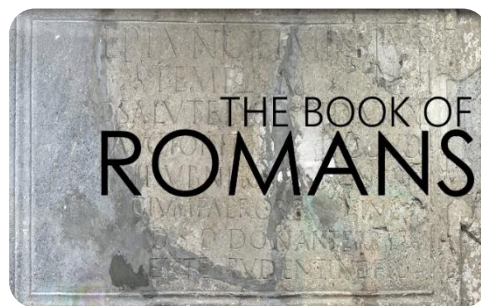


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In chapter 1 we learned: Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ... separated to the Good News of God: concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. There is a rightness of God, revealed from faith to faith; the right-ones live by faithing -- Habakkuk 2. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all nonsense and un-rightness of mankind. I call what follows:



World, get your stones ready to throw; as Paul introduces us... to ourselves.

¹ So, you are indefensible, O mankind, whoever you are who judges: for when you judge another, you ultimately condemn yourself; for you who criticize do the same.

² But we are sure the justice of God is according to truth, against those who commit such things.

³ And do you think this, O mankind, who criticizes them who do such things, and you do the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? / apparently; more faulty thinking.

⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness and restraint and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to metanoia -- to change your mind.

⁵ But because of your callous stubbornness and unchanged mind, you are storing up wrath for yourself wrath **against the day of wrath,**

revealing the righteous justice of God / dikaiokrisia; no need for any deluded individual to think he or she is settling scores for God... using bombs or bullets ; God already spoke in times past through the prophets, and in the last days, through His Son; yet, some did not think His Son said enough, and felt they needed to add more.

When the time comes, God will do His job; the right way, at the right time;

Verses 6 – 11, Paul inserts a literary chiasmus familiar to his readers:

⁶ Who will render to everyone according to his deeds -- Psalm 62:12 / He will open the books, and check all the ledger entries on every page:

⁷ to them who by patience continue in good deeds for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life:

⁸ but to those who are contentious, and do **not obey the truth, but obey what is not right, indignation and wrath,**

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9 tribulation and anguish, on all souls of mankind who do evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile / the non-Jewish;

10 But glory, honor, and peace, to all who do good deeds, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

11 For there is no partiality with God.

12 for as many as have sinned without law / anomos...with **no law**. Paul speaks of nomos, **law**... 67 times starting in this chapter, and diminishing each chapter and suddenly again in chapter 7 Remember: [the greatest law is: to love the Lord God with all our heart and soul and mind](#).

Now, this generation isn't sure if the heart exists... because it cannot be observed with a microscope... and every good scientist knows... and I guess, I should correct myself, because: good... cannot be measured. Every scientist... whether or not they are good... knows... science only measures what is observable... so if they tell the truth -- although truth can't be observed in a microscope either; then what? Are they heartless? Are they not truthful? Probably! Certainly hypocritical!

Isn't it fascinating to observe, just how much the vocabulary of science... is so unscientific and meaningless? No wonder students each week... drop out of public schools at such alarming rates. It makes you wonder: what stinks in education? what are they teaching in those schools?

Paul said...

For as many as sinned without law... will also perish without law: and as many as sinned in the law, will be judged by the law / and again, Jesus the good Pastor said, the greatest law was... [to love the Lord God](#); our Father in heaven, with our whole being; and the 2nd is similar; [to love your neighbor as you love yourself](#). Don't you love how the Lord... keeps things simple; they know what is reality;

13 For **not** the hearers of the law are justified before God, but the doers of the law will be justified / and though we can't save ourselves if we died on 1,000 hills, we can do those 2 things; and keep ourselves on the way to meet the Lord Jesus face to face.

14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, not having the law, are a law to themselves:

15 which shows the work of the law **written on their hearts** / evidenced when we hear the objection...that's my seat; or... I was in line first... and 1,000 more unwritten rules known to mankind, **their conscience also bearing witness, and thoughts either accusing or excusing one another**;

16 In the day when God will judge the secrets of mankind by **Jesus Christ** / someday He will do that; He told us about when He will take care of all the unsettled business involving mankind; the measure: being Jesus Christ;

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according to my gospel / now everybody, calm down. Paul was not a tyrant. There wasn't anybody like Matthew, Mark, Luke and John or others publishing their books fast enough for Paul to quote from them. Here Paul lets the Romans know, the good news taught to him by the Lord Jesus Himself was gospel.

¹⁷ **Behold, you are called a Jew** / Paul was trained in the finest Jewish seminary; he wrote to those who found in Jesus, their promised Messiah; if Paul were writing today, he might say...

Behold, you are called a Christian, and rest in lots of new legalistic traditions, and make your boast of God,

¹⁸ **and know His will, and approve the things that are more excellent,**

being instructed from the law / many in the church as the time of the Gentiles conclude... no longer read the Old Testament; apparently, the Lord is no longer their Shepherd; too bad! He's mine. He is still the good Shepherd! And the 10 Commands still make sense, to live long on the earth .

When Jesus arose from the dead, He taught beginning with Moses, the Psalms and the prophets... all that concerned Christ the Messiah; what concerned Him most was His followers would love His Father and one another as He loved us; Jesus knew...then they would also guard all the other things He taught us;

¹⁹ **and are confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a light to those in darkness,**

²⁰ **an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of the littlest, having in the law, the embodiment of knowledge and truth.**


²¹ **So, you who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach: not to steal, do you steal?**

²² **You who say: not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you commit sacrilege?**

²³ **You who boast in the law, through your breaking the law do you dishonor God?**

²⁴ **For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you** as it is written / apparently Paul heard the Gentiles newly coming to the fellowships... were more moral than the earlier folks who should have known better – Jesus looked down on those who did not value the 10 instructions God gave us, -- **Isaiah 52:5**.

²⁵ **For circumcision truly profits, if you do the law: but if you are a breaker of the law, then your circumcision is made uncircumcision / it is reversed; it is canceled.**

 ²⁶ **So if the uncircumcised Gentile keeps the rightness of the law,**
will not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? Yes!

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²⁷ And will not he who by nature is uncircumcised, if he keeps the law, judge you, who by the letter of the law, and circumcision transgress the law? Yes!

²⁸ For he is **not** a Jew / or **not** a Christian / when the Gentiles come to an end, **who is one outwardly; nor is circumcision, what is outward in the flesh:**

²⁹ But he is a Jew/ or a Christian, who is one inwardly;

and circumcision is that of the heart,

in the spirit, and not in the letter;

whose praise is not of mankind, but of God.

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