

Romans 3:1-31 **Advantage of the Jews – All under sin – No room for Pride**

Great advantage for the Jews

¹ What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? ² Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.

Faithfulness of God in the face of unbelief

³ For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?

⁴ Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:

"That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."

⁵ But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) ⁶ Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world? ⁷ For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? ⁸ And why not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"?--as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

All are under sin – None righteous, no not one

⁹ What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. ¹⁰ As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." ¹³ "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; ¹⁴ "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." ¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their ways; ¹⁷ And the way of peace they have not known." ¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Value of the Law – Righteousness of God – Through faith in Jesus

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

No room for Pride

²⁷ Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. ²⁹ Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, ³⁰ since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

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Facts Revealed:

Great advantage for the Jews

- ✚ The Jews with the covenant of circumcision have a terrific advantage over the Gentiles.
 - ✧ Basically because all the oracles (revelations) of God were given to Israel through all the Patriarchs and Prophets of Old Testament and Jesus and the Apostles afterward.
 - ✧ As Paul said, to the Jew first and then to the Gentile. [Romans 1:16, 2:9-10, Matthew 10:5-6, Acts 9:15]
 - ✧ Jesus went first to the Jews in their synagogues, cities, villages, and lands. [Matthew 4:23, 9:35, 12:9, 13:54, Mark 1:21-22, 39, 3:1, 6:1-2, Luke 4:14-16, 4:44, 6:6, 13:10, John 6:59, 18:20]
 - ✧ In all of Paul's journeys, he always went first to the Jews in their synagogue or place of meeting before he turned to the Gentiles, that the Jews might be the first to hear the Gospel message. [Acts 9:20, 13:5, 14, 44-47, 14:1, 17:1, 10, 17:16-17, 18:4, 19, 19:1-8]
 - ✧ In the case of Cornelius, the Angel of the Lord instructed the Gentile commander to call for the Jewish Apostle Peter so he and his household might hear the Gospel message. [Acts 10:1-8]
 - ✧ However the advantage of the Jews is not a point for them to harbor pride, but to become a source of light to the Gentile world around them. [Romans 3:9-18, 27]

Faithfulness of God in the face of unbelief [Romans 3:3-8]

- ✚ The fact that some do not believe, does not make the faithfulness of God ineffective, but rather continues the pattern of unbelief Israel has struggled with from the beginning.
 - ✧ God's judgment will be fully justified by the unbelief and wickedness of the people.
 - ✧ God Who inflicts Wrath is not unjust as He judges the world.
 - ✧ The truth of God has increased to the glory of God through the ministry of Paul, so Paul asked, "why am I also still judged as a sinner?" [Romans 3:7]
 - ✧ Paul has been maligned by the Jews as saying, "Let us do evil that good may come." [Romans 3:8]
 - ✧ For this Paul responds, "Their condemnation is just." [Romans 3:9]
 - ✧ Those who misjudge an Apostle can look forward to receiving the Wrath of God for their false judgment.

All are under sin – None righteous, no not one [Romans 3:9-19]

- ✚ What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. [Romans 3:9]
 - ✧ This statement that all are guilty of sin is well attested to in Scripture. [Psalm 14:1-3, 53:1-3, Romans 3:9-18, 23, Galatians 3:23]

Value of the Law – Righteousness of God – Through faith in Jesus [Romans 3:19-26]

- ✚ The Law of God was given to the Jews who are under the Law. [Romans 3:19-20]
 - ✧ The purpose of the Law was to destroy pride by demonstrating that all the world is guilty of sin before God through revealing the knowledge of what is sin. [Romans 3:19-20]
- ✚ The Righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed through faith in Jesus Messiah (Christ) to all who believe, as witnessed by the Law and the prophets. [Romans 3:21-22]
- ✚ There is **no difference between Jew and Gentile**, because **all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God**. [Romans 3:22-23]
- ✚ The righteousness of God is demonstrated by the fact that God offers to freely justify the believer by His Grace through the Redemption God has provided us in Messiah Yeshuah (Christ Jesus). [Romans 3:24]
- ✚ God provided the Blood of Jesus as a covering for our sins to make propitiation (Atonement) for the believer through faith to reconcile the believer to God Himself. [Romans 3:25]

- ✚ God's plan of Salvation through faith in Messiah Yeshuah is to demonstrate the righteousness of God. [\[Romans 3:25\]](#)
- ✚ In His forbearance (patience) God passed over the sins that we had previously committed to demonstrate His righteousness to the present generation, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. [\[Romans 3:26\]](#)

No room for Pride [\[Romans 3:27-31\]](#)

- ✚ Since Jews and Gentiles are all guilty of sin, one can not boast over the other because we are all saved by faith in Messiah Yeshuah.
- ✚ Therefore we realize that man is justified by faith apart from deeds of the Law.
- ✚ God is equally the God of the Jews and the God of the Gentiles.
- ✚ There is one God Who justifies both Jew and Gentile Through faith.
- ✚ Faith does not make the Law void, but establishes the Law.
 - ✧ The Law reveals the need of Atonement because it reveals our sin and failure.
 - ✧ The Grace of God through faith in Messiah Yeshuah provides the only Atonement acceptable to God.
 - ✧ Therefore, the Law brings us to acknowledge our need, and to seek the grace and mercy of God provided through faith in Jesus. The Law brings us to Christ. [\[Galatians 3:24\]](#)