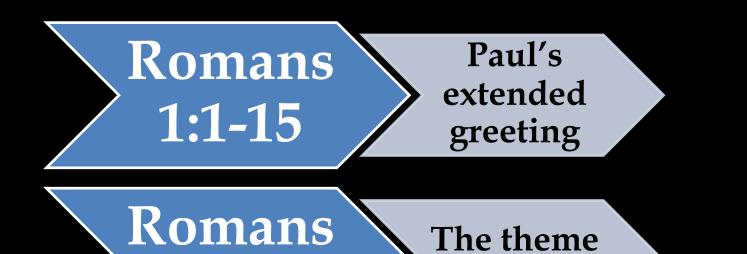




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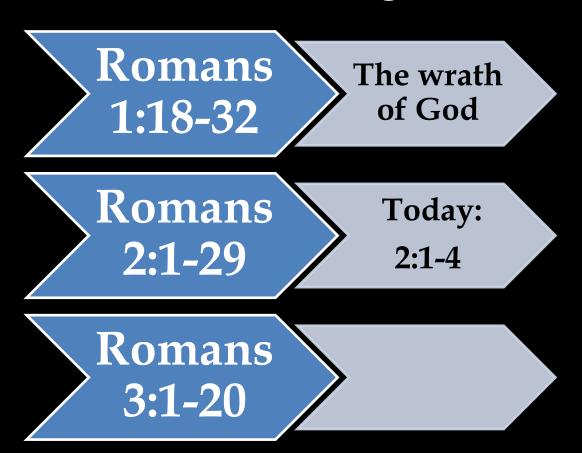
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The Theme of Romans

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

The Universal Reign of Sin



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Do we do this?

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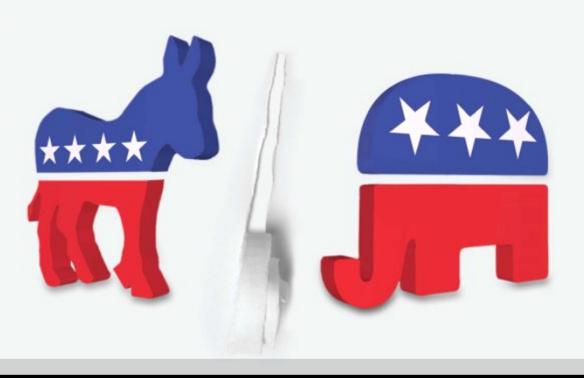


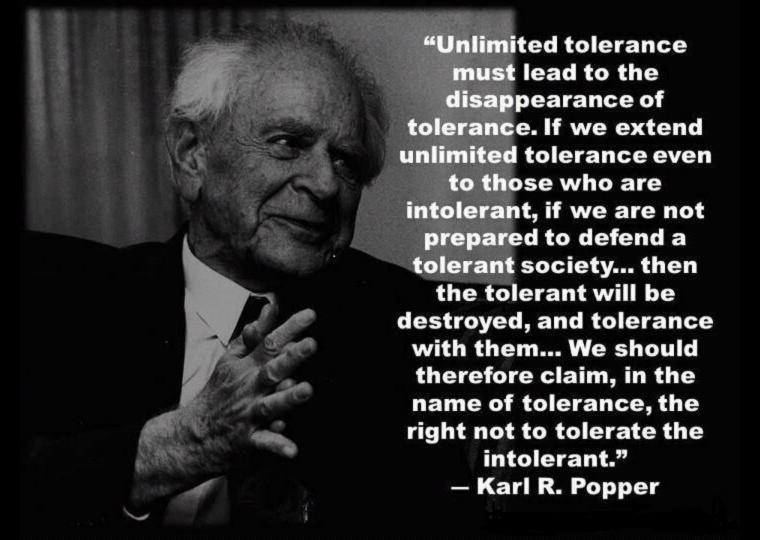
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An Illustrated Guide to the Political Divide





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Paul uncovers in these verses a strange human foible, namely our tendency to be critical of everybody except ourselves. We are often as harsh in our judgment of others as we are lenient towards ourselves. We work ourselves up into a state of selfrighteous indignation over the disgraceful behaviour of other people, while the very same behaviour seems not nearly so serious when it is ours rather than theirs. We even gain a vicarious satisfaction from condemning in others the very faults we excuse in ourselves. ... For this is the

hypocrisy of the double standard, a high standard for other people and a comfortably low one for ourselves.

John R. W. Stott

The Message of Romans: God's Good News for the World InterVarsity Press, 2001, 82



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God's judgment is based on the impartial standard of the truth. Human judgment is based on partial knowledge, on human presuppositions and on racial, tribal and other prejudices. God's judgment is based on facts and knowledge. God knows us fully as individuals, groups, tribes and congregations.

> David Kasali <u>Africa Bible Commentary</u> Zondervan, 2006, 1381





Similar:

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adjective

existing only in part; incomplete.

incomplete

"a question to which we have only partial answers"

2. favoring one side in a dispute above the other; biased.

"the paper gave a distorted and very partial view of the situation"

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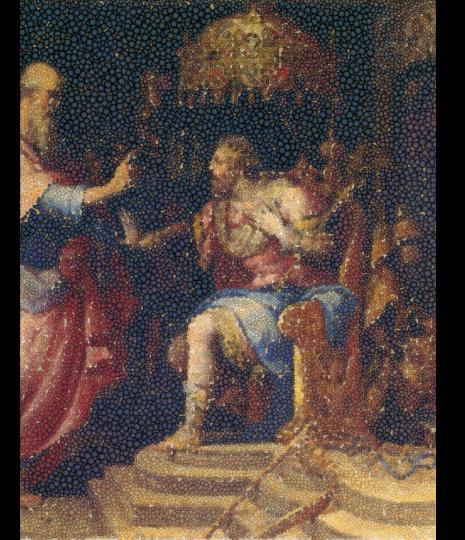
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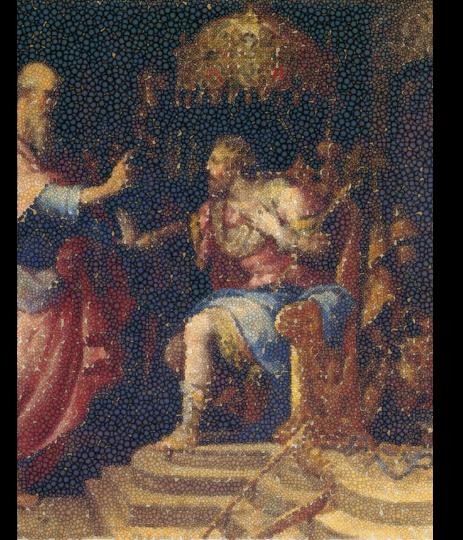
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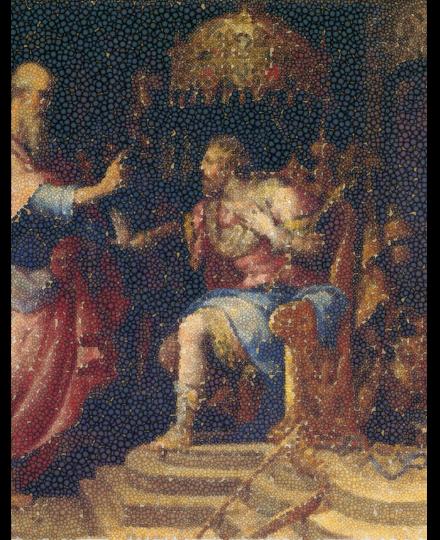


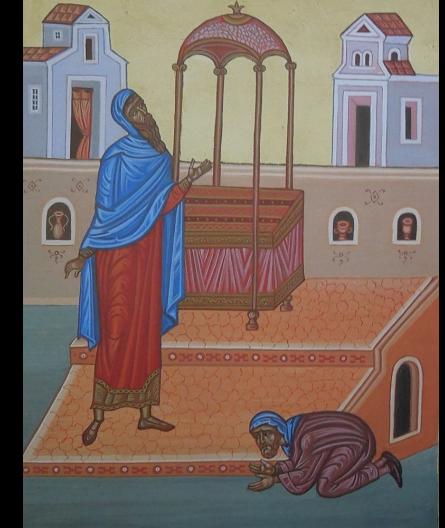
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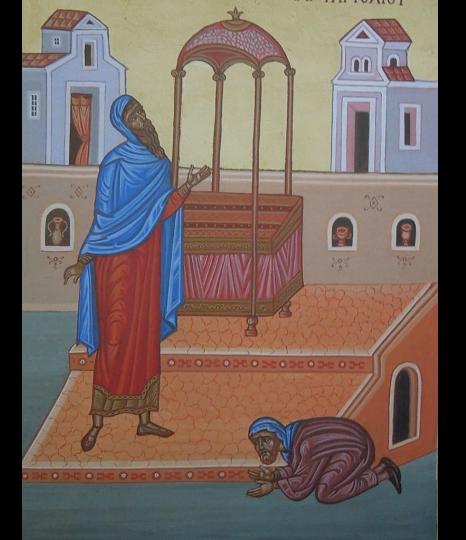
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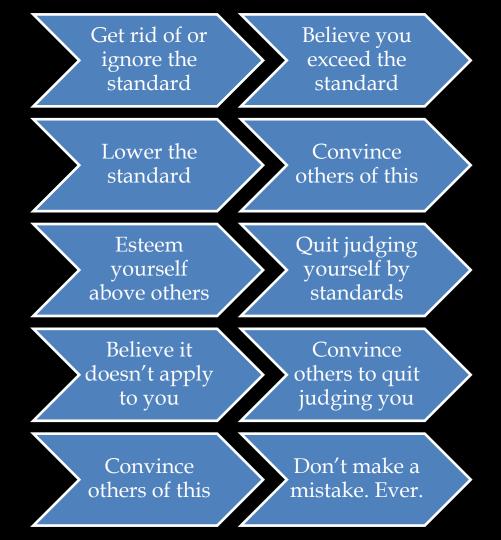




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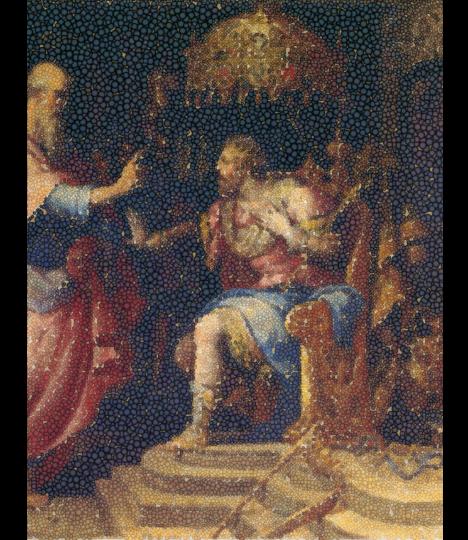
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