

Romans: The Gospel

All Under Sin

Romans 2:25-3:20 (Galatians 3:1-14)

<p>[Pray]</p> <p>:25-27</p> <p>Circumcision (cut around) Symbolism, belonging to God Intimacy, Blood, Tenderness</p> <p>Abrahamic covenant, for the nation Gen 17 - required to be Jewish</p> <p>Gen 34 Dinah raped People circumcised to become one people Dinah's brothers went and killed them all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moses, Zipporah "husband of blood" She did it, but hated it • Egyptians circumcised, Ishmael • David and Philistine foreskins, for Michal - making the enemy people, but really a ridiculous challenge • Paul had Timothy circumcised to reach jews - not for Timothy's salvation, but theirs <p>Still modern practice, sanitary benefits But not necessary</p> <p>Circumcision is indeed profitable if... you keep the law</p>	<p>If you're doing good, good, do more!</p> <p>2 Peter 1:5-7 - But also for this very reason [divine power, promises, partakers], giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.</p> <p>Circumcision has become uncircumcision</p> <p>Ouch! Might as well not have done it! (Wasted Sacrifice - a lot of pain and suffering for nothing)</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 5:5 - Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.</p> <p>The law <u>itself</u> is not corrupt, it is righteous and it's requirements are righteous</p> <p>Outward obedience means nothing without heart change</p> <p>Physically uncircumcised who keeps law judges one who is who breaks the law</p> <p>"Transgressor" Not just missing the mark, purposeful breaker</p>
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<p><i>"Irrelevant to <u>justification</u>"</i> (not sanctification)</p> <p>Rabbis taught Abraham at entrance of hell (like Peter at the pearly gates)</p> <p>Rabbis taught God judges Gentiles with one measure, Jews another</p>	<p>Punished but never lost - not far from idea of purgatory</p> <p>A little cut here and I'm good</p> <p><u>Imagine if getting into heaven was that easy...it's not</u> <u>It took God cutting off His Son!</u></p>
<p>:28-29</p> <p>Paul smacks them in the face you're not truly Jewish unless...</p> <p>Matthew 3:9-10 - "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.</p> <p>Galatians 4:4-5 - But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.</p>	<p>The flesh doesn't matter It's the heart that does</p> <p><u>Circumcision of the heart</u> <u>In the Spirit</u></p> <p>The Holy Spirit does the circumcising of the heart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not the heart the flesh • Not the flesh the heart <p>The work of God to be a child of God starts with God in the deepest part of us Not from the outside in, from the inside out</p> <p>If time, Gal 3:1-14</p>
<p>Better to be circumcised young! Circumcised as an adult, big deal As a baby, you won't remember</p> <p>Think back to your life - getting saved Do the pains of then still bother? No, it wasn't a big deal.</p> <p>But the later in life you got saved, the more potentially had to be cut. The more pain.</p>	<p>Cutting away shows allegiance Father in heaven or father the devil</p> <p>Outward Jew vs. Inward Jew which are yew?</p> <p><i>Side bar on Jewish people, Nation of Israel, God loving, Supporting their existence, wanting best for them, doesn't mean enabling them or excusing wrong behavior</i></p>

What Paul is preaching was not technically new. Just ignored.

Deuteronomy 10:16-17 - "Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. "For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

We like getting praise in the flesh for the flesh's pain!

But nobody should see your circumcision! Just God!

*Man looks on the outside, god on the inside
Do in secret god rewards openly*

Circumcision was always meant to be outward sign of inward change

- Much like baptism

What always matters to God was the inside, not the outside

William Newell, Romans 2 Summary
"Seven Great Principles of God's Judgment"

- God's judgment is according to **truth** (Romans 2:2).
- God's judgment is according to accumulated **guilt** (Romans 2:5).
- God's judgment is according to **works** (Romans 2:6).
- God's judgment is **without partiality** (Romans 2:11).
- God's judgment is according to **performance, not knowledge** (Romans 2:13).
- God's judgment reaches the **secrets of the heart** (Romans 2:16).
- God's judgment is **according to reality, not religious profession** (Romans 2:17-29).

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What profit to be Jewish and Circumcised?

What a heritage!

- American history, our history
- Their history, their people, their nation

AND trusted with God's word

Imagine if the founding fathers were in the Bible

America might have been a Christian nation but Israel was literally God's people

Jacob to Israel: Governed by God

To be a Christian and hate the Jews is crazy! Jesus is Jewish!

How amazing to be ethnically, nationally AND spiritually God's people

Great to be a Gentile believer grafted in, but how amazing to have it all

Not born in Montana,
will never be a full Montanan
But I'd love to be, Montanan in heart!

Some of my kids born elsewhere
but all they remember is Montana

Some kids actually born here - they are Montanan even if I am not

<p>The blessings of being a vessel for God</p>	<p>Not earned, just by His choice through your availability</p> <p><u>Are you available? Do you want to be?</u></p>
<p>:3-4</p> <p>Does our unbelief make God less faithful?</p> <p>No way!</p> <p>Our rejection doesn't mean God didn't do everything to get us</p>	<p>God's word doesn't return void</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either in blessing from it • or in judgment by it <p>God be true and everyone a liar</p> <p>God vs. everyone - God's still right</p> <p>Not far off in our day We try to suppress the truth in...</p>
<p>:5-8</p> <p>The contrast:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our unrighteousness • God's righteousness <p>Photography - painting with light</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadows, light, golden hour <p>Is God unjust who inflicts wrath?</p> <p>Kirk Cameron, Annihilationism/Conditionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hell is permanent • It is not God's unjustness that sent us to hell • It is our own <p>If my sin illustrates God's goodness why would I be judged for it?</p> <p><u>Don't the ends justify the means?</u></p> <p><u>No!</u></p>	<p>It simply reveals how much more gracious God is than we imagined.</p> <p>God needs no more opportunity to be God given to him by you.</p> <p><u>Twisting of scripture to satisfy the lusts of the flesh</u></p> <p>Apostasy, false teaching, etc.</p> <p>sin is still sin</p> <p>Hell is still permanent</p> <p>And he still gives every opportunity and ability to stop</p> <p>1 Cor 10:12 "Always a way out of sin"</p> <p>Prov 10:12b Love covers a multitude of sins</p> <p>The problem of greasy grace law for me, grace for you</p> <p>Wouldn't we rather be rewarded than just not being judged?</p>

<p>:9</p> <p>Superiority: Is being a Jew better than being a Gentile?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>Same worth. Different role. (Similarly male and female.)</p> <p>Moral, immoral, Jew, Gentile - <u>all under sin</u></p>	<p>Jews just the vessel of the message of the requirements</p> <p>“<u>Sold</u> under sin” Brings light to redemption - <u>bought back</u></p> <p><u>Both under</u> <u>All on the same sinking ship</u></p> <p>under the power of and guilt from [sin]</p>
<p>:10-18</p> <p>Quoting psalms, ecclesiastes, isaiah</p> <p><u>Remember, whole counsel of God</u> <u>Especially when determining doctrine</u></p> <p>Balanced Belief - balances out Becomes clearer the more is considered <u>The big picture</u></p> <p>Nobody is righteous No, we are not good people</p> <p>Mark 10:18 - So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.</p> <p><i>“Adam was not righteous [before the fall], he was innocent -- not knowing good and evil.”</i> Newell</p> <p><i>“Nobody beats the Wiz. Nobody.”</i></p> <p>Nobody does good without God- nobody Religious or not</p>	<p>It’s why we should never exalt people Put them in the place of God <u>Believe it or not, they ain’t!</u></p> <p>Seeking empty religion - really selfish because we just like it to appear a certain way - it’s what we like, not what God likes</p> <p><i>OT, Shekinah glory, gone. Taking ark out to battle but not asking God if it was to be won</i></p> <p>The way of <u>peace</u> they have not <u>known</u> <i>The way the truth the life</i></p> <p><u>Living under the law, works,</u> <u>is not a peaceful life</u> <i>Muslims, never know if they can be saved</i> <i>It’s no wonder they are so willing to wage war</i></p> <p><i>No fear of God (“entire thought” DGC)</i></p> <p><u>Fearing the law isn’t fearing the law giver</u></p> <p>Beginning of wisdom - fearing God Not afraid, but respect, awe He is who is he, and we who we are</p>

:19-20

Who is the law for?

Law breakers.

Cops theme

You'll never get pulled over FOR
doing the speed limit

The speed trap is not for you
You only get in trouble for the law not kept

**When the law goes after the
innocent there's outcry**

- The **law speaks**
- The **judge** gives **verdict**
- The **jail** carries out the **sentence**

The law speaks and shuts our mouth
Without excuse against the law

Ifs and buts have no way around it

No bribes

The law says what it says
and means what it says

**It's purpose - reveal our unrighteousness
and God's righteousness**

The line in the sand between us and him

Is 55:9 His ways high above our ways

The gulf fixed - Lazarus, Rich Man

**Jews thought any description in the
OT of evil was only speaking of
Gentiles! (dogs!)**

(how on earth they got that, i don't know...
"have you not read")

The law brings knowledge of sin

- We maybe guessed about sin,
- felt the weight of it,
- unsure exactly what is sin and not
- **But the law makes it all clear**

*Like going to the doctor, having tests done
Just a feeling, or a fact?*

*Spurgeon - FCB - God is wont to work in a
way so much above our fears and beyond our
hopes that we are greatly amazed and are
led to praise His sovereign grace. **No, it shall
not be with us as our hearts are
prophesying: the dark will not deepen into
midnight, but it will on a sudden brighten into
day. Never let us despair.***

**Even if the law (or our heart) condemns us
- we have a Savior**

**Adam and eve hiding and covering -
as if it would fix it**

**It merely showed
they knew they were guilty**

"Who told you were naked"

**In a way, Their bodies only felt naked
because their spirit died, not because of
the lack of clothes**

We try to rationalize all manner of nakedness -

physical, mental, spiritual

All manner of wickedness - as not, just by saying it's not

- “doing <blank> isn't wrong”
- “doing <blank> is who I am”
- I'm of <blank> heritage...so it's ok

The very rebellion against the law

- reveals the guilt,
- the perversion in heart
- The dead spirit

Throw a rock into a pack of dogs and the one who barks is the one who got hit

Sometimes we think we're doing ok

Looking good, muscles strong, smart, accomplished

Then we see someone more beautiful, smarter, richer, etc.

That's what the law does for us - like a mirror - it reveals the truth

We're not ok. Not as good as we thought (our efforts to give ourselves a break from the burden)

That's the law's work vs. our work

That's where the cross comes in
That's WHO Jesus is

The bridge across the uncrossable gulf

the mediator between us and the judge

The defense attorney saying the case is thrown

Our **replacement** in judgment

Our **righteousness** as a robe

Our **adoption** agent bringing us to the Father

Colossians 2:13-15 - And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Law does not save - it points to our need no matter who we are.

“He became sin who knew no sin that we might become the righteousness of God”

Do you want to be the righteousness of God? Let him adopt you.