

Romans#38

“Ritual without reality is meaningless” Part3

Romans2:28

Philippians3:2-10

“My Jewish brothers, you are wrong; you are no better than the immoral or moral Gentile; in fact you have the least excuse of all in understanding the need for salvation!”

The overwhelming majority of Americans is without excuse regarding God’s clear revelation to man.

Man glorifies God through processing and using grace provision: living grace followed by dying grace.

God is the all-powerful,

all-knowing, everywhere- present judge of the universe and that just doesn’t matter to most people!

Whether we are extremely moral or ethical; we never can overcome the deficit of violating God’s Law even once.

They are identifying a position of privilege in relation to knowledge about God and His revelation as equal to salvation.

There is a parallel between Jewish reliance on the external ritual of circumcision and Christian reliance on the external ritual of baptism.

The basis for condemnation is not believing.

Circumcision is a consequence of the covenant; not a cause of the covenant and not the basis for blessing but a sign of being in a relationship with God based on the covenant.

It’s a sign of the Abrahamic covenant, not the Mosaic covenant.

God takes something that is already practiced (as He does with baptism; other groups baptized) and assigns it a new meaning and significance in relation to His plan.

There are Jewish references to the saving nature of circumcision in general and to the saving merit of circumcision blood from the concept that there must be the shedding of blood in order to have salvation.

Circumcision was the sign of something already accomplished, just as baptism for the Christian is a sign of something already accomplished and not the means to gain salvation.

The problem with mankind is that ever since the fall of Adam, people try to be righteous on their own.

“If anyone has the right to think they can get to Heaven on the basis of morality, or keeping the ritual and the moral Law, it would be me.” Paul

He who exploits his circumcision isn’t the one who is physically circumcised but the one who is truly obedient to the Law because that demonstrates humility rather than arrogance, which is the *circumcised heart*.

What makes someone Jewish, isn't simply that they've been circumcised physically; what makes them a Jew is what takes place spiritually.

The true Jews are like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses Aaron, Joshua, Caleb, David, Daniel and all other bels in the OT who trusted in God, walking humbly before Him.

Keeping the Law for adjustment to the justice of God (the practice of Judaism), is not the true reason or purpose for the Jewish race.

Ritual always portrays an aspect of the integrity of God, but no one has ever been saved by any ritual.