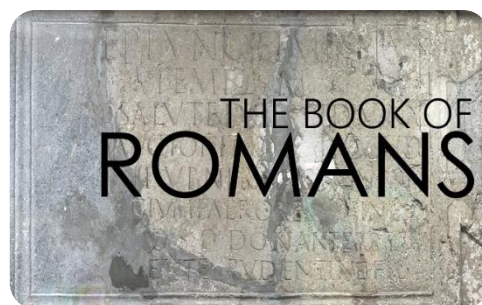


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In chapter 1, Paul introduces the whole world... to ourselves; In chapter 2, Paul emphasizes... the critics are defenseless; Paul also introduces everybody to a LAW... written on our hearts; and urges us to change our thinking; he reminds us there is a competent Judge who is coming, and the delay of Him who judges rightly... is in hope that all -- Jew and Gentile, chosen or not... might rethink the law written in their hearts; there is a Day when God will judge the secrets of mankind, measured by Jesus Christ.



Now in chapter 3, Paul continues examining LAW... particularly: the law of failure... and endlessly missing the mark. There is nothing wrong with LAW. It is good, and it keeps things orderly; but it's also deadly.

## <sup>1</sup> What advantage then has the Jew?

Paul is a good teacher; he asks students of the Lord many good questions. Those of the House of **Israel** and the House of **Judah** -- both are chosen people, still today. They had the advantage of special revelation from God; and were chosen to elevate His great Name among all the nations. Prophet Malachi writes... from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, My Name will be great among the Gentiles, and in every place incense will be offered in My Name. Notice, they were to offer incense, not bloody sacrifices in every place. Either they didn't get the memo, or they ignored what the prophets said. Less than 1% of the time when listening to Jewish TV, do I hear anyone mention any words of hope and blessing the Lord God spoke to His people through any of the prophets. Thankfully that is changing.

Check out our messianic brothers in the Lord; great sons of Judah:

**ONE FOR ISRAEL** | **LEON MAZIN – TIKUN** | **ISRAELI NEWS LIVE** | **MESSIAH OF ISRAEL** | **BEHOLD ISRAEL**

Even on church tv, I don't hear much mention of the prophets either. Paul's peerage and heritage was truly one of Jewish privilege, in preaching to his Jewish brethren, he did more to raise the great Name of the Lord throughout the world than anyone I know. If Paul was writing now days, we would probably read...

## What advantage then has the Christian?

What advantage then has the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

<sup>2</sup> **Much every way: mostly, because to them were committed the oracles of God** / they were assigned the very words and instructions of God; Stephen at his martyrdom calls them: **living words**; Followers of the Lord are guardians of the Word of God.

And Paul continues to ask good questions...

## <sup>3</sup> For What if some did not believe?

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...in a bible concordance we learn: the Greek verb: **pisteuo**, most frequently translated: **to believe**; the old English word comes from: **to be loving**. the noun: **pistis**... most frequently translated: **faith**; the adjective: **pistos** = **the people doing the pisteuo**; the translators should have worked harder.

We know, the **piston** is the moving component in the core of the engine... that transfers force and moves all the parts. Also in Greek are negatives: **apisteo** = **not pisteuo**; in other words, what they were doing did not move the core of the engine the right direction.

So, let's work a little harder... and clear up the problem. Dr. Gene Scott said: just make up the word -- something that happens regularly to clarify communication: as Dr. Scott would say: singers sing, and teachers teach... and the faithful believe??!! Since the word comes from the same root...this is what he suggested:

noun:	<b>pistis</b>	=	<b>faith</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>belief</b>
verb:	<b>pisteuo</b>	=	<b>faithing, faithe</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>believing, believe</b>
adjective:	<b>pistos</b>	=	<b>faither, faithful</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>believer, believably</b>
negative noun:	<b>apistia</b>	=	<b>non-faith,</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>unbelief</b>
negative verb:	<b>apisteo</b>	=	<b>no-faithing</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>unbelieving</b>

but what if some did **apisteo**? will their **apistia**... make the **pistis** of God without effect?

but what if some did **unbelieving**? will their **unbelief** make the **belief** of God without effect?

but what if some did **no-faithing**? will their **non-faith** make the **faith** of God without effect?

God himself is a faither; He acts in faith; so, should we be surprised that He created people, not puppets... and each person has the capacity to make choices: to love some things, and to hate other things. God values freedom: anyone... anywhere... **who calls on His name; that one will be saved.** Now, God will do his part to make that happen, but He won't do the individual's part, too. Those who don't call on Him... will one day find Him respectfully dismissing them from His presence.

what if some did **no-faithing**? will their **non-faith**... render the **faith** of God of no effect?

<sup>4</sup> **Absolutely not: .**

**Yes, let God be true, but everyone man or woman a liar; as it is written, That You might be justified in your sayings.**

**That by Your words, You are proven right, and will prevail when You are judged / to the dismay of any and all faithless fools... who say: there is no God.**

<sup>5</sup> But if our non-rightness demonstrates the righteousness of God,

**what will we say?** Several times in this book, Paul raises a question; and he hopes to get all the students throughout the world... asking this question: and thinking about its answer; because he wants all the students of the Lord Jesus... to raise questions and change our thinking... until we think clearly.

<sup>5</sup> But if our non-rightness demonstrates the righteousness of God,

**what will we say?** Is God not righteous who settles the score? / I speak as anyone,

<sup>6</sup> Absolutely not! For how will God judge the world?

<sup>7</sup> For if through my lie the truth of God has increased to His glory; then why am I also judged as a sinner?

<sup>8</sup> And why not say (as we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil, that good may come? / those who falsely accuse us their condemnation is justified.

<sup>9</sup> What then? are we better than they? **No, not at all:** for we have already proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

<sup>10</sup> As it is written, **There is no one righteous, no, not one:**

<sup>11</sup> There is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks after God -- Psalm 14:1-3.

<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, no, not one -- Psalm 53:1-4.

<sup>13</sup> Their throat is an open grave; with their tongues they keep deceiving -- Psalm 5:9;

the poison of asps is under their lips -- Psalm 140:3:

<sup>14</sup> whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness -- Psalm 10:7:

<sup>15</sup> **Their feet are swift to shed blood:**

<sup>16</sup> Destruction and misery are in their ways:

<sup>17</sup> **And the way of peace they have not known** -- Isaiah 59:7:

<sup>18</sup> **There is no fear of God before their eyes** -- Psalm 36:1

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I freely admit and thank God, sometime... nearly every day all my life I am aware... in my memory as a child of 3 or 4 sitting on the kitchen floor, and looking up to see a fearful specter. I can't explain who it was, though I can clearly describe what I saw... sitting, playing; I knew I was safe: the Lord is my Shepherd.

<sup>19</sup> **Now we know that what the law says, it says to them who are under the law that every mouth may be shut; and all the world may be answerable before God.** / and Jesus said, the law that mattered most was: [love the Lord God with all our heart, and soul and spirit](#); a child who can't even spell his name can do that... and we can do that, too:

<sup>20</sup> **So, by the works of the law, no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law comes the knowledge of sin** / following little rules and thinking our juvenile performance was stellar; but it wasn't, endlessly aiming, pulling the trigger, but missing: Paul said: prepare to change your thinking, its time.

<sup>21</sup> **But now between the law, and the righteousness of God there is shown a chasm... being witnessed by the law and the prophets** / there is a chasm wider than the Grand Canyon;

<sup>22</sup> **even the righteousness of God which is by the faith of Jesus Christ, to all who act in faith** / displayed in what Jesus did as He acted in faith; Hebrews 12 says: [He is the Originator, and First Runner of the marathon of faith](#); in our time, In 1980s Dr. Gene Scott taught the A,B,C's of faith; in the 1800s, Charles Spurgeon taught the A,B,C's of faith; In the 1500s Martin Luther taught the A,B,C's of faith unleashing the great Reformation. But it was the good Shepherd Jesus, who taught us all: **Look to Him!** What is faith: it is mostly: **Action** -- not sitting around, thinking about something, but based upon **Belief** sustained by **Confidence** in what the Lord told us, [all the promises of God in Jesus Christ are Yes and Amen!](#) to all who will act in faith; Jew or Gentile; man or woman; young or old -- the rights of God are to all who act in faith; and where do you begin? right where you are, start here: [walk in love as Christ loved us, forgive one another, as God in Christ forgave and freely graced us:](#)

**for there is no difference** / there is no distinction; no division:

<sup>23</sup> **For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God** / all, no exception... Isaiah says: [All we like sheep have gone our own way](#); no exception, we have, and continue to miss the mark; here is another verse we need to reconsider. Psalm 19 says, [The heavens declare... day after day: the glory of God](#); John, the disciple whom Jesus loved said, [what we heard, what we saw with our eyes, what we touched](#)... and they were never the same; in the gospel John wrote as he recalled the One who walked among them, [we beheld his glory](#)... there walking among us, [like the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth](#)... and all of them, so many of them... gave their lives in unspeakable cruelty and death, that we might know what happened; **Jesus Christ - is the Glory of God!**

**For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God** / of Jesus the Lord of glory.

<sup>24</sup> **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

<sup>25</sup> whom God set forth to be a propitiation **through faith** in his blood to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are passed over, through the patient restraint of God; / the price Jesus Christ paid in full, that judicially satisfies both God who is holy and mankind born with the deadly disease already at work; He paid a price we could not pay in a million years,

<sup>26</sup> To declare at this time His rights: **[1]** that He is right; and **[2]** He is the righter of him who believes in Jesus / notice it does not say: we are right, but God declares us right for trusting Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then where is bragging? It is excluded. By what law? of works? **No!** by **the law of faith**.

<sup>28</sup> So we conclude that mankind is justified **by faith**...**by faith alone, in Jesus...** without the works of the law.

<sup>29</sup> Is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also of the Gentiles? **Yes, of the Gentiles also:** / Paul declared this Good News, and many in the roman crowd wanted to know... what is this they hear? It was foreign to their ears;

<sup>30</sup> Seeing it is one God, who will justify the circumcision the Jews; **by faith**, and the uncircumcision / all the others; **through faith**.

<sup>31</sup> Do we then make **void** the law **through faith**? Absolutely **not!** Yes, we establish the law. / **the Law of God's Love** clearly spelled out, and all are made conscious of sin... and its insoluble dilemma apart from Christ. So those who acknowledge their sin, when they turn to the Lord their Savior.. Prophet Isaiah said: **when you will make His soul an offering for sin; He will see and be satisfied, and He will justify many.**

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**The book of Romans** was written to the early church in Rome: keep in mind the people met in homes where they were taught. Paul-- Inspired by the Spirit wrote this book, so it is just what the Lord knew those in Rome needed to know. In its Chapters we learn no hocus pocus is needed to ascend to heaven, or descend to the pit to bring up Christ. The word is near us, even in our mouth; **if you confess Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved.**

Paul, like the disciple John -- say nothing about the bread and wine; as if it is not a high priority. To the romans, Paul says nothing about communion; he mentioned neither transubstantiation, or consubstantiation. He did not refer to prayer beads, nor make a remark about wearing special robes, collars, mitres or skullcaps. He said nothing about lighting candles. No mention of Mary. No reference of some mother of God. Definitely No queen of heaven -- **Prophet Jeremiah in chapters 44** took care of that demonic worship 500 years earlier. Paul had no papal bull crap to be concerned with: though he does thank God through Jesus Christ for all the faithful ones during that time in Rome.

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**So what happened?** Did someone not led by the Spirit of God, not called up to the 3rd heaven, come after Paul with some hocus pocus news Paul forgot to tell Rome? **YES**. Criminals of hocus pocus in later years came who wanted to add confusion to Paul, let them be accursed; let them be as vessels worthy of the wrath of God, who sacrifice offerings to demons. [Come out of her My people](#).

If you attend an assembly prone to go beyond what Paul and the Twelve first told us, then [come out of her my people](#). Follow Jesus! Don't get in front of His agenda. Remember 3 days still are on the Lord's calendar. [3 Days are still on His Calendar](#)

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[Where Your Heart Is](#)

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