

III. THE JEWS SINNED AGAINST THEIR COVENANT
_____ TO GOD ROMANS 2:25-29

Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!" EXODUS 24:3

Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!" EXODUS 24:7

A. The Jews trusted in their physical _____.

For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. So if the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law? ROMANS 2:25-27

B. The Jews needed spiritual _____.

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God. ROMANS 2:28-29

1. A circumcision that cleanses the heart.

...and circumcision is that which is of the heart, ROMANS 2:29a

2. A circumcision of the Holy Spirit.

...by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God. ROMANS 2:29b

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Sermon Notes

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SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ROMANS
"THE ROMAN'S ROAD TO
VICTORY IN CHRIST"

THEME: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD
Romans reveals how God can be just and still a justifier of sinners.

KEY VERSES: *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."* ROMANS 1:16-17

Message #3

The Jews' Need for Righteousness
ROMANS 2:9 – 24

Preface: God deals with sin without favoritism.

1. The sin of Jews and Gentiles results in punishment.

There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, ROMANS 2:9

2. The obedience of Jews and Gentiles results in blessings.

...but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ROMANS 2:10

For there is no partiality with God. ROMANS 2:11

I. JEWS AND GENTILES ALIKE HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE TRUTH OF GOD'S _____ ROMANS 2:12-16

A. The Jews violated God's Special Revelation.

For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law; for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified. ROMANS 2:12-13

Note on Romans 2:13

v. 13 “...the doers of the Law will be justified.” Salvation and the forgiveness of sins were available through the sacrificial system described in the Law. “doing” here refers not to works based salvation but the faith expressed as individuals acknowledged their sin and offered sacrifices as substitutes for their own punishment.

The second he shall then prepare as a burnt offering according to the ordinance So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin which he has committed, and it will be forgiven him. LEVITICUS 5:10

Note change described in Romans 3:21

But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ROMANS 3:21

B. The Gentiles violated God's _____ Revelation.

For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus. ROMANS 2:14-16

II. THE JEWS HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE TRUTH IN THEIR OWN _____ ROMANS 2:17-24

A. The Jews were arrogant about their status as religious elite.

But if you bear the name “Jew” and rely upon the Law and boast in God, and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law, and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth, ROMANS 2:17-20

B. The Jews were condemned for their sin as religious hypocrites.

...you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal? You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? For “THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU,” just as it is written. ROMANS 2:21-24