

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT*Christian Doctrine Compendium Series*

Sin, Justification, Sanctification, Reconciliation

God's Judgement on Motives

Romans 2:14-16 LSB

14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law naturally do the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they demonstrate 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.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is meant by secret sins? Give examples.
2. What are some secret sins (motives) that might be hiding behind
 - serving in ministry?
 - giving to the poor?
 - going on a mission's trip?
3. What are some reasons for secretly sin?
4. Why is it dangerous to secretly sin? (Isaiah 59:1-2, Psalm 66:18-19)
5. List at least 3 signs/ways you know you are secretly sinning?
 - Inwardly: _____
 - Outwardly: _____
6. What does the bible say about secret sins? (In your own words explain each)
 - Proverbs 28:13 _____
 - Psalm 69:5 _____
 - Psalm 90:8 _____
 - Luke 12:1-2 _____
 - Hebrews 4:12-13 _____
7. As a Christian,
 - why is it comforting to know that God can see your "secret sins"? (Psalm 139:1-2, Psalm 19:12)?
 - how do these verses bring you comfort? (2 Chronicles 7:14, 1 John 1:9)
8. What's the difference between image and character?
9. Do you feel that there is a difference in your image and character or not?

Reflect and Apply: God knows everything. What are your motives for doing what you do (achieving at work, serving in ministry, being nice to others, etc...)? If there are any secret sins in your life, repent and ask for forgiveness. He is willing to forgive and restore your relationship with him. He loves you.