>I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and **the dead were judged according to their works** by what was written in the books. <sup>13</sup>Then the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them; **each one was judged according to their works**. <sup>14</sup>Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup>And **anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire**.

**Unbelievers will be judged at the Great White Throne**

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## THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

**Believers will be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ**

2 Corinthians 5:10

<sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, **so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body**, whether good or evil.

Romans 14:10-12

<sup>10</sup>But you, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will give praise to God. <sup>12</sup>So then, **each of us will give an account of himself to God.**

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## THE WAY WE LIVE MATTERS

“Our deeds are not the basis of our salvation; they are the evidence of our salvation.”

John Piper

Matthew 16:27

*For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will reward each according to what he has done.*

Revelation 22:12

*“Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work.”*

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# 1 CORINTHIANS 3:8-9

<sup>8</sup>Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and **each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.** <sup>9</sup>For we are God's coworkers.

- ❖ The subjective criterion for salvation is faith alone, with nothing added (Eph. 2:8-9).
- ❖ But the objective reality of that salvation is manifested in the subsequent godly works that the Holy Spirit leads and empowers believers to perform.

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**"You will know  
them by their  
fruits."**

**Matt. 7:16**

- ❖ True believers are **transformed** by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit and persist in doing good.
- ❖ A person's actions form an infallible index to their character and give credence to their confession of faith.
- ❖ All believers will stand before Jesus one day and will be judged for their works (deeds).
- ❖ While judgment is by works, salvation is by grace, through faith (Eph 2:8-9).

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