

Romans #040

“No advantages without the advantage”

Romans 2:29-3:1

Historically, stability only exists to the extent that an individual or a nation is related to the integrity of God and this is just as true for Israel as any Gentile nation.

We must understand that man’s relationship with God is based on His justice, not His love.

Circumcision is a ritual and all bonafide ritual always represents doctrinal truth.

Regeneration is the difference between the true and false Jew.

So, the true and the false Jew are both Jews racially and nationally, but the spiritual factor divides them.

The true Jew sees the Law for what it is: not a system of commendation, but condemnation causing him to depend upon the integrity of God instead of his own resources.

Total depravity means that every aspect of our being has been affected by the corruption of sin so there’s nothing we can do that merits the approval or judicial blessing of God.

A lot of the discipline God brings into people’s lives is simply allowing the natural consequences of their sinful decisions to play out so that they experience bad consequences from bad decisions.

The Issue:

If circumcision doesn’t get us into Heaven and if it doesn’t solve our righteousness problem, then what good is it?

It doesn’t mean that they are justified or that those advantages solved the righteousness problem because they still have the problem of breaking the Law.

‘Advantages’ plural are the blessings from the justice of God

‘Advantage’ singular is the integrity of God,

His righteousness and

His justice

What the righteousness of God demands, the justice of God executes, through the love of God expressed by the grace of God.

In divine righteousness, God’s love for His integrity is revealed and in divine justice, God’s hatred for sin revealed!!

God is only impressed with God!

‘Romans’ will cause us to realize that the most important thing in life to understand is God’s integrity.

Human righteousness is a major part of total depravity.

God cannot be fooled and man's relative righteousness will never measure up to God's standard of absolute perfection.

When we learn that the integrity of God does all the work and we provide none of the work, it changes us for the better.

You are oriented to the integrity of God for eternity at salvation, but if you're going to orient to the integrity of God in time

(glorify Him now),

you must become a

John 8:31-32 Christian.

So, they had no advantage and yet they have every advantage in the world because were it not for the Jew, none of us would be able to understand the integrity of God today.

The only thing that counts is the integrity of God and the only way of blessing is through the integrity of God, which results from Bible truth resident in the soul.