

Romans 3:1-2 (NLT)

Then what's the advantage of being a Jew? Is there any value in the ceremony of circumcision? ² Yes, there are great benefits! First of all, the Jews were entrusted with the whole REVELATION of God.

Romans 3:3-4 (NLT)

True, some of them were unfaithful;
but just because they were unfaithful,
does that mean God will be unfaithful?

⁴ Of course not! Even if everyone else
is a liar, God is true...

Romans 3:19-20 (NLT)

Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. ²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

**What do we REALLY
DESERVE?**

Romans 3:9-20

GENTILES

Creation

Conscience

JEWS

Creation

Conscience

God's Law

Romans 2:23-25 (NLT)

You are so proud of **knowing THE LAW**,
but you **DISHONOR God** by breaking it.

²⁴ No wonder the Scriptures say, **The Gentiles blaspheme** the name of God because of you.

²⁵ The Jewish ceremony of circumcision has value
ONLY if you obey God's Law.

But if you don't obey God's law, you are no better off than an uncircumcised Gentile.

Romans 2:28-29 (NLT)

For you are **not a true Jew** just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the **ceremony of circumcision.**

²⁹ No, **a TRUE Jew is one whose HEART is RIGHT with God.** And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a **change of heart** produced **by God's Spirit...**

All through Romans Paul refers
to **SIN in the singular** to make the point
that the many sins people commit
stem from a single basic fact:
they are helpless slaves to sin's power.

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2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made **Him** who had **NO sin**
to **BE sin** for us,
so that **IN Him** we might become
the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of **God**.

Matthew 12:34 (NIV)

You brood of vipers, how can you who
are evil say anything good?

For out of the OVERFLOW
of the heart the mouth SPEAKS.

→ Do we SEEK after God?

¹¹ there is no one who understands,
NO ONE who SEEKS God.

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

You will **seek ME** and find **ME**
when you **seek ME**
with **ALL** your heart.

The life of **FAITH** is **All-Encompassing**:
it is **BY** faith that one initially **RECEIVES**
the **GIFT** of salvation
(eternal life), but it is also
BY faith that one **LIVES** each day. ESV

Romans 1:17 (NIV)

For in the gospel a **righteousness**
from **God is revealed**,
a righteousness that is
BY Faith from FIRST to LAST...

→ What kinds of things are we **DOING**?

¹² ...there is **NO ONE** who
DOES GOOD, not even one.

Galatians 6:9-10 (NLT)

**So let's NOT get TIRED of DOING
what is GOOD.**

At just the right time we **will reap a harvest**
of blessing **if we don't give up.**

¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the
opportunity, **we should do good** to everyone
- especially to those in the family of faith.

- Don't get **TIRED** - Keep on **Doing GOOD**
- Don't **GIVE UP** - the Harvest **IS Coming**
- When you **have** the **chance** - **DO GOOD**

→ Does the way I talk **HELP** or **HURT** people?

¹³ Their throats are **open graves**; their tongues **practice deceit**. The **poison of vipers** is on their lips. ¹⁴ Their mouths are **full of cursing** and bitterness.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

Do NOT let any unwholesome TALK

come out of your mouths,

but **ONLY** what is **HELPFUL**

for building others up

according to their needs,

that it may benefit those who listen.

Psalm 19:14 (NLT)

May the **WORDS of my MOUTH**
and the **MEDITATION of my HEART**
be pleasing to YOU, O LORD,
my **ROCK** and my **REDEEMER.**

¹⁰ As it is written:

There is **NO ONE** righteous,
NOT even ONE...

Romans 3:19-20 (HCS)

Now we know that whatever **the LAW** says
speaks to those who are subject to
the Law, so that
every mouth may be SHUT
and the whole world may
become subject to God's JUDGMENT.

²⁰ For **NO ONE** will be **JUSTIFIED** in
His sight **BY** the **WORKS** of the **LAW**,
because the **knowledge of sin**
comes through **the LAW**.

**→What IF the book of Romans
ENDED right here?**

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with **God** **BY DOING...**

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