

PERFECT JUSTICE

11 For God shows **no partiality** 12 For all who have sinned without the law will **also perish** without the law and all who have sinned under the law will **be judged** by the law 13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are **righteous** before God **but** the doers of the law who will **be justified** 14 For when **Gentiles** who do not have the **law** by nature do what the law requires they **are a law to themselves** even though they do not have the law 15 They **show** that the work of the law is **written** on their hearts while their conscience also **bears witness** and their conflicting thoughts **accuse** or even **excuse** them 16 on that day when according to my gospel God **judge** the secrets of men by **Christ Jesus**

ALL ARE CONDEMNATION

12: PEOPLE ARE JUDGED BY THE LIGHT LIGHT THEY DO HAVE - NOT THE LIGHT THEY DO NOT HAVE: "ALL" HAVE RECEIVED SOME LIGHT ALL-THEN-ARE CONDEMNED.

13: ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. THERE ARE PRIVILEGED POSITIONS. HEARING-ALONE-WILL NOT DO!

14: ALL MEN SHOW BY ACTION THEY KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG; EVEN WITHOUT THE DIVINE LAW, THE LAW OF NATURE IS ON US. REMOVE THE LAW OF MOSES - WE ARE STILL GUILTY.

15: PEOPLE MANIFEST THE WORK OF THE LAW AND THEY SHOW WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN ON THEIR HEARTS. THEIR CONSCIENCE PROVES IT. "CONSCIENCE" IS A WAY OF KNOWING RIGHT AND WRONG, NOT THE ONLY WAY; THE BIBLE SHOULD ALWAYS BE TRUSTED OVER CONSCIENCE.

16: THE GOSPEL DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE THOUGHT OF JUDGEMENT - IT DEMANDS IT! IF JUDGEMENT WASN'T A REALITY - THEN WHAT DO WE NEED TO BE SAVED FROM? NO 'GOOD NEWS' THERE. God will judge PERFECTLY! NOTHING CAN BE KEPT HIDDEN. OUR JUDGE WILL BE THE ONE WHO DIED FOR US! WHAT GREATER ADVOCATE COULD THERE BE? WE SHOULDN'T THEN - IN LIGHT OF THE CROSS AND CHRIST - EXPECT TO GET BY WITH A HALF-HEARTED ATTITUDE TOWARDS CHRIST. WE HAVE A DUTY TO 'DO', AND THAT IS TO DEVOTE ALL OF OUR HEART TO HIM, AND THE GOOD NEWS HE BROUGHT. THAT GIVES US HOPE!