

# Sermon Series: “Accepting Personal Responsibility”

## The Parable of Sour Grapes

Text: Ezekiel 18

**Introduction:** *Citing Exodus 20:5, generations of Jews had repeated a parable about sour grapes to blame their ancestors for the awful conditions they were living in. They even blamed their ancestors for the sins they, themselves were committing. “We can’t help ourselves! It’s our parents’ fault we are sinning!” Because that attitude is still prevalent today, God’s response through the prophet, Ezekiel is very relevant for us.*

### I. Judgment is \_\_\_\_\_

A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to do Right vs.30b-32

Galatians 2:19b&20; Romans 14:7-9

John 3:16; Romans 5:8

Christ’s Love for Us

II Cor.5:14-16a; Rom.12:1; I Cor.9:16; Rom.1:14

I Peter 2:9&10

B. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to doing Right vs.20

Matthew 16:27; II Cor.5:10; Rom.14:10,12

Deut.24:16; II Kings 14:6; II Chronicles 25:4

Exodus 20:4-6; Romans 6:23; 3:23

Numbers 14; Genesis 2:16&17

### II. Judgment is \_\_\_\_\_ (Fair)

A. God \_\_\_\_\_ Everything We \_\_\_\_\_

II Chronicles 16:9; Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 15:3; Psalm

139:1&2,7-16; Jer.1:5

B. God \_\_\_\_\_ Everything We \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 139:1,4; 44:21; 17:3; 7:9; Jeremiah 12:3;

Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 96:13