

SERMON: ROMANS CHAPTER 2

[SLIDE 2] The title of the sermon today is “ROMANS CHAPTER 2.”

I want to continue where we left off with Romans Chapter 1. If you remember Romans Chapter 1, we talked about Paul being a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, and separated unto the GOSPEL OF GOD.

Paul separated himself from the world and became a servant of GOD. This is what we need to be doing. We need to get away from the worldly things and separate ourselves to GODLY THINGS. If you remember, the first part of Chapter 1 is all positive WHILE the second part of the Chapter shows GOD’S ANGER with sin. God hates sin. We should HATE sin too and HATE all things that lead us to sin.

We will only stop committing certain sins by HATING those sins. If we enjoy or like them in any way, we’ll keep doing them.

The second half of Romans Chapter 1 describes the wicked society in Rome. Paul talks about men burning with desire for other men and women with women. He talks about the vile and disgusting things these people do. He talks about God giving people up and rejecting them due to their wickedness and continuance in rejecting God. God rejects people. God gives people up. When this happens, there is no other destination but hell.

And Paul says that people HAVE NO EXCUSE for not knowing God, for not seeing God, for not understanding God, and for not believing God.

[SLIDE 3] Romans 1:19-20 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Listen, God gets ANGRY. If you don’t think God gets angry, you need to read the Bible. Does God sin by getting angry? No way. God tells us who He is in the Bible, and He gets angry with sin. That’s why hell exists. God will eliminate all of the wickedness with hell. Hell serves a very good purpose.

The last half of Chapter 1 of Romans is talking about the Gentiles being condemned by God. Chapter 2 will talk about the Jews being condemned by God because of their wickedness and sin. Chapter 3 in verse 23 says this:

[SLIDE 4] Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

So Chapter 1 and 2 is building up to the point right there in Chapter 3 that says ALL HAVE SINNED! So these first few chapters of Romans go together very well. The Gentiles are condemned in Chapter 1. The Jews are condemned in Chapter 2. And we see that ALL HAVE SINNED and come short of the glory of God in Chapter 3. Chapter 3 tells us there is no difference in Jew and Gentile. All have sinned the Bible says.

Romans Chapter 2 is not an easy chapter to understand. But, listen, we’re going to go through this and explain every verse. Once we do this, you’ll know and understand Romans Chapter 2. Not many people can say they understand Romans 2. Today, we’re going to learn this chapter well.

At some points, you might think the Bible is teaching a works based salvation. Let's take a look at an example in Romans Chapter 2.

[SLIDE 5] Romans 2:6-9 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

If you want to be saved by the law of God, you MUST keep the entire law. If you are able to keep the entire law, you will be saved. You will receive eternal life. If you have no sin, you have eternal life. Good works can get you to heaven if you only do good deeds all the time for your entire life. So, we ask the question today: "Can anyone be saved by doing the works of the law their entire life?"

Let's see how the Bible answers this question: "Can anyone be saved by the works of the law; by doing good deeds?"

[SLIDE 6] Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

This is very clear. The very end of that verse says "FOR BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW SHALL NO FLESH BE JUSTIFIED."

When we look back at Romans Chapter 2, we'll see Jews that are trying to find salvation, trying to be saved by doing good works. They think that they are able to be saved by following all of God's commandments and doing good works. And this is true. You will be saved if you 100% follow all of God's commandments your entire life, every second, every minute, every hour, every day, every year.

God commanded His people to be circumcised in the Book of Genesis. He says to keep His covenant and for every male to be circumcised.

[SLIDE 7] Genesis 17:10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

So look down to verse 25 in Romans Chapter 2.

[SLIDE 8] Romans 2:25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

This is saying that works of the law, keeping God's commandments, will profit you IF YOU KEEP THE LAW. But, if you break God's law in ANY WAY, that work of circumcision is made uncircumcision. God is saying that works of the law mean nothing if you break a single point of the law. If you break one point of the law, you've broken all of them.

[SLIDE 9] James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

This is what the Bible says about earning your way into heaven with good works. You can earn your way into heaven with good works and keeping all of God's commandments. If you break just one, though, it's over. You've broken all of them and it's over.

If you can keep God's law throughout your entire life and never sin once, you can make it into heaven on your own because you are righteous and do right all the time. This means you're perfect in God's eyes.

But what does Chapter 3 tell us? Chapter 3 tells us that there is NO ONE who does right all the time. God tells us that no one is perfect. If each and every person in this world is honest, they will tell you that they aren't perfect. I know who I am. Many of you know who I am. You know I'm not perfect. The ones who are close to me know I'm not perfect. The ones who are not as close might think I do no wrong. That's laughable. I mess up every day.

And you know what? I know you mess up every day too. How do I know? The Bible says so. But HEY, don't get discouraged when you mess up. Get better. God loves us and yet we're sinners every day. But we believe what He says, and He says that is what makes us righteous. He's given us HIS righteousness because we simply believe what He says.

So, you can't just take some of the verses in Chapter 2 and use them to prove a works based salvation. God is explaining what He means. He's saying: "Hey, if you do all the works of the law and never sin, you will receive eternal life." But keep reading and He'll tell you that there is none righteous, no not one.

False preachers and teachers pick and choose isolated verses. They say: "Hey look, told you that salvation is based on your deeds and your works. It says it right there." You have to read the next verse, the next passage, the next chapter, the next book, the entire Bible to completely and fully understand what God is saying. He's explaining salvation in every way possible so we'll understand.

You can pick and choose whatever you want from the Bible and make it say whatever you want. God knew people would do that. God knows who is picking and choosing what they want and creating their own man-made religions.

You can't hide from God. God knows the evil and wicked people of this world. God is dividing people every day. There are only 2 groups. The heaven group and the hell group. Change God's words, and you'll be in the latter group.

Romans Chapter 1 is condemnation on the Gentiles. Romans Chapter 2 is condemnation on the Jews. Romans Chapter 3 is condemnation on all because ALL HAVE SINNED. In other words, we ALL need salvation no matter who we are because we've all broken God's laws.

With that overview, let's look at verse 1 of Romans Chapter 2.

[SLIDE 10] Romans 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

I'm sure you've heard people repeat the saying that the Bible says you shouldn't judge anyone. People in the world today absolutely LOVE to use that saying. Don't judge me for doing this evil act. They already feel guilty about it so they'll say: "You can't judge me because the Bible says so."

This verse isn't saying not to judge. It's saying not to judge if you do the exact same things. It's talking about being a hypocrite. It's saying you are actually judging yourself and condemning yourself because you're doing the same things you're judging someone else for doing.

Did you know John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" WAS the most popular verse in the Bible? Let me show you the MOST POPULAR and most quoted verse in all the Bible today, and this will help you understand the current state and health of our world.

[SLIDE 11] Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

Hey, if you STOP reading right there then you can come to the conclusion that you shouldn't judge anything or anyone. That's called picking and choosing anything you want in the Bible and making it say whatever you want. But, hey, let's not stop there. Let's keep reading.

[SLIDE 12] Matthew 7:2-5 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

This passage is talking about being a hypocrite. You can't judge your brother and help your brother if you're doing worse than your brother. But when can you help your brother? You can help him if you STOP doing the bad things that you're doing. It says to first get the BEAM out of your own eye. Then, you can help your brother get the MOTE out of his eye.

Look, what this is saying, is I CANNOT HELP YOU stop lying if I'm a big time liar myself. I can't help you to stop fornicating if I'm a big time fornicator myself. But, if I've learned to stop lying and to stop fornication, then I can help you. I've got the experience. I'm not doing it myself any more. It's saying don't judge others when you're doing the same things yourself.

Once you're doing better, then you can help others do better too. That's what the Bible teaches.

Let's continue with one more verse from Matthew 7 verse 6.

[SLIDE 13] Matthew 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

The word rend right there means to tear into parts or to split. The Bible is saying to pick and choose who you give advice to from the Bible. Don't just go up to a stranger and start telling them how they're wrong. People you know will listen to you much more because they have respect for you. They know who you are. You shouldn't case your pearls before swine. Think of that. Don't give the holy things to the wicked people.

King Solomon tells us similar things throughout Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

[SLIDE 14] Proverbs 9:8 *Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.*

[SLIDE 15] Proverbs 13:1 *A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.*

[SLIDE 16] Proverbs 24:25 *But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.*

[SLIDE 17] Ecclesiastes 7:5 *It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.*

If someone who knows the Bible very well comes to you and says: "Hey, you're wrong about this." You need to listen.

If you come to me and tell me I'm wrong and here's why within the Bible, I will listen. Hey, it doesn't bother me to be wrong. I want to know the truth. I'm not perfect. I am far, far, far from perfect. I know that. I've been wrong, and I'll continue to be wrong. But, hey, I understand and know who isn't wrong! That's God Almighty. He's never wrong. I want to learn the truth more than I don't want someone to prove me wrong.

I will not ignore the truth. It's okay to be wrong. The world won't end if you're wrong in your beliefs. It's better to change your beliefs than continue to be wrong and do things against God Almighty. In other words, I love for someone to prove me wrong. I NEED THAT! Then I can correct it and get better. That's loving of you to correct me. If you don't correct me, that's easier for you and that's loving yourself more than you love me.

Godly love is loving others more than yourself. It's doing the difficult things. It's doing what's best for others. It's not allowing me to continue in a lie or in something that I'm not understanding properly.

Something you shouldn't do to others is to criticize them for something good they are doing and tell them how they could do it better when you aren't even doing it yourself. For example, soul winning. Churches around here can't criticize us in how we do soul winning because they NEVER do it themselves!

They might say: "Well, you should do it this way because this would be better." Then you find out that they don't even do it themselves. It's too much work to go walk around and spend your time saving people from hell like God asked us to do. That's called being a hypocrite because you criticize someone and you don't even try to fulfill God's commandment yourself.

In other words, look at yourself, examine yourself before you go judging other people.

[SLIDE 18] 2 Corinthians 13:5 *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*

So, look, is it okay to judge someone when they preach a false Gospel? Is it okay to rebuke all the churches in this area who preach a works based salvation to their entire congregation? In other words, is it okay to correct someone and argue with someone who is sending people to hell?

[SLIDE 19] 2 Timothy 4:2-5 *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their*

ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

If we don't correct people who are lying to others, this is called self love. This is NOT Godly love if we just accept everything that is going against God's commandments just so we don't cause arguments. This church started because of all the false Gospels that are out there. No one is getting saved in this area. No one is preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to this community.

If they are, when? I've lived here my entire life. No one has EVER come to me with the Gospel. They're waiting for people to come to them. They never go out to people. The Bible doesn't say sit and wait around until people come to you. The Bible says to GO OUT and preach the Gospel. But see, that's too much work or they're too ashamed of Jesus Christ to GO OUT and do what He says.

So again, it's okay to judge. Let's see what the Bible says in Romans Chapter 2 verse 27.

[SLIDE 20] Romans 2:27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

[SLIDE 21] 1 Corinthians 10:15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

[SLIDE 22] 1 Corinthians 11:13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

In that Chapter right there, it tells us that a woman should have long hair and have her head covered by the long hair. In that verse right there it says to judge in yourselves that a woman should have longer hair for a covering of her head. So am I being judgmental? That verse commands us to judge that.

The Bible teaches us that we should be able to use our brains and judge what's right and what's wrong. We need to determine what's right and wrong by using the Bible. We should use God's commandments to judge. We don't use OUR false rules or false judgments. Judge according to God's law. Jesus Himself says this:

[SLIDE 23] John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

A righteous judgment is judging according to God's law in His BIBLE. It's not my views. It's not my personal beliefs. It's God's laws and commandments.

[SLIDE 24] 1 Corinthians 14:29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

In other words, when a preacher is preaching from the Bible or when someone is telling you what the Bible means, it's time to start judging what's being said. We need to make sure, as a Church, that we get the Bible right.

Prophesying is preaching the word of God. If you're preaching the word of God, that's prophesying. If you're giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that's prophesying. Are you getting it right? You need to be judged when speaking the word of God. The Bible says so.

[SLIDE 25] 1 Thessalonians 5:18-21 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 19 Quench not the Spirit. 20 Despise not prophesyings. 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

In other words, you are to judge everything I say in accordance with God's word. If you aren't up here preaching, it's time to start judging. It's okay to judge.

For example, righteous judgement would be kicking an adult out of the church for wearing a nasty and vile t-shirt with filthy words into the church. You walk in here with a nasty and vile t-shirt, you'll be heading right back out the door. No one here wants to see that trash.

I've seen it before in other churches and the leader of the church ignores it and says nothing. That's telling everyone else that it's okay to wear that trash when it's not okay. That's called righteous judgment.

Let's go back to Romans Chapter 2 verse 1 and start again there.

[SLIDE 26] Romans 2:1-2 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. 2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

It's saying the judgment of God is according to truth against the people who do such things. That's what we just talked about and matches with everything we just went over from other parts of the Bible. Do you see that? Let's keep going.

[SLIDE 27] Romans 2:3-4 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? 4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

You can't escape the judgment of God. You can't act like you don't do the same things like you can in front of man who doesn't know what you're doing in secret. There are no secrets with God.

[SLIDE 28] Jeremiah 23:24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

God fills the heaven and the earth. You have no secrets in front of God Almighty. When you understand the goodness of God, that leads you to repentance. It leads you to a change in mind. It leads you to understand God's goodness, and you will feel bad about the things you have done wrong. You won't want to do those things any more.

[SLIDE 29] Romans 2:5-9 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

Remember that God is talking about people who think they are saved by the works of the law. Those people who think they are saved by doing the deeds of the law are NOT doing all the law. He's saying these people who think their good works will get them to heaven are hypocrites.

He's saying it doesn't matter if you're Jew or Gentile. It doesn't matter if you think you're God's chosen group of people. No works that you can do will gain you access to heaven. If you think it's works, God will render to EVERY man according to HIS DEEDS. This won't end up good. If you do evil, there will be anguish.

But, the Bible says right here if you are perfect all the time and do ALL THE DEEDS OF THE LAW, you will receive eternal life. This means you don't need a Savior because you're perfect on your own.

[SLIDE 30] Romans 2:10-11 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: 11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

So hey, look, it says glory, honour, and peach to every man that worketh good. It doesn't matter if you're Jew or Gentile or anything else. God is no respecter of persons. This means He doesn't care where you came from. If you can do good all your life 100% of the time, you've made it. You don't need anything else. You receive eternal life by following all of God's law all the time. This means you can make it to heaven by NEVER SINNING.

Let's continue in verse 12.

[SLIDE 31] Romans 2:12-13 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; 13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

If you don't have the law meaning you don't know God's commandments, then you will perish without the law. Then it says if you have sinned in the law, if you know the law and break the law, you will be judged by the law.

Hearers of the law are not justified before God. If you just hear it and don't do it, hearing alone doesn't justify you. In other words, coming to church and hearing what you're supposed to do and not doing it, that's no good. But that's what most church goers do and believe. They think coming to church is a good thing because they came and they sat in the seat. In reality, that doesn't do anything for you.

Verse 13 says that DOERS OF THE LAW are justified before God. This means if you think it's your good works that you get to heaven, you better be a DOER of the law in all aspects and at all times. You're not a doer of the law if you break any of God's laws. If you've lied before, you're not a doer of the law. You are a sinner because you've broken God's law.

Again, God is saying that if you're going to be a doer of the law, you have to be a DOER OF THE LAW. If your works are going to get you to heaven, you can glory before God because of your righteousness and because you did it all on your own. That's what this Chapter is teaching. Some people take the verses out of context and say that you must have good works to get to heaven.

This Chapter is teaching the opposite of that. It's saying if your good works are going to get you to heaven, you can't be a sinner. Understand that as you go back and read this Chapter on your own. You'll see the truth that matches with every other book of the Bible and every verse of the Bible.

If we look to the very next Chapter of Romans, you'll see how this all fits together perfectly. I want to show you the conclusion of all this teaching in Romans Chapter 3. It spoils the ending, but I think you already know the ending.

[SLIDE 32] Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Earlier in Chapter 3, we're told that there are NO 100% DOERS OF THE LAW. It tells us that all MEN have sinned and come short of the glory of God. It tells us that there is none righteous, no not one. Now the conclusion is given to us that since no man can do all the works of the law that the ONLY way we can be justified is by FAITH alone without the deeds of the law.

So look, people who pick and choose verses in Chapter 2 that say you must do good works to be saved didn't even read to this conclusion that's given right here. We are all justified by faith WITHOUT the deeds of the law. That really can't be more clear. Yet, entire Christian denominations, millions upon millions of people will say the exact opposite of what the Bible says.

You could sit down and read Romans Chapter 1, 2, and 3 in just 10 minutes and understand that those millions of people have it all wrong. It's very simple and easy to see when God opens your eyes.

[SLIDE 33] Romans 3:29-31 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: 30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. 31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Then the Bible repeats it again and again. The Bible says that faith alone saves you in every way possible, and yet, churches will teach that it takes more than faith. It doesn't because GOD SAYS SO. A church has no authority. God has the authority. It doesn't matter what I say or what any man says. God has THE authority. He is THE authority.

We'll continue in Romans Chapter 2 at verse 14.

[SLIDE 34] Romans 2:14-15 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

The Bible tells us right here that people who don't know the laws within the Bible actually do the law and follow the law by nature. He says the work of the law is written in their hearts, and they have a conscience which bears witness to God's law.

People know when they do right and wrong. They have a conscience that God gave them. This is proof that God exists. When people ask for proof of God, that proof is all around them and within them. The Bible says that not one person who has ever lived has a valid excuse for rejecting God.

[SLIDE 35] Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Let's continue in verse 16 of Chapter 2.

[SLIDE 36] Romans 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

I love that verse right there. How will people be judged by God? God will judge all people in that day according to the Gospel of God. If you have accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you're in. If you've rejected the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you're out. It's that simple. You either believe what God says OR not.

If you reject the Gospel of Jesus Christ all your life, you will be judged by the law. Since you don't have Jesus, you will be judged by your deeds through the law. And guess what? That's not good news because one offense of the law means you are guilty of the whole law. One sin makes you guilty. One lie makes you a liar. One murder makes you a murderer.

[SLIDE 37] Romans 2:17-20 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, 18 And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; 19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, 20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

Clearly, Paul is talking to the Jews here in this Chapter because they believe they keep the law of God. He says they rest in the law. He says the Jews know God's will and approve of His law. He tells the Jews that they are confident that they are the light. They know the truth is in the law of God.

But let's keep reading and studying here. Those verse were positive, but let's see the turning point here.

[SLIDE 38] Romans 2:21-23 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? 22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? 23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

Paul is not being positive any more. He's preaching the truth to the Jews, and they won't like it. He says: "Hey, you're telling others what God's law says but you don't follow it yourself. You're up there preaching not to steal and you steal yourself. You say a man shouldn't commit adultery but you do it yourself. You tell others not to have idols but you have idols yourself. You BOAST AND GLORY about the law, but YOU BREAK THE LAW!!!"

Paul is preaching hard to the Jews in this chapter. Let's see what he says next.

[SLIDE 39] Romans 2:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

In other words, the name of God is made evil through the Jews who preach one thing and do another. They are hypocrites and turn the name of God into evil. So listen, we need to learn a lesson right here. If we're going to stand up here and preach, if we're going out into the community and preaching the word of God, we better be right with God. We better not be hypocrites. We better get this right.

Look, I don't want people to look at me preaching against sin and I go and do the same sins myself. That leads to blaspheme of God's name.

[SLIDE 40] Romans 2:25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

Circumcision is an act of the law. The Bible says right here that this good act of the law profits you IF YOU KEEP THE LAW 100% of the time. BUT, if you break the law at any point, that good act of circumcision is no longer counted as good.

That's like saying you go out and murder someone and all the good things you've done in your life won't get you out of that murder. The jury isn't going to care that you did other good things in your life. You're still a murderer. You are still guilty of murder.

[SLIDE 41] Romans 2:26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

Paul is saying: "Hey, if the Gentiles keep the law of God, that uncircumcision will be counted for circumcision." In other words, people who keep the law no matter who they are, will be counted as God's people. God is no respecter of persons. This verse is repeating that same point.

[SLIDE 42] Romans 2:27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

Paul says: "Look, uncircumcision is by nature. If it fulfills the law, it will judge you." Paul says the Jews are transgressing the law or going against the law. If you're not keeping the whole law, then you're going against the law. The Jews are not keeping the law is what Paul is saying here BUT YET they boast about keeping the law.

So Paul then goes on in the next verse by telling them they aren't real Jews if they aren't keeping the law.

[SLIDE 43] Romans 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

So who are real Jews? Paul says it's not you who call yourselves Jews. He says it doesn't matter what your flesh says you are outwardly. He says what's on the inside is what makes you a Jew. He says it takes circumcision of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter.

If you believe God and what He says, Paul says you have the praise of God. You don't need the praise of men. You have the praise of God. How do you get that? Simply believe what God says, and you'll have His praise. God knows you haven't kept the law. God decided to impute righteousness to ANYONE who believes what He says.

When the Bible talks about Jews, it's not talking about a race or an ethnicity. People in today's world use it to talk about a race of people. They'll say: "Well, I can tell he's a Jew because of his outward appearance. He order Kosher meals. He's dressed a certain way. He has all of these books that he's constantly reading. I can see he's a Jew."

If that's the case, then you wouldn't be able to become a Jew because you can't change your race or ethnicity. Isn't that correct? Yes, if a Jew was ONLY race you couldn't become a Jew. But, look what the Bible says.

[SLIDE 44] Esther 8:17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

So, for example, this verse is talking about Jews as the religion of Judaism. You can't become a Jew in this verse if it's talking about a race. It's talking about converting them to their Jewish religion.

People who call themselves Jews but corrupted the truth about God are not Jews any more according to God. This is what Paul is saying. God called people who believed Him Jews. The Jews continued to corrupt and created their own rules and their own religion. This is called the religion of Judaism today. It has nothing to do with race or ethnicity.

So many people in churches today will say that the Jews are God's chosen people. Have you heard people say that before? Well, let's get this straight today. God's chosen people don't reject Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God. You can't have God the Father without God the Son. The Bible says so.

[SLIDE 45] 1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

[SLIDE 46] 1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

[SLIDE 47] 2 John 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

There's 3 verses right there that prove the religion of Judaism does NOT include God's chosen people. Just because someone is a Jew racially, it doesn't make them God's chosen people. Any so-called Jews that are practicing the religion of Judaism are antichrist. Then you hear people say that God is going to one day MAKE THEM BELIEVE. If you think so, you don't know God at all.

What people call "JEWS" today are not God's chosen people. Understand that today. The Bible is VERY CLEAR about this. We are NOT to be PRO-ISRAEL. Israel is a man-made country created by the United Nations. The people living in Israel today practicing Judaism HATE our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They will tell you that. They say He was a false Savior who practiced black magic.

Think about how crazy and ignorant the statements are that say the Jews in Israel are God's chosen people. Your race, your ethnicity, the country where you live; none of that makes you God's chosen people. That's silly. God doesn't care who you are. He says so. He only care what you believe.

If you compare Philippians 3:3 with Romans 2:28-29, you'll see that the CIRCUMCISION is those who worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus. This automatically disqualifies any people who practice the religion of Judaism because they don't REJOICE in Christ Jesus. They HATE HIM!!!

[SLIDE 48] Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Does that mean all so-called Jews because of their race are not God's people. No, it doesn't. If those people are of Jewish ethnicity and believe on Jesus Christ, they ARE God's Chosen People!!! It doesn't matter if you're from Antarctica, Africa, Asia, Russia, Japan, China, or the United States, GOD DOESN'T CARE where you're from. Believe on Jesus Christ and you are saved.

The Bible says there are a remnant of Jews that believe on Jesus Christ. Paul is one of those!!! He says so in the Bible.

Look, if you put your faith in Jesus Christ to save you, you aren't trusting your flesh. Look at the end of that verse right there. It says that we are the circumcision and have NO CONFIDENCE in the flesh. This means you're SAVED if you understand that you can't save yourself in any way. Your works will not save you in any way. This means you have no confidence in your flesh.

If you think the works that you do will save you in any way, you're not saved. In other words, if you think baptism saves you, you're trusting in your works. If you think repenting of sin saves you, you're trusting in your works. Faith in Jesus Christ is 100% trust in Him alone to save you. If it's not 100% in Jesus, you don't have faith in Jesus. Understand that today. It's MOST important!!!

The religion of Judaism 100% trusts in their works. They do not deny that. True Biblical Christianity 100% TRUSTS in Jesus.

But take a look today: so-called Christians are corrupting the truth just like the so-called Jews have corrupted the truth. The corruption continues and continues and won't stop until God throws all the corruption straight into hell. That's a day of rejoicing for God's TRUE PEOPLE.

Listen, you should be sick of the lies. You should hate the lies that all around you. The lies should make you sick to your stomach. When someone who says they are a Christian, says that you must be baptized, that you must repent of your sins, and that you must endure to the end, you should feel a sickness in your stomach. You should HATE hearing those lies, and you should REBUKE those lies. Don't let it go. Speak up and say something.

Here's what the Bible says:

[SLIDE 49] Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

God doesn't care who you are, but He does care what you believe. Do you believe on Jesus Christ 100% to save you? Or, do you believe in yourself and your works of the law to save you?

Do you believe that going to church is going to save you in any way? If so, you aren't going to heaven.

Do you believe that you must be a good person to get to heaven? If so, you aren't going to heaven.

Do you believe that saying your daily prayer is going to save you? If so, you aren't going to heaven.

Do you believe that asking forgiveness of your sins each day is going to save you? If so, you aren't going to heaven.

Do you believe that asking a man for forgiveness is going to save you? If so, you aren't going to heaven.

Now, listen to these questions:

Do you believe that Jesus Christ came to Earth, was conceived of the Holy Ghost, was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, died on the cross with all your sins on Him, did His soul go to hell as a burnt offering for your sins, did Jesus arise from the dead in His body 3 days later? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that His sacrifice saves you from your sins. Do you believe that Jesus did it all for you, and you can do nothing to save yourself?

If so, you're going to heaven. That's it my friends. If you don't believe that Jesus did it all, if you believe that you can earn your way into heaven, you're in trouble. And look, I want to see you in heaven. If you have questions, come and see me. I would be more than happy to show you the truth in the Bible.

Let's pray.