

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

“Studies in the Book of Romans - 05

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Text: Rom.2:17-3:8

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THE JEWS ARE GUILTY!

INTRODUCTION Within the Church of Rome, there were obviously a good number of Jews. Many of them trusted Christ and were saved, but some other still clung to their heritage, rituals and traditions as the source of their righteousness before God. So the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write and correct the error that the Jew was not guilty before God. Let's explore this text and as we do see ...

I. The Orthodoxy of the Jew – (2:17-24)

- A) They say – “*We know the Law and Study the Bible*”
- B) God says – “*Nonetheless, You Break My Law*”

II. The Ordinances of the Jew – (2:25-29)

- A) They say – “*We Follow Our Rituals*”
- B) God says – “*It's Better to Obey than to Sacrifice*”

III. The Objections of the Jew – (3:1-8)

- A) They say – “*What Good is it to be a Jew?*”
- B) God says – “*I've Used Your Faithfulness to reach Others*”

CONCLUSION: Paul now completes his conclusion that the whole world is guilty before God as to having no righteousness and having sinned against God's Law. In today's text, even the Jew by birth and by obedience to rituals could not be saved without surrender to the only One who could impart to us, the holy and pure righteousness of God. Nonetheless, this salvation is not by any works of man be it personal or religious. The Gospel of Paul was one of grace, and was available to all who would seek God through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. Have you surrendered your life to Him, and received His gift of righteousness and forgiveness?

TEXT FOR MESSAGE

The New International Version

Rom 2:17-3:8 (NIV) Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and brag about your relationship to God; 18 if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; 19 if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of infants, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth-- 21 you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? 24 As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

25 Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. 26 If those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? 27 The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker. 28 A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. 29 No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God.

Rom 3:1-8 (NIV) What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? 2 Much in every way! First of all, they have been entrusted with the very words of God. 3 What if some did not have faith? Will their lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness? 4 Not at all! Let God be true, and every man a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge." 5 But if our unrighteousness brings out God's righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (I am using a human argument.) 6 Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world? 7 Someone might argue, "If my falsehood enhances God's truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?" 8 Why not say--as we are being slanderously reported as saying and as some claim that we say--" Let us do evil that good may result"? Their condemnation is deserved.