

Romans 2:17-29 Review...

Last week we discussed –
the “Devout Religious Jew”

Paul showed us that they have no wiggle room regarding the LAW of God, His Righteousness, His Holiness is so perfect that not even the Devout Religious Jew can make to heaven based upon his/her performance of the works of the LAW (seeking to Obey the Law). Not even that kind of person is good enough to be acceptable to God. So then, who is?

Today we look at Romans chapter 3

Romans 3:1-9 – All Under Sin

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² Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. ³ For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? ⁴ Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: “That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged.” ⁵ But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) ⁶ Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?

⁷ For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? ⁸ And why not say, “Let us do evil that good may come”?—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

⁹ What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks (i.e. “Gentiles”) that they are all under sin.

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¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me (i.e.: like Moses) from your midst, from your brethren (i.e.: Israel). Him you shall hear, ¹⁶ according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ (REF.: Ex. 20:18-21; Deut 5:23-28; Heb. 12:18-22)

¹⁷ “And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good.

¹⁸ I will raise up for them a Prophet like you (i.e.: like Moses) from among their brethren (i.e.: Israel), and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

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Deuteronomy 18:15-22

¹⁹ And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My Name, I will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My Name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ ²¹ And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’- ²² when a prophet speaks in the Name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall NOT be afraid of him.

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→ Israel was given the WORD of GOD. No other people group / nation on earth was given this privilege. This means that all the other nations' and their gods/goddesses and their philosophies are FALSE and full of LIES. Only the Word of God through Israel is the CORRECT Word of God – The Holy Bible

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Jesus Christ is fully God and fully perfect man ...

Jesus was on Trial before Pilate & the Sanhedrin.

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How can God be judged? All humans do this every day. It is a wonder He has such patience with all humans. God allows Himself to be Proved Justified

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God is NOT Arbitrary. He is NOT capricious. He is perfectly FAIR, JUST, HOLY, & CORRECT in His Judgments against sinners, always. He is Perfect, has all knowledge, complete knowledge, and knows everything about every sinner and all about their sins. So, when He judges sinners, no one can say what He is doing is wrong.

God is GOOD ... therefore He must JUDGE all sin.

If we are in Christ, our Sin has been Judged already at the Cross when Christ died for our sins.

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That is what God was teaching us through Paul from Romans 1:18 through to the end of Romans chapter 2 ... up to this point ... He’s been showing us the we are all **SINNERS AND God’s Judgment is Coming:**

1. The Blatant, Rebellious Gentile Sinner (Romans 1:18-32)
2. The Moral Gentile Sinner (Romans 1:1-16)
3. The Devout Religious Jew (Romans 1:17-29)

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This seems to leave us with NO HOPE ... all types of human beings in every kind of society ... we are all sinners under the Judgment of God. Wow... even the Jewish / Israeli People, God’s Chosen People ... all shut up under sin... charged as sinners.

Tune in next week to find God’s GOOD News as we plow through more of Chptr 3