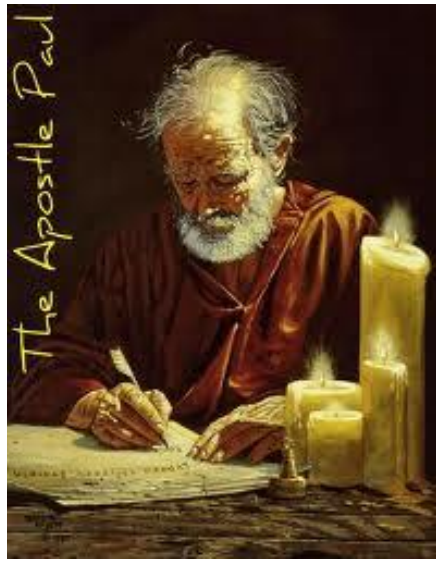




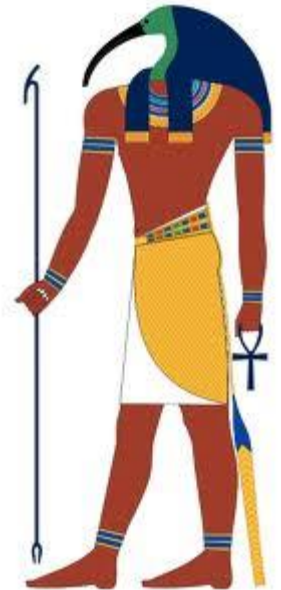
Paul's Letter to the Romans



God will count us Righteous
by Faith



Chapter 1
Failure of the Gentiles



Goal of this Study

To understand
Paul's strategy in
writing the letter



To apply Paul's
exhortations to
our own lives

Only time to hit the highlights!

Ecclesia had 2 cultures:

Both had pride

- **Roman Gentiles** felt they were superior to others because they were the center of the empire
- **Roman Jews** felt they were superior to others because they were God's own people

Paul lowers both groups and demonstrates that none is righteous, no not one!



In Romans 1-8, Paul explains the Atonement without the language of rituals & Law



- No mention of sacrifices and offerings
- Just direct explanations of what God really did to save His family

Sacrifices and rituals can sometimes cloud our understanding of how God saved us through Jesus Christ

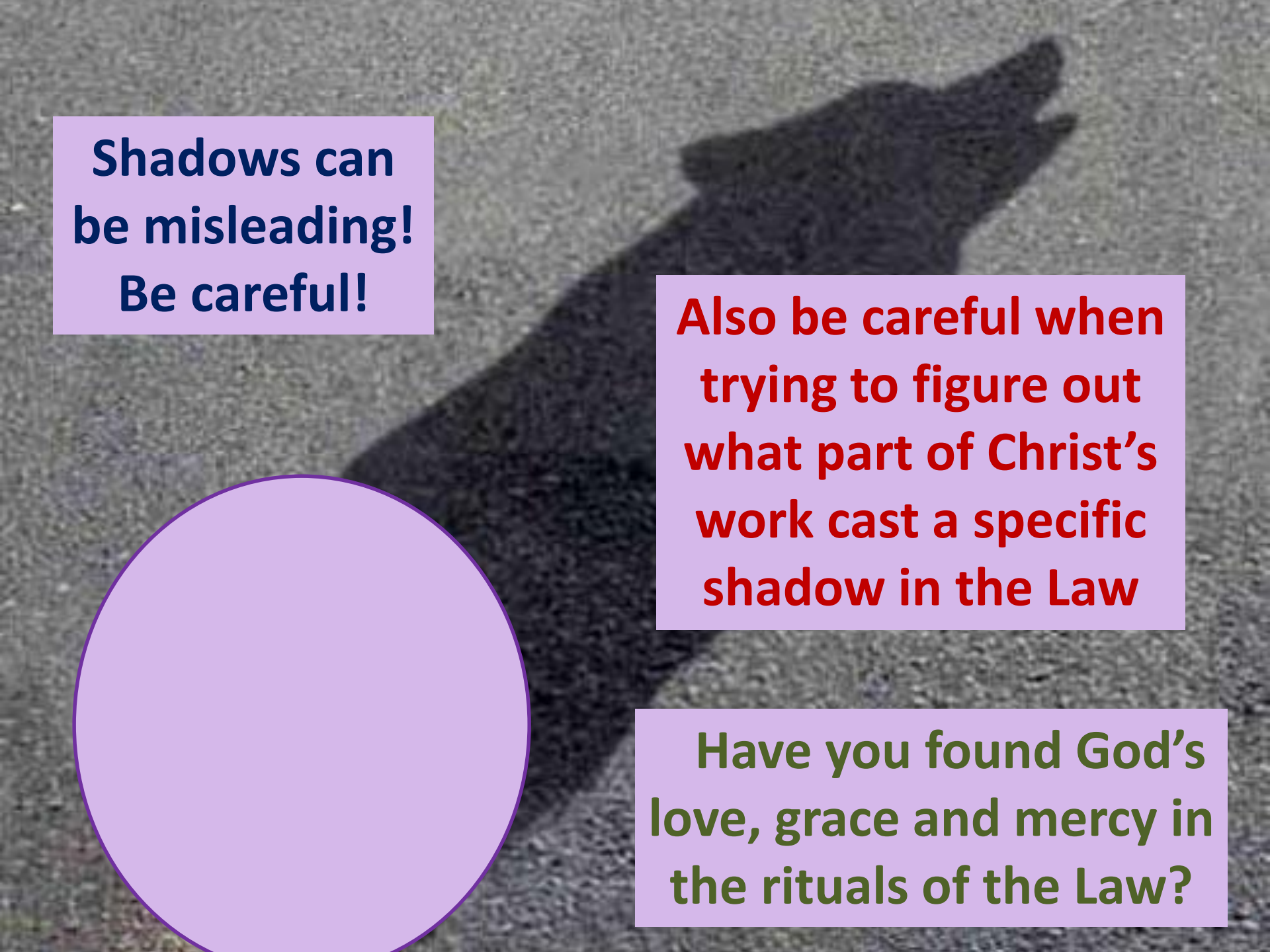
We may think Christ needed a sacrifice!

Sacrifice & Law were just shadows of the real work of redemption

- Shadows are sometimes not clear and subject to debate and misunderstanding

Can you determine the type of tree?





**Shadows can
be misleading!
Be careful!**

**Also be careful when
trying to figure out
what part of Christ's
work cast a specific
shadow in the Law**

**Have you found God's
love, grace and mercy in
the rituals of the Law?**



The Law was only a shadow
and shadows can be misleading!

Rituals or Reality

Which has the
power to change
your life?





The Roman Ecclesia



- No personal issues in this letter
- Both Jews and Gentiles in the ecclesia
- Paul wanted to visit, but hadn't yet (1:10; 16:22)
- Romans needed help with the atonement (the Gospel of God) & how it should affect our lives
- Letter sent with sister Phoebe (Rom 16:1)

**Paul was probably at Corinth
on 3rd journey (Acts 20:2),
and couldn't come to Rome yet**

Probably written around 68 AD from Corinth while on 3rd Journey



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PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY



Paul does travel to Rome as a captive



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Roman Ecclesia had Gentiles



- 1:5-6** Among all nations, among whom you also
1:13 fruit among you, as among the other Gentiles
9:3-4 Paul refers to “my brothers, my countrymen”
11:13 I speak to you Gentiles
11:23 and they (Israel) also
11:30 you (Gentiles) were once disobedient, yet
obtained mercy through their (Jews) disobedience

**Roman Gentiles as a group thought
they were the best & most important**



Roman Ecclesia had Jews



2:17- end you are called a Jew

3:1 What advantage as the Jew?

3:19 the Law says to those under the Law (Jews)

3:29 is he a God of the Jews only?

4:1 our father Abraham

7:1 Law has dominion over a man as long as he lives

Jews thought they were better than Gentiles

Gentiles thought they were better than Jews

Universal Failure of all men to attain to the Righteousness of God

- **Rom 1** – All Gentiles failed, God gave them up
- **Rom 2** – All Jews failed, even with the Law
- **Rom 3** – God had a plan to redeem everyone



Since there was a universal failure, God provided one redemption plan that would work for all – He would count them righteous by their faith

The Good News of God

Romans 1:1-6

1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, **separated to the gospel of God** 2 which **He promised** before through **His prophets** in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning **His Son** ~~Jesus Christ~~ our Lord, who was born of the **seed of David** **according to the flesh**, 4 and declared to be **the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead** [- Jesus Christ our Lord (NASB)]. 5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith [**“to the obedience that comes from faith” (NIV)**] **among all nations** for His name, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

Everyone's salvation is all of God

The Gospel of God (1:1)

- **Not God's gospel**, but good news God is involved in our lives to save us
- Involves the **good news of His Son** (1:9)
- **Power of God to salvation for everyone [Jews & Gentiles]** who believes [has faith] (1:16)
- Reveals the **righteousness of God** (1:17) – **God is right**: to condemn us to death & to require us to die to Sin and live for Him. **This is God's righteous method to justify people who are not righteous before God**



**God can then righteously
forgive the sins of
those who join Him
in the war against Sin**

The Good News of God

Isaiah 64:1-5 (NASB)

1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down,
That the mountains might quake at Your presence —

2 As fire kindles the brushwood, as fire causes water to boil —
To make Your name known to Your adversaries,
That the nations may tremble at Your presence!

3 When You did awesome things which we did not expect,
You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.

4 For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear,
Nor has the eye seen a God besides You,
Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.

5 You meet him who rejoices in doing righteousness,
Who remembers You in Your ways.

Behold, You were angry, for we sinned,
We continued in them a long time;
And shall we be saved?

**God acts to bring Salvation
to those who wait for Him**

The Good News of God

Isaiah 52:7-10

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings **glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation**, who says to Zion, **"Your God reigns!"**

8 Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye when the Lord brings back Zion.

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted His people, He has **redeemed Jerusalem**.

10 The Lord has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth **shall see the salvation of our God**.

God will intervene to bring salvation to Zion

Mission of God's Servant

Isaiah 52:13-15

13 Behold, **My Servant shall deal prudently;** He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men;

15 So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; **For what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider. [quoted in Rom 15:21]**

Paul carried the gospel to the Gentiles

Christ working in Paul

Romans 15:21

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of **those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient** — 19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. 20 And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, 21 but as it is written:

**"To whom He was not announced, they shall see;
And those who have not heard shall understand."**

Paul fulfilled some Messianic prophecies



God's Gospel concerning His Son

Root & Offspring of David (Rev 22:16)



- **Flesh:** Born of the seed of David (v.3)
Acts 2:30; 1 Chr 17:16-17; Mat 22:43-45
- **Spirit:** Declared to be Son of God (v.4)
 - **With power:** God's power to work miracles
 - **Spirit of holiness:** God's character that destroyed Sin
 - **Resurrection from dead:** Grave could not hold him
- **Through Jesus,** Paul received grace & apostleship
- **Goal: obedience that comes from faith (NIV)**
among all nations [no partiality] (v.5) [again 16:26]

**This gospel has the power
to bring obedience by faith**

God's Covenant with David

2 Samuel 7:12-14

12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, **I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body**, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 **I will be his Father, and he shall be My son.** If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.

David's seed, but God's son

Obedience that comes from Faith

1 Corinthians 15:9-11

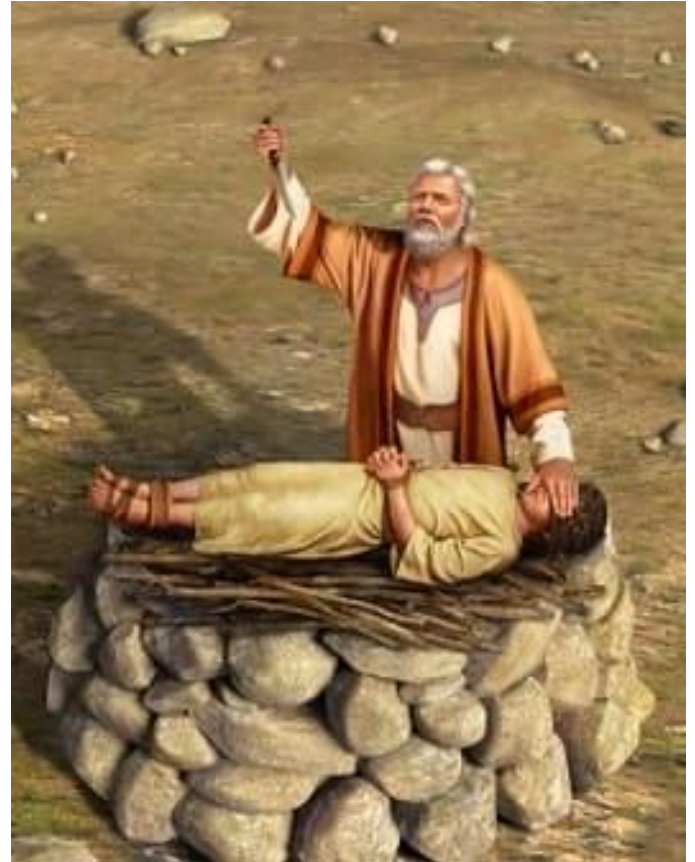
9 For I am the least of the apostles,
who am not worthy to be called an
apostle, because I persecuted the church
of God. 10 But **by the grace of God** I am
what I am, and His grace toward me was
not in vain; but **I labored more
abundantly than they all, yet not I, but
the grace of God which was with me.**

God's grace inspired Paul to respond

that
obedience
springing from
faith might be
rendered by
some from
among all the
nations to
Christ's glory
(John Carter)



Faith



**Not
from Law**

Paul's love for Roman Believers

Romans 1:8-12

8 **First, I thank my God** through Jesus Christ for you all, **that your faith** is spoken of throughout the whole world. 9 For **God is my witness**, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, **that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers**, 10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a **way in the will of God to come to you**. 11 For I long to see you, **that I may impart to you some spiritual gift**, so that you may be established — 12 **that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.**

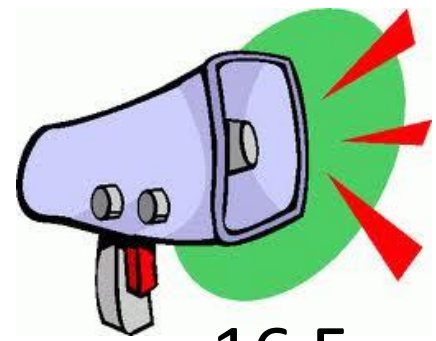
Note Paul's humility! This is something we should practice today!

Paul's Obligation to Preach this Gospel

Romans 1:13-15 (NASB)

I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you **(and have been prevented so far)** so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles. 14 **I am under obligation** *[Paul's mission given to him by Jesus]* both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

Paul was committed to take the gospel to the whole world, knowing that God can save anyone by Faith



Paul's theme Statement

Romans 1:16-17 (RSV)

16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel** [*most versions delete "of Christ:"*]: it is the **power of God for salvation** to **every one** who has **faith** [*same word as "believe"*], to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

17 For in it the **righteousness of God** [*God's righteous way to justify sinners*] is revealed through **faith** [*of Jesus & others*] for **faith** [*our faith*] as it is written, "He who through **faith** is righteous shall live."
(*"the just will live by faith" – Hab 2*)

**God will save everyone by faith,
Not by works of Law**

The Power of God

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

18 For the **message of the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are **being saved it is the power of God**. 19 For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of **the message preached to save those who believe [have faith]**. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but **we preach Christ crucified**, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God**.

This has the power to change your life!

To the Jew First

Deuteronomy 10:12-16

12 "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, **but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,** 13 **and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?** 14 Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth with all that is in it. 15 **The Lord delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples,** as it is this day. 16 **Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.**

God didn't chose Jews because they were better or had the Law, but because of their Fathers

“The Just shall Live by Faith”



Paul uses this passage in
all 3 of his expositions
of the atonement

- **Rom 1:17** righteousness of God is revealed
- **Gal 3:11** no one is justified by the law
- **Heb 10:38** you need endurance, so after doing God's will, you may receive the promise

**Hab 2 provided a great historical
event to illustrate faith in action!**

Paul's use of Habakkuk 2 that foreshadowed Christ's salvation



- **Babylonians had surrounded Jerusalem** & Jeremiah preached “surrender & give up” (Jer 38)
- **Jews considered this treason** and threatened to kill those who surrendered (Jeremiah thrown in pit to sink in mire)
- **Faithful believers did surrender and went to Babylon** – where God blessed them! It took a lot of faith to give up and surrender!
- **Unfaithful stuck it out (“draws back”)** and went through the siege under Zedekiah
- **Paul asked the Jews of his day to make a leap of Faith** and trust in God's salvation through Christ – Don't draw back to the synagogues and Law

Paul aims for an active faith



The Wrath of God is revealed due to the failure of Gentiles

(Jews would have loved this!)

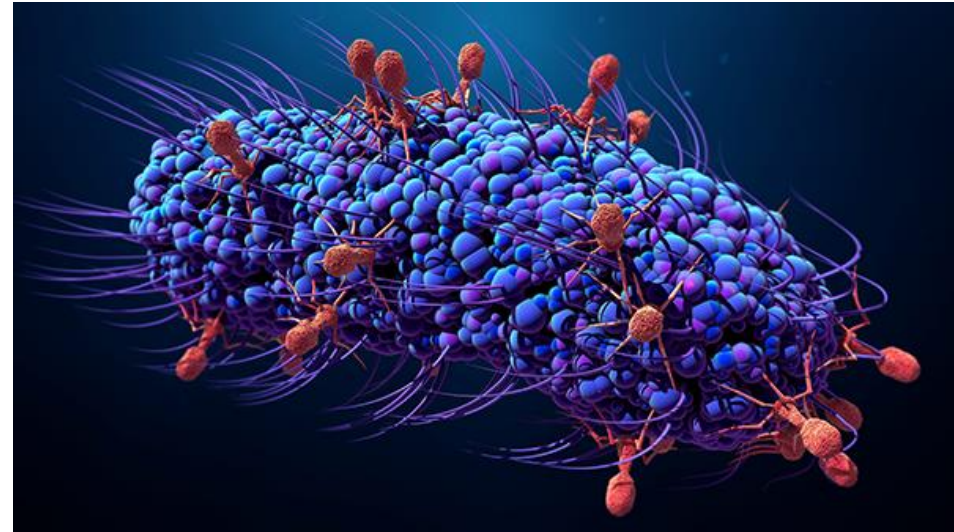
- 18 Gentiles suppress the Truth in unrighteousness
- 20 they are without excuse
- 21 although they knew God
- 23 changed glory of God into an image
- 24 God gave them up to uncleanness
- 25 exchanged the truth of God for a lie
- 26 God gave them up to vile passions
- 27 received in their bodies the penalty for sin
- 28 They did not like to retain God in their knowledge,
God gave them up to a debased mind
- 32 knowing the righteous judgment of God: deserving death



If we don't appreciate God's righteousness,
we will bring the wrath of God



Clear evidence of God



This should produce thankfulness & responsibility!



This left
the Jews
feeling
great about
themselves!

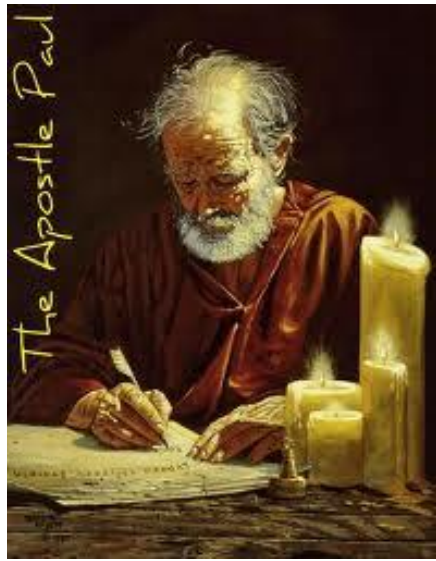


In Romans 2 Paul brings down the hammer on Jewish Pride



**Jews are
no better
than
Gentiles!**

Even though Jews had God's law.



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Chapter 2: God's basis of Individual Judgment & the Failure of the Jews



Paul tackles Human attitudes about God's Judgments



We tend to judge others by outward appearance, and then cut ourselves a lot of slack!

Jews were highly responsible to God

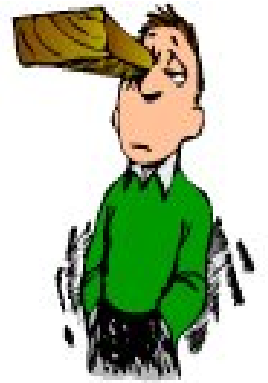
Romans 2:1-4

1 Therefore **you are inexcusable**, O man, **whoever you are** *[including Jews!]* **who judge**, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. 2 But we know that **the judgment of God is according to truth** *[for both Jews & Gentiles]* against those who practice such things. 3 And do you think this, O man, **you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?** 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering (Ex 34:6-7), **not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?**

**When we judge & condemn others,
if we practice the same we will be condemned**



When we judge others, we may actually be condemning ourselves!



- **Leaves us without excuse** – because we know enough to judge someone else
- **Actually may leave us more guilty** in God's eyes because we know the issue is wrong (we say “we see”- Jn 9:41)



When we point a finger
at others, there are 3
pointing back at us!

Jews thought they were the only good people worth saving, but God had warned them!



- **Amos 3:1-2** God only knew the Jews of all families of the earth, therefore He will punish them for all their iniquities
- **John 9:40-41** If you were blind you would have no sin, but now you say “we see” therefore your sin remains
- **Gen 14:16** Abraham’s descendants will come out after the 4th generation, because the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.
- **Deut 9:4-6** Do not say “because of my righteousness the Lord has given me the land, but it is because of the wickedness of these nations
- **Hab 1** God, do something about Jew’s behavior. God will bring down Chaldeans. Habakkuk pleads that God cannot use the Chaldeans to destroy a nation more righteous than themselves!

God reminds them they had no righteousness other than God's



God's Righteous Individual Judgment

- **Those who know** are without excuse (v.1)
- **According to Truth**, based on our actions (2)
- **Anyone** who practices unrighteousness will not escape (v.3)
- **God is patient & kind** (in delaying judgment) so we will be led to repent (v.4)
- **Hard-hearted** cause God to store up wrath (5)
- **God's righteous judgment will be individual** & based on our deeds (vs 5-6)



**Whose slave are we?
Sin's or God's (Rom 6)**

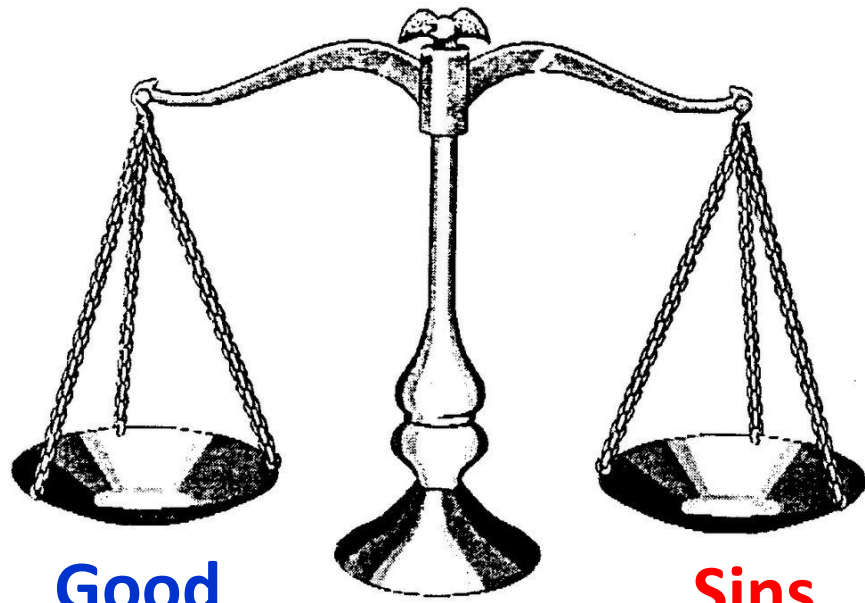


The Righteous Judgment of God

Romans 2:5-11

5 But **in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart** you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous **judgment of God**, 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds" *[not nationality]*: 7 **eternal life** to those **who by patient continuance in doing good seek** for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 **but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness** — **indignation and wrath**, 9 **tribulation and anguish**, on **every soul of man who does evil**, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; 10 but **glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good** *[our response to God's goodness by faith]*, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 **For there is no partiality with God.**

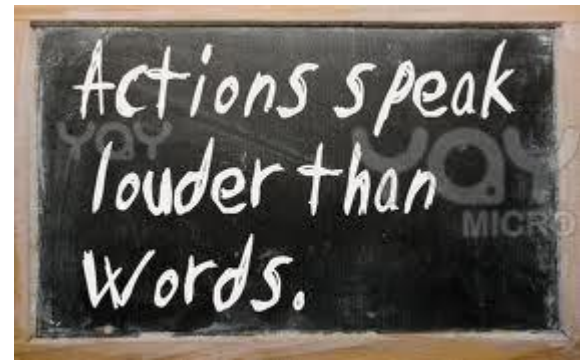
Judgment based on our deeds, not family



Good
deeds

Sins

God doesn't compare
all our good deeds
with all our sins!



He looks at our deeds to
see if we are seeking Him,
or seeking self - they
reveal our true hearts

walk the talk.



Righteous Judgments of God

- According to our deeds (v.6)
- Eternal Life (v.7):
 - those who are **patient** in doing good
 - Those who **seek** (motivated) for glory, honor, immortality (from God) [“seek first the kingdom” Mat 6:33] Note similar theme to Jn 8:44-54



- Indignation, wrath, tribulation & anguish (8)
 - Self-seekers, who do not obey the Truth
 - Evildoers: Jew 1st, and also Greeks

For God shows no partiality!

Jews won't get special treatment (Habakkuk)

The Doers of the Law will be Justified

Romans 2:12-16

12 For **as many as have sinned without law [Gentiles]** will also perish without law, and **as many as have sinned in the law [Jews]** will be judged by the law 13 (for not the **hearers of the law** are just in the sight of God, but the **doers of the law** will be justified; 14 for when **Gentiles**, who do not have the law, **by nature** [*the new man*] do the things [*principles*] in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 **who show the work of the law written in their hearts**, their conscience [*not the Law*] also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) 16 in the day when **God will judge the secrets of men** by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

**We must have the work of the Law
on our hearts (2 Cor 3:3)**

**Show the work of the Law
written in their hearts**

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

14 For **the love of Christ compels us**,
because we judge thus: that if One died
for all, **then all died**; 15 and He died for
all, **that those who live should live no
longer for themselves, but for Him who
died for them and rose again.**

**This was the aim of the Law &
Gentiles were doing it without the Law**



God's Righteous Judgments (v.12)

- Those who sinned without law (Gentiles) – **perish** without law
- Those who sinned in the law (Jews) – **judged** by the law

**Doers of the law
will be justified
(not hearers only)**
[similar to James 1:23]



Gentiles will be justified by works of faith, not works of law

- **Their new nature** influences them to act the way God's law should have taught Jews to act (v.14) – it was internal!
- **God's law is in their hearts** (individual – Isa 51:7) affects their conscience and thoughts (v.15)
- **One day:** God will judge *secrets* of Gentiles & Jews by Jesus Christ – one standard for all (v.16)



Awareness of God's coming judgment should affect our actions (Rom 14:10-13)

Self-confidence & Weakness of the Jews

Romans 2:17-24

17 Indeed **you** are called a Jew, and **rest on the law**, and **make your boast in God**, 18 and **know His will**, and **approve the things that are excellent**, being instructed out of the law, 19 and are **confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind**, a **light to those who are in darkness**, 20 an **instructor of the foolish**, a **teacher of babes**, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. 21 **You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself?** You who preach that a man should not steal, **do you steal?** 22 You who say, "Do not commit adultery," **do you commit adultery?** You who abhor idols, **do you rob temples?** 23 You who make your boast in the law, **do you dishonor God through breaking the law?** 24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written. (Ez 36:20-23)

Don't dishonor God by how we live

Braggings of the Jews

- **Jews:** called “Jews” & rest on the law & claim to be God’s people [had God’s favor] (v.17)
- **Know God’s will & approve** what is excellent because the law teaches you (v.18)
- **Confident you guide the blind** & a light to those in darkness (v.19)
- **Teacher of foolish & babes** using a form of knowledge from law (v.20)



Jews were full of self-confidence



Jews good at preaching, but not doing

- “don’t steal” – do you steal? (v.21)
- “don’t commit adultery” – do you?
- **Abhor temples** – do you rob them? (Acts 19:37)
- **Boast in law** – yet you dishonor God by breaking the law

Same issues Jesus dealt with in John 8
when Jews claimed to be Abraham’s children

Unbelieving Jews blaspheme
God’s name among Gentiles



Jews relied on Legal Status & Rituals

- God's people
- Had God's Law
- Worshipped in God's House
- Had God's priesthood
- They had circumcision
- Kept God's rituals



These were privileges - not entitlements

But they didn't live as children of God - by Faith - be careful today!

God's Name blasphemed among Gentiles



- **OT connection: Isa 52:5** [Septuagint is closer to Romans than the Hebrew] – this is a similar situation to the Babylonian invasion.
- **Babylonians blasphemed God's name** when they carried Jews captive to Babylon – due to the wickedness of the Jews! (cp Ezek 36:21-23) Babylonians thought Bel had beat Yahweh, so God taught Nebuchadnezzar that “the Most High rules in the kingdom of men”

Jews were responsible for this!

God's Name Blasphemed among Gentiles

Isaiah 52:3-5 (LXX)

3 For thus saith the Lord, Ye have been sold for nought; and ye shall not be ransomed with silver. 4 Thus saith the Lord, My people went down before to Egypt to sojourn there; and were carried away forcibly to the Assyrians. 5 And now why are ye here? Thus saith the Lord, Because my people was taken for nothing, wonder ye and howl. Thus saith the Lord, **On account of you my name is continually blasphemed among the Gentiles.**

The Jews, as a nation, were responsible

God cares about our inner man

Romans 2:25-29

25 For **circumcision** is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but **if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision** [in their hearts - Jer 9:25-26]. 26 Therefore, if an **uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?** 27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, **judge you** who, even with your written code and circumcision, **are a transgressor of the law?** 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 **but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.**

**Outward appearance & rituals
will not commend us to God**



Circumcision



- **Typical representative** of Jews legalism
- **No value for breakers** of the law (v.25)
- **Uncircumcised counted as circumcised** if one keeps the righteous requirements of law (26)
- **Uncircumcised doers** will judge the circumcised breakers of law (v.27)

**Circumcise
your hearts
(Dt 10:16; 30:6)**



Real Jews & Real Circumcision

- Inward (mental), not outward
- In the heart, not in the letter
- In the Spirit, not in the flesh
- *Practical*, not academic



Then our praise
comes from God,
not from men



Where (in Romans) does Paul cover the real
“seed of Abraham” & real “children of God”?

Romans 9

To put it in our terms:

What's the value of....

- Christadelphian parents
- Sunday School
- Baptism
- Strong ecclesia
- Active CYC
- Witnessing efforts
- Daily Bible readings
- Bread & wine

**...if they don't lead to obedience
that springs from faith?**

'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.'
(Jer 7:23-24; cp 11:4,7)

Why did so many fail?



- **Law is not based on faith** (Gal 3:12 NIV)
- **Gospel was not mixed with faith** in those who heard it (Heb 4:2)
- **Without faith it is impossible** to please him (Heb 11:6)
- **Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails** anything, but faith working through love (Gal. 5:6)
- **And this is the victory** that has overcome the world – our faith (1 Jn 5:4)

Paul waits to re-introduce the solution until Rom 3:22-26

**Faith in God's righteousness will help
us develop the humility of Jesus**

Romans 12:1-8

I beseech you therefore, brethren, **by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Our Faith will affect our use of Spiritual Gifts

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think**, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have **many members in one body**, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so **we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another**. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

**This humility governed all of Jesus' actions
to esteem others more important than himself**

Lessons from This Class

- Salvation is all of God – Thank Him and appreciate His loving kindness & mercy
- We must develop a Faith that leads to obedience to God
- It does matter what we believe because our correct understanding of God and our faith in Him generates our obedience
- Understanding the Gospel of God makes us humble – we have all failed and do not deserve God's mercy
- So be kind & merciful to others like God is – this is real God manifestation!

Next Class.....



**In Rom 3, Paul answers
the Jews' objections
& Introduces the
Righteousness of God
that is by Faith**

**God always intended to justify
everyone by Faith, apart from Law**