

THE BOOK OF ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE. THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH
- THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 2:25-29

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

When Enough Is Not Enough – Part 2

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology
According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul.

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Romans 2:25-29

For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? 27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

Invisible love can be hard to maintain, even hard to keep alive.

Revelation 2:4-5

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.
5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works,

Romans 9:6b-7

For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham;

1 John 2:18-19

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

Here is the Background to the Context of our Message

This issue was so divisive among the early church that it was a point of separation among many of the “believers”

Acts 15:1,5

Now certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved...
5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.”

Moses never said “*you had to be circumcised to be saved*”
And the Pharisees themselves had not kept the Law of Moses.

The Issue had Become so Continuous that...

Acts 16:1-3

Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

When Enough Is Not Enough?

1.) How much is needed?

vs. 25

Verse 25

For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

2.) How does that happen?

vs. 26-27

Verse 26-27

26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? 27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you

When Enough Is Not Enough?

3.) How can I experience this for myself?

vs. 28-29

When Enough Is Not Enough?

How Can I Experience This For Myself?

3a.) You stop with the scorecard

vs. 28

Verse 28

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly,
nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;

Judgmental Paul” *shame on him*

Here’s a message that is completely unwelcomed in the church
of the 21st. century today.

In the church today – Paul would not be rebuked...

“For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly...”

- He is calling out hypocrisy – that makes him unloving.
- He is calling out legalism – that makes him a liberal.
- He is calling out liberalism – that makes him legalist.
- He is calling out Judaism – that makes him an apostate.

The equivalent today would be for me to say...

“You are not a Christian if you...”

**Israel was called to be God’s Instrument to the World –
The source of the Gospel of the Kingdom Message to the Gentiles**

Verse 28

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly,

To better drive this concept home – what is it on the outside of you,
that makes you an American? (nothing of course)

When Enough Is Not Enough?
How Can I Experience This For Myself?

3b.) You start with His grace

vs. 29a

Verse 29a

29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart,

Remember talking about the need of YOU experiencing a Faith-Crisis?

Once this happens – the evidence of internal circumcision of the heart (heart and mind) becomes evident. It is no longer the outward cutting away of the flesh - - His circumcision is not a sign, it's a seal, a mark, a stamp, a "sold" tag.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
by whom you were sealed (why) *for the day of redemption.*

Seal grk: sphragizo; safrag-id'-zo

to set a seal upon, mark with a seal, to seal for security from destruction (Satan). To mark by pressing into or upon or by embossing, stamping or sealing for the purpose of identification and proof of ownership, to authenticate an individual.

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands,
having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His,"

{ an authenticated witness }

John 20:31

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

The true pathos & ethos of the genuine Jew was this,
(or was to be this) – will someday be this:

Jeremiah 31:31-33

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant (testament) with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah – not according to the covenant (testament) that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant (testament) which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant (testament) that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and (then and only then) I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

The true pathos & ethos of the genuine Jew was this:

Ezekiel 36:27

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Ezekiel 37:14

I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it,” says the LORD.’ ”

To my Jewish friends I ask, “when” did this happen? “When” and “where” in the scriptures was this promise kept?

John 20:21-22

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit”.

The true pathos & ethos of the genuine Jew was this:

John 3:1-7

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “*Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.*” :3 Jesus answered and said to him, “*Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*” :4 Nicodemus said to Him, “*How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?*” :5 Jesus answered, “*Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.”*’

Nicodemus replied: "O' now I get it, Jesus, you mean we Jews should have taken the time to understand what Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Moses was saying for realz"

Isaiah 42:6

"I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles,

And this is exactly how the church began – remember this. The church started out being a body of Jews who "naturally" believed their Old Testament scriptures – who, being Jews, saw themselves as being obedient to those Old Testament scriptures."

Matthew 10:5-7

These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "*Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*"

Understand this:

This is not a verse to justify the heresy of "Replacement Theology" which teaches that the church has replaced Israel because of Israel's rejection of Jesus as messiah to this day – The church did not, is not, and will not ever take the place of Israel. There is a remnant of the Jews known to God – to be revealed at the coming of the 7-year tribulation period that is soon to come.

Galatians 6:15-16

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. :16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

As with Abraham and Jacob, you become a Jew when you believe in Yeshua Hamashiach, {Jesus the Messiah}. What makes you a {Jew in spirit} is not the culture you came from, the rituals which you've gone through, the circumstances of your life, or your background, ancestry, or history, - it is the fact that you have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ – that is what makes you a Jew before God!

Galatians 3:28-29

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; *for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Colossians 3:11

There is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

John 10:16

Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and One Shepherd.

When Enough Is Not Enough?

How Can I Experience This For Myself?

3c.) You live with the reality

vs. 29b

Verse 29b

is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter;
whose praise is not from men but from God.

I Repeat Again...

Deuteronomy 10:16

Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

Verse 29c

whose praise is not from men but from God.

This “praise” is not only meaning - - #1 approved by God, to be the just, true and acceptable origin of worship. But also #2 it always speaks to the fact that God Himself will participate in the worship.

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Yet in the Future – is Heaven. It’s a Real Place for those who otherwise have no right to be there – but Jesus,

Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

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