

A Privilege to Share

Reprise:

- 1) Acts of Worship & Good Deeds do not guarantee Salvation, but salvation guarantees Acts of Worship and Good Deeds.
- 2) Justification is by *faith*—the kind of faith that leads to action.
- 3) In evangelism, the Holy Spirit and conscience are your allies.

Paul's conversion was between 34 and 36.

Peter's vision to include Gentiles was between 35 and 40

Paul's 1st Church Planting Journey was from 46-48

Jews were kicked out of Rome in 49

Jews began to come back to Rome in 54

The letter to Rome was written in 57.

Jewish Identity from Hebrew Scriptures

They are God's chosen people.

God gave them the Torah, "the Law."

God gave them the sign of the Covenant -
Circumcision.

God made them a light to the Nations.

Romans 2:17-24

Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and boast in God; ¹⁸ if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; ¹⁹ if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark,

Romans 2:17-24

²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— ²¹ you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal?

Romans 2:17-24

²² You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? ²⁴ As it is written: “God’s name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

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privilege to have; it's a
privilege to share!*

Dangers of Having Life “All Figured Out”

- 1) We become susceptible to sin because we tend to not recognize and acknowledge sin, or we tend to rationalize it away.
- 2) We become susceptible to sin because we tend to overestimate our ability to resist temptation.

Dangers of Having Life “All Figured Out”

- 3) We acknowledge sin but believe that we are powerless to conquer it.
- 4) We blame sin on determinism.
- 5) We condemn things as sin that are not sin, so we condemn people who are not like us.

Paul said, “You are convinced that you are a light to the world, but God’s name is blasphemed because of you.”

Is it possible for this to be true of us?

Romans 2:25-29

²⁵ Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. ²⁶ So then, if those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised?

Romans 2:25-29

²⁷ The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker.

²⁸ A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical.

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²⁹ No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.

Romans 2:25-29

Being Jewish (God's chosen) has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you were not Jewish (God's chosen). ²⁶ So then, if those who are not Jewish keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were Jewish?

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²⁷ The one who is not physically Jewish and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you are physically Jewish and have the written code, are a lawbreaker.

²⁸ A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is being Jewish merely outward and physical.

Romans 2:25-29

²⁹ No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; to really be Jewish is a Jewishness of the heart, and it's by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.

4 observations from Romans 2

1) There was never a time when every
Jewish person was *God's Chosen*
People.

(Romans 9:6-7)

4 observations from Romans 2

2) There was never a time when only
Jewish people were *God's Chosen*
People.

4 observations from Romans 2

3) One becomes a Jew (God's chosen) according to what the Holy Spirit does in his heart, not by following the written law.

4 observations from Romans 2

4) Paul changed the definition of Jew.

Paul says that ethnic Jews and ethnic Gentiles belong together, in unity, as “God’s Chosen.”

Now what? What do we do? We Join
Calling of God's Chosen to be the Light
of World.

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2 Essential qualities to be LIGHT

1) Passion and Boldness for Truth

2 Essential qualities to be LIGHT

2) Selfless Unity

John 17:20-23

²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:20-23

²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

How valuable do you think the unity of the Church is to Jesus?

Colossians 3:12-14

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-14

¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

3 questions to ask when you are hurt by a believer

- 1) Is this a situation where I should be applying Colossians 3:13 and 1 Corinthians 6:7?

3 questions to ask when you are hurt by a believer

2) Have I handled the situation in the manner that Scripture teaches believers to handle conflict?

3 questions to ask when you are hurt by a believer

3) Who is it that hurt me?

Challenge:

How is your passion and boldness for
Jesus?

How are you doing at promoting selfless
unity?

You and I have the privilege of sharing the
Kingdom— who will you share with?