

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

Romans 1:18-3:20

- Paul's indictment of mankind as under the power of sin and exposed to the wrath of God – both Jew and Gentile
 - 2:1-16: there is no partiality with God
 - 2:17-29: specific indictment of the Jew

¹⁷ But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in God, ¹⁸ and know *His* will and approve the things that are essential, 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 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth;

²¹ You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal? ²² You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 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," just as it is written.

(Romans 2:17-24)

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1. Jewish Self-Identity

- Paul lists nine real privileges and advantages possessed by the Jew
- these privileges were due mainly to their possession of the Law

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2. Jewish Self-Deception

- by a series of rhetorical questions, Paul indicted the Jew for not practicing what he preached
- Paul uses three stark examples that represented the contradiction between claim and conduct that pervaded Judaism

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3. Jewish Covenant-Breaking

- through their law-breaking the Jews dishonored God and caused his name to be blasphemed
- in relation to God's judgment they are in the same category of the Gentile whom they despise

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➤ Warnings:

1. To those who call themselves Christians, know the Bible, go to church and yet live contrary to God's Word

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2. To those who publicly affirm the truths of the Bible but secretly live contrary to them

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3. To those who preach and teach the Bible but do not teach themselves

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4. To us who use the truth of our forgiveness and the sense of our assurance as license to indulge in sin