

ROMANS 1-2

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together, one hand gripping the other's wrist. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with the fingers of the top hand spread out. The background is a dark, gradient blue.

God's Righteousness Revealed

Key Word

56
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Righteousness

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Theme

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**God's *righteousness* by faith in
Christ helps us accept others**

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Key Verses

"¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith'" (1:16-17).

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Summary Statement

The righteousness of God that requires justification be only by faith in Christ and not by works of the law should *solve conflicts between Jewish and Gentile* believers before Paul's soon arrival

Applying the Letter

Do you experience *peace with other believers* as fellow recipients of God's righteousness by faith? Or do you have conflicts with them stemming from pride?

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Kingdom Statement

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God's call to enter His kingdom is His effective "summons" through gospel preaching that guarantees people will leave the kingdom of darkness (8:28-30) which is the Spirit's work (14:17).

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Covenant

27b

Jewish believers were privileged to be the first to accept the gospel (1:16; cf. 2:9-10), but Gentiles are now grafted into the Abrahamic Covenant (11:11-24).

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Redemption

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Jesus is the God of the Gentiles as well as the God of the Jews (3:29) since both groups are saved by faith in Christ (1:16-17).

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Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

27b

At Christ's return, the Jewish nation will trust him as Lord when God "takes away their sins" (11:26-27) in the new covenant initiated with Israel in the messianic kingdom when her sins are forgiven (Jer. 31:34) and the Spirit given to the nation (Isa. 59:21; Ezek. 36:27).

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RIGHTEOUSNESS

Theme	Needed	Provided	Imparted	Proved	Applied	Disseminated
Intro 1:1-17	Condemnation 1:18– 3:20	Justification 3:21– 5:21	Sanctification 6–8	Election 9–11	Transformation 12:1– 15:13	Propagation 15:14– 16:27
Start	Sin	Salvation	Set Apart	Sovereignty	Service	Send

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- 1 **T**estimony about man's sinfulness
- 2 **H**uman judgment of sin
- 3 **E**vidence of God's justification

- 4 **G**od counts Abraham righteous
- 5 **O**btaining righteousness by Christ
- 6 **S**inful nature is crucified
- 7 **P**roblem of continued sin
- 8 **E**xperiencing freedom in Christ
- 9 **L**ove shown for Israel

- 10 **O**ppportunity for Jews' salvation
- 11 **F**ullness of the Gentiles
- 12 **J**oy in using gifts
- 13 **E**stablished authorities of God
- 14 **S**trong and weak brethren
- 15 **U**nity within the church
- 16 **S**alutations given by Paul





Be Accepting

Romans 15:7

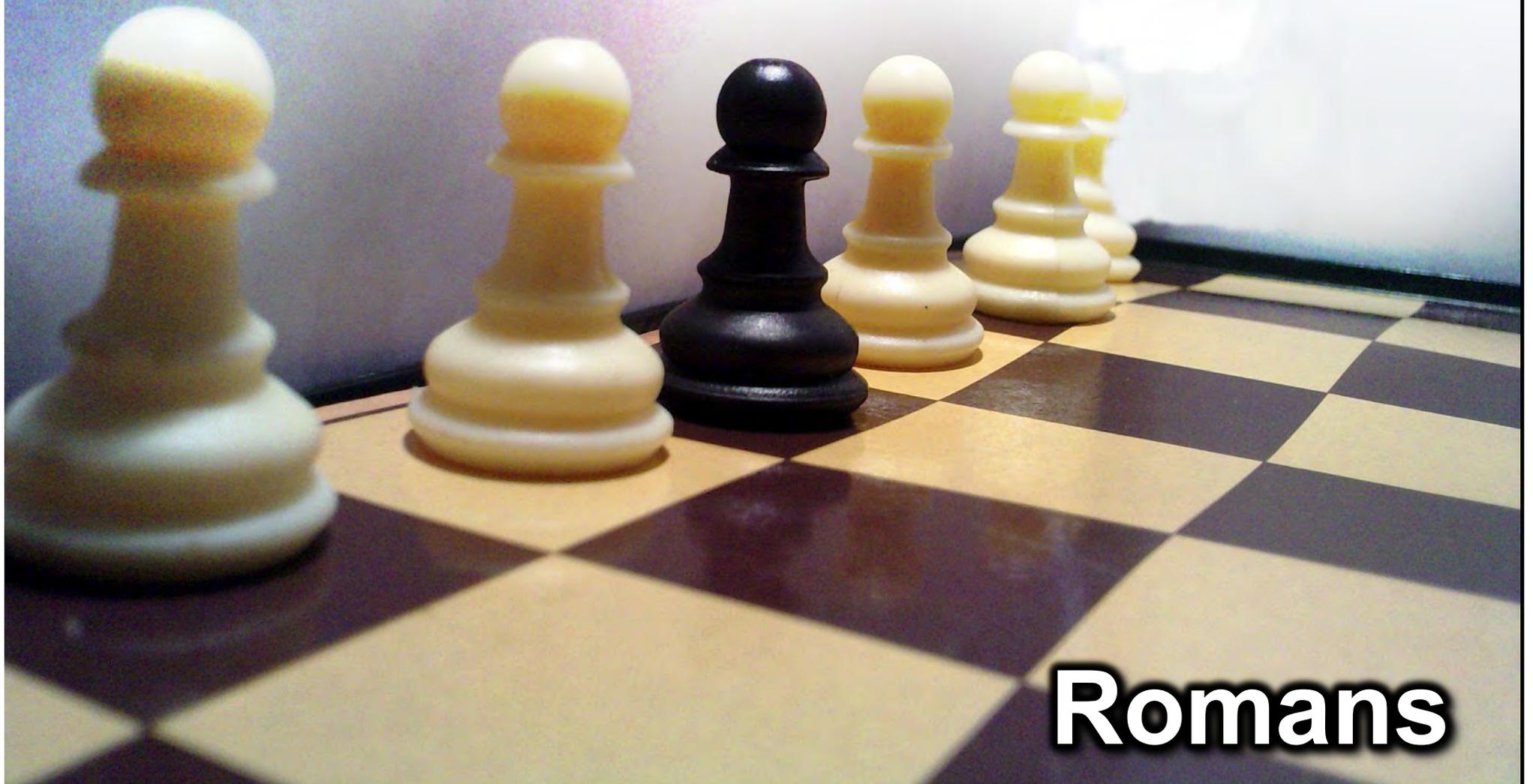
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**Too often we don't
accept people
different from us.**

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Why **accept** one another?

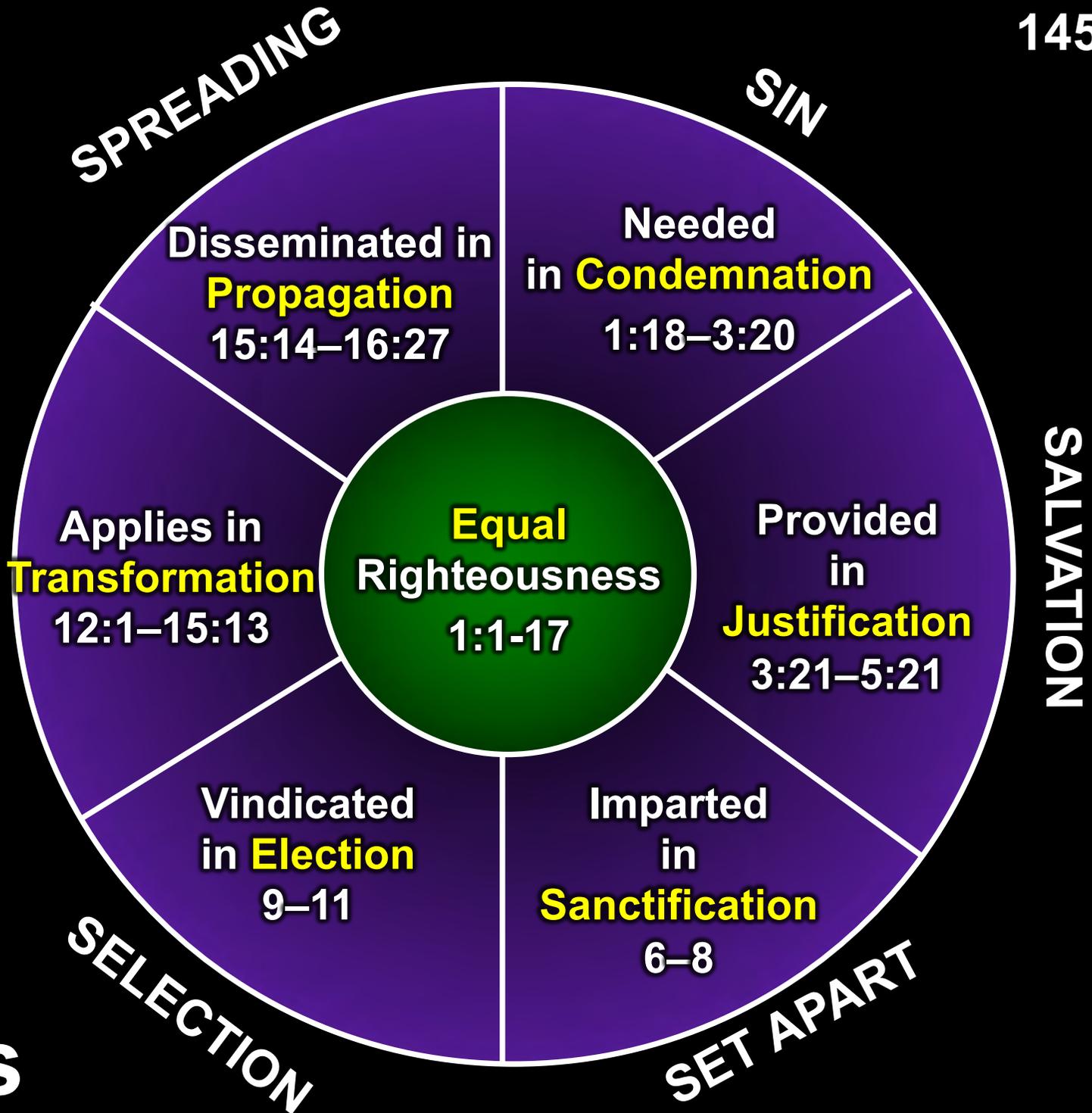


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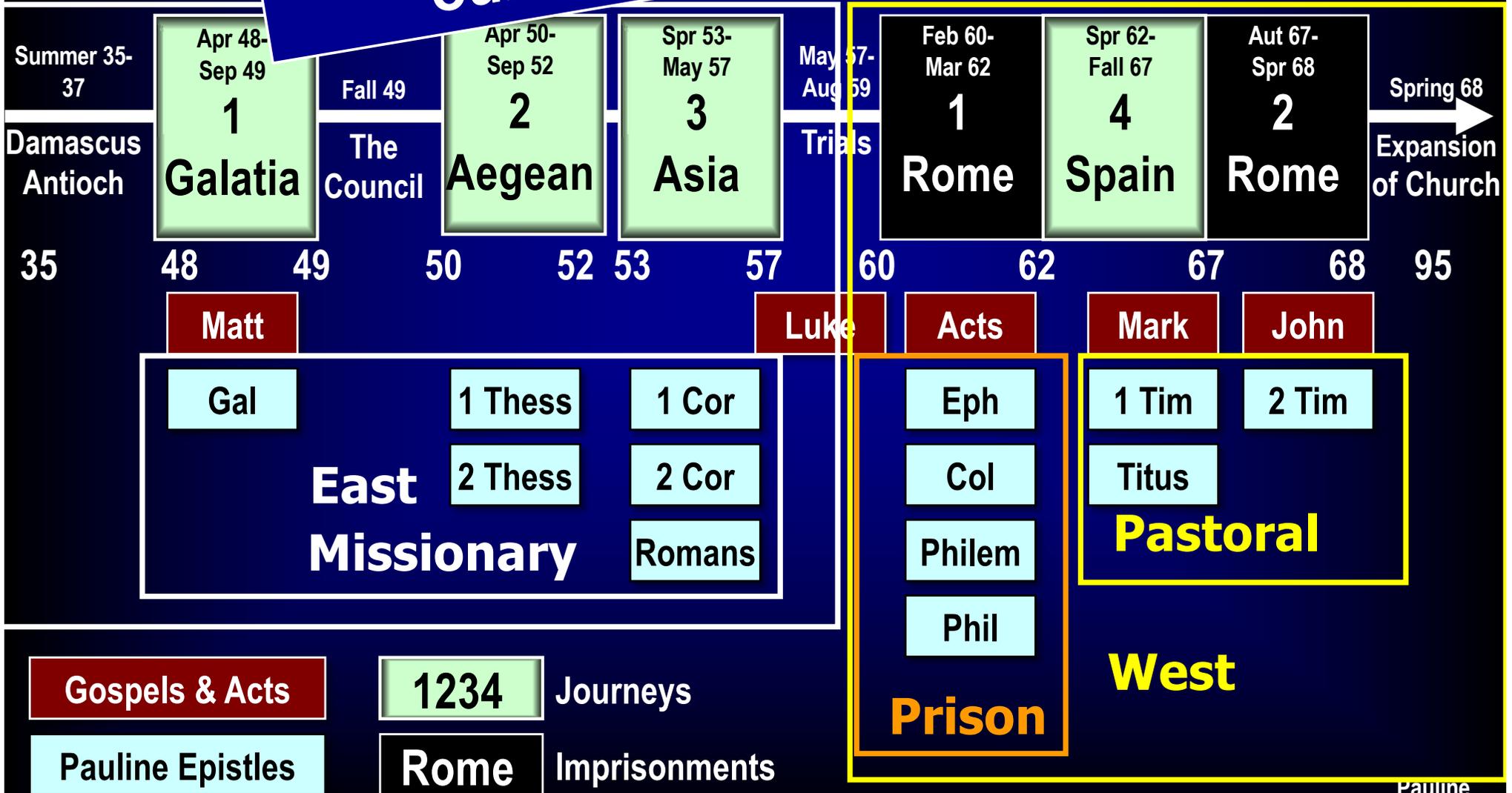


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Romans is the last of the missionary epistles, but first in our NT order of epistles

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Occasion

My purposes for writing this letter were:

1. To tell them that I want to **come and see** them. This will **enlist the support** of the church in Rome for my outreach to Spain.
2. To give a clear and complete presentation of the doctrine of **salvation by faith**.
3. To **heal the Jew-Gentile division** in the Christian community in Rome.
4. To expound on the **righteousness** of God.

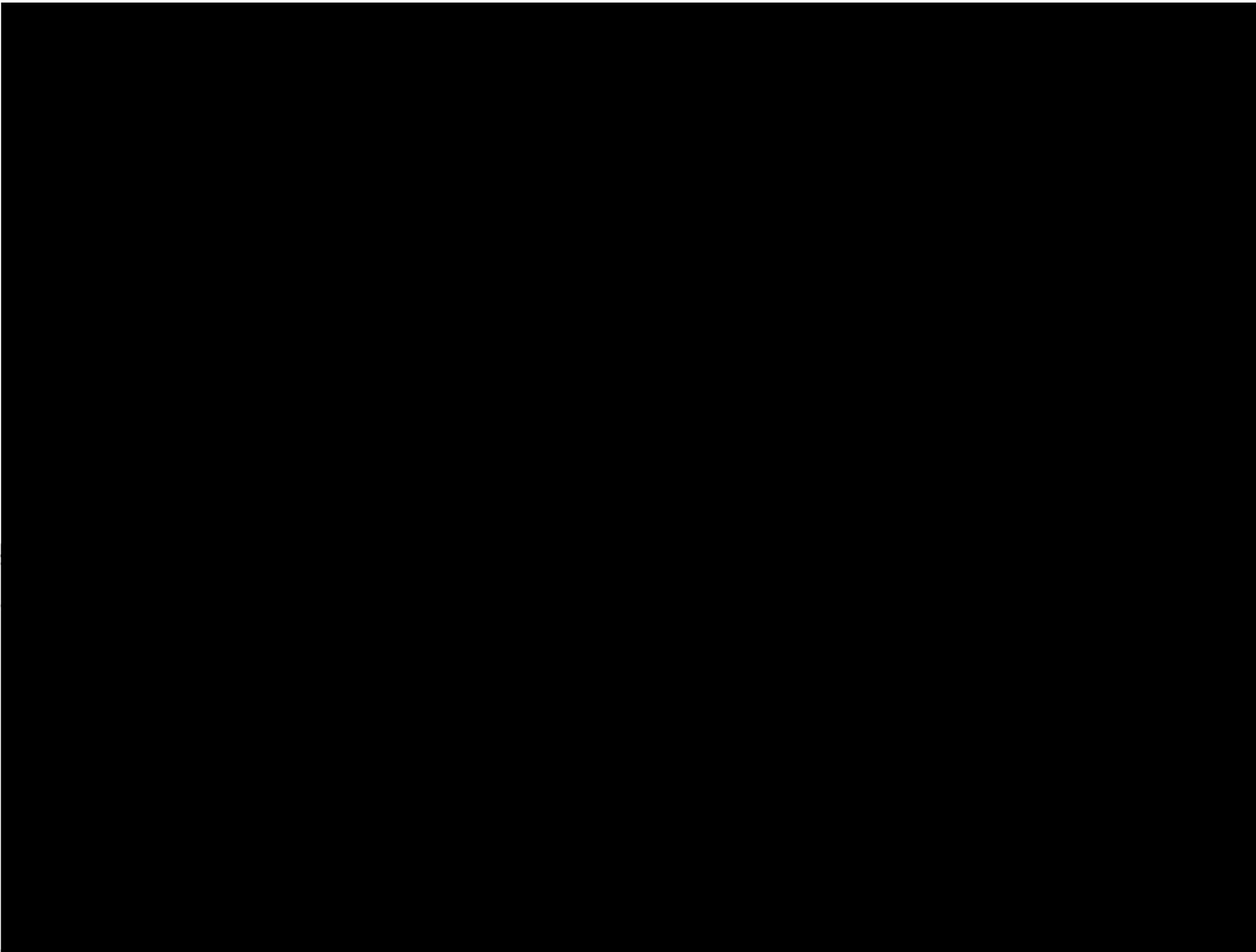
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**We accept
each other
because God's
righteousness
comes to us
equally.**

Main Idea of Romans

Accept others. How?

1. Have you received God's forgiveness offered freely by trusting Christ?
2. **If so, are you seeing yourself clearly—that is, humbly?**
3. Or do you think yourself better than someone else? Who?
4. **Which Christian are you not accepting? How can you better accept that person?**

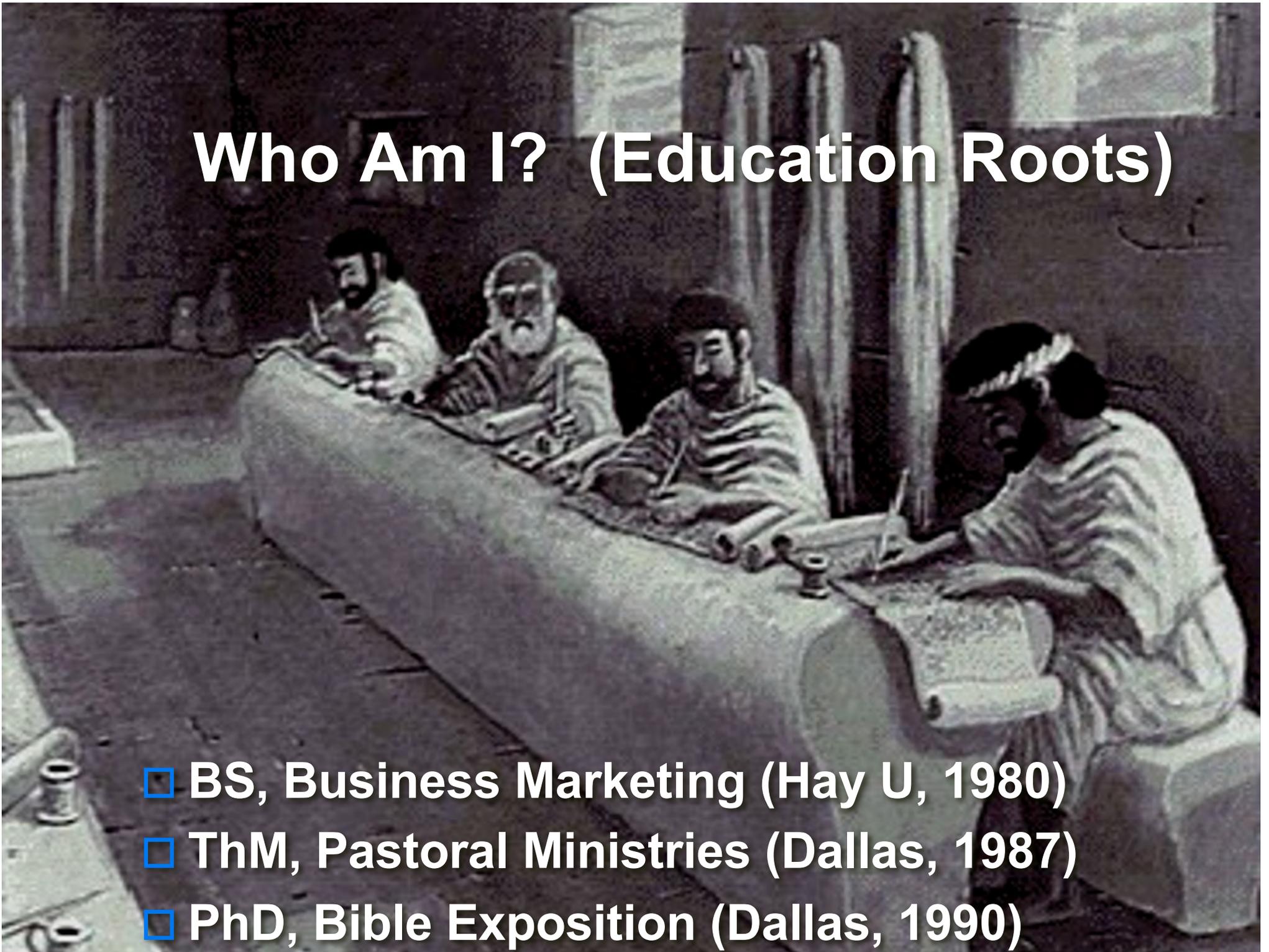


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- ❑ Born in Tokyo as a MK (1958)
- ❑ Moved to California (SF area) at 18 mos.
- ❑ Parents divorced (age 4)
- ❑ Mom remarried & divorced (ages 8-10)
- ❑ Born again (age 13)
- ❑ Mom married third time (age 14)

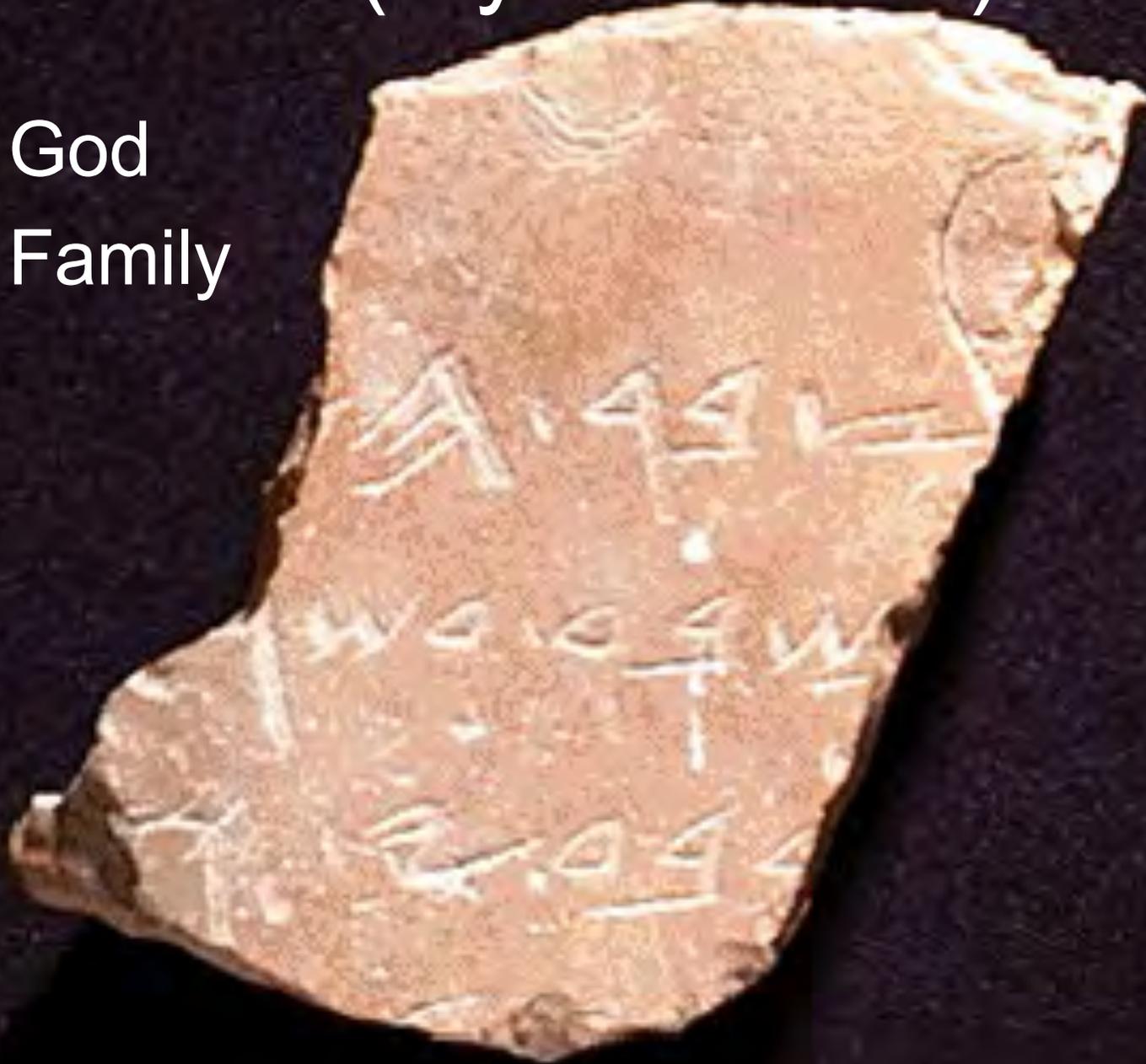
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- ❑ BS, Business Marketing (Hay U, 1980)
- ❑ ThM, Pastoral Ministries (Dallas, 1987)
- ❑ PhD, Bible Exposition (Dallas, 1990)



Who Am I? (My Passions)

- My God
- My Family





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Chloe
(29)**

**Stephen,
Katie &
Jesse
(32)**

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Susan**

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Cara
(35)**





**Kurt (35) & Cara own
their HR consulting
business near Seattle**



1-year-old grandson Kadon

Stephen, Katie, Jesse & Norah live near Denver, Colorado



Norah born July 31



Norah born 31 July 2021 **Our 2-year-old Grandson Jesse**



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Exploring the Theme

- 1. Grab a partner**
- 2. Each of you paraphrase Romans 1:16-17**
- 3. Contrast these verses with how you used to think you could be right with God before becoming a Christian**

**WE NEED TO ATTAIN GOD'S
RIGHTEOUSNESS—BUT HOW?**



The Theme of Romans

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16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: **first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.**

17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is **by faith** from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Don't be ashamed of the gospel because it works! It alone makes us righteous!

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Luther Despised Romans

- While Martin Luther lectured at the University of Wittenberg, he struggled with the phrase "the righteousness of God," an expression in Romans which by his own admission "*filled him with hate.*"

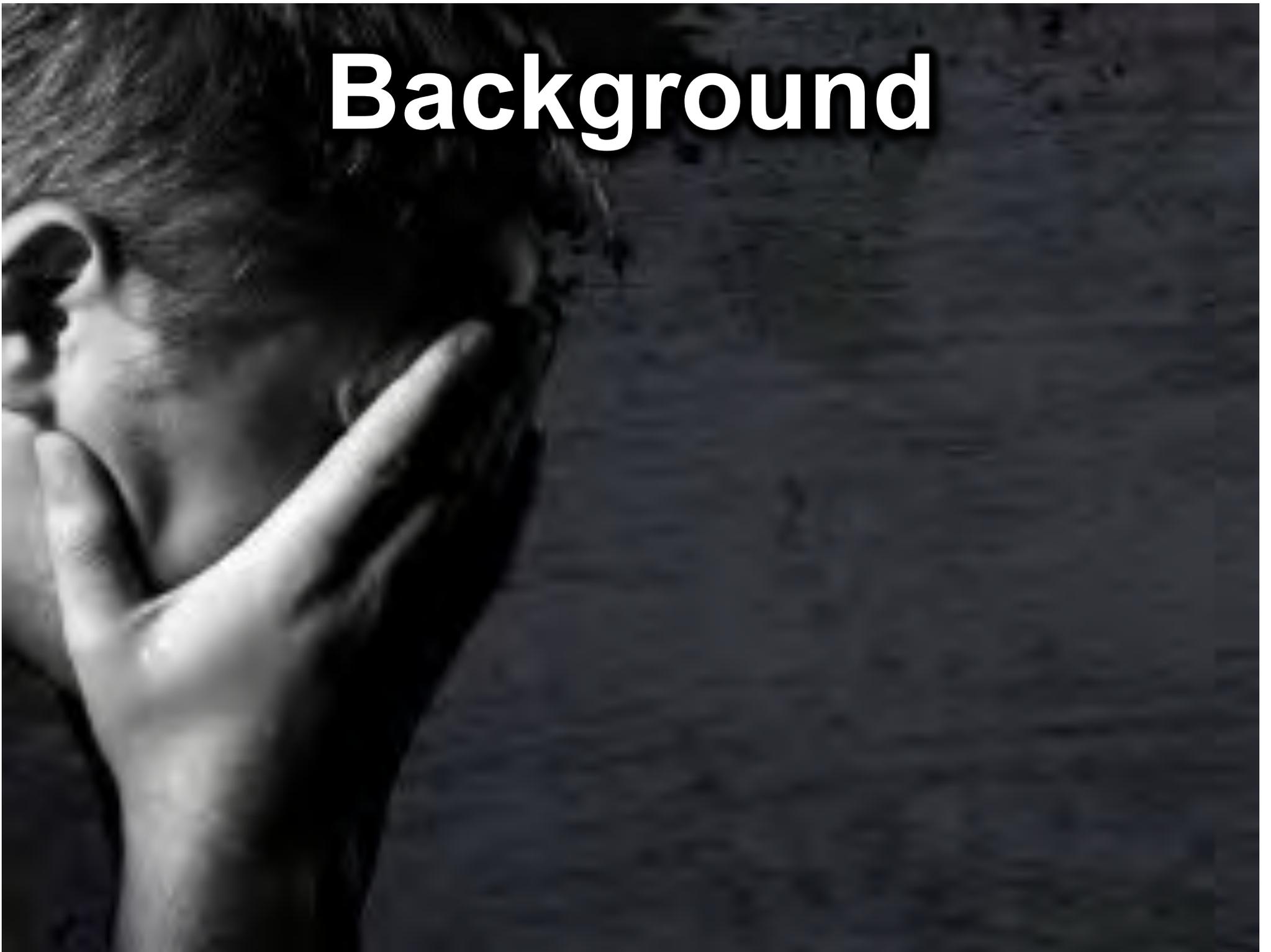


Luther Reborn Through Romans

- After days and nights of wrestling with the spiritual truth of **Romans 1:17**, the light of God broke through. In his own words, *"I felt as if I had been completely reborn and had entered paradise through widely open doors. Instantly all Scripture looked different to me . . . As intensely as I had formerly hated the expression 'the righteousness of God' I now loved it and praised it as the sweetest of concepts."*



Background



Paul's First & Second Missionary Journeys

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PAUL'S THIRD JOURNEY



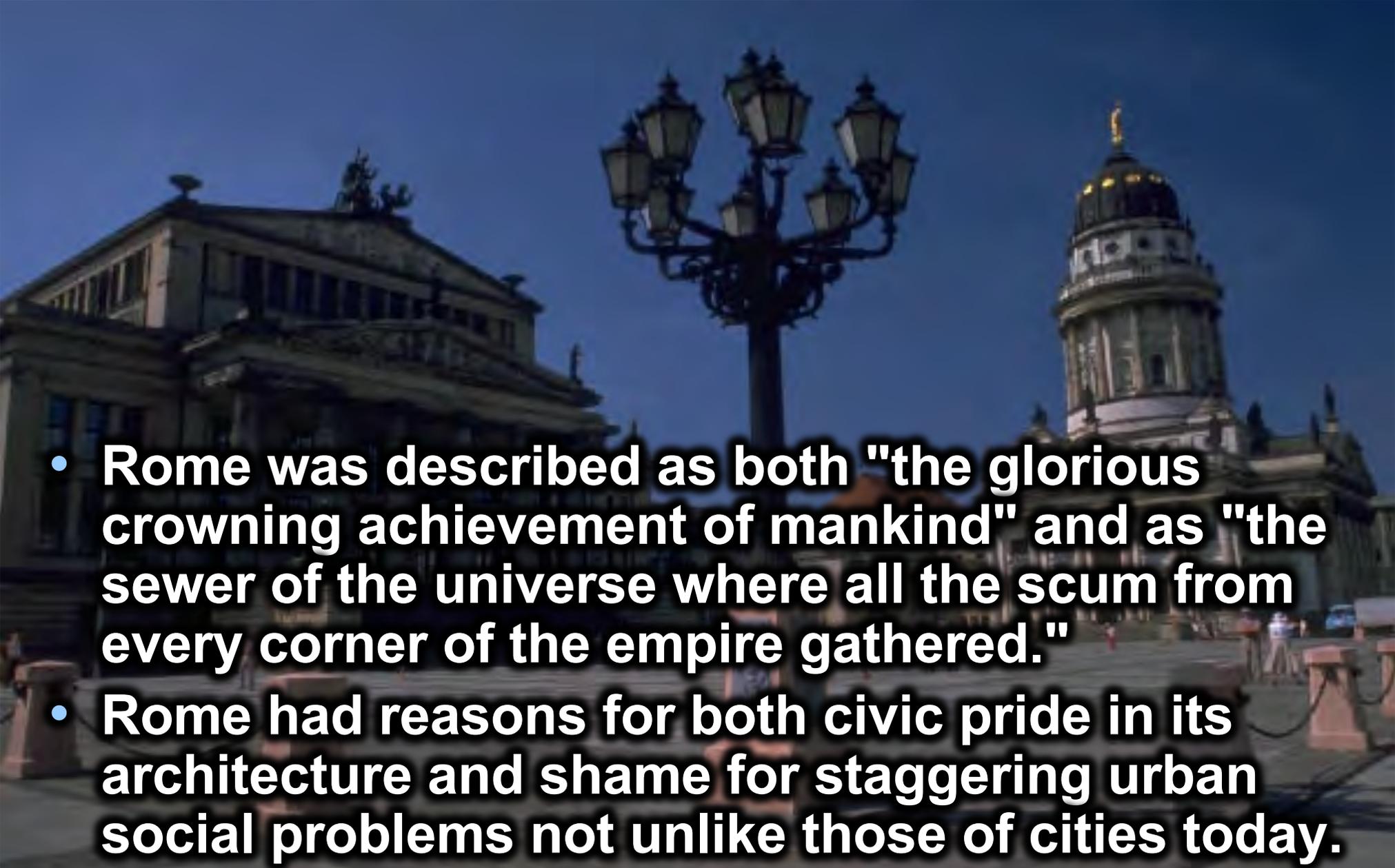
THE CITY OF ROME

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In political importance, geographical position and sheer magnificence, the superlative city of the empire was Rome, the capital.

The apostle Paul entered the city from the south of the Via Appia as a prisoner appealing to Caesar. He first lived under house arrest and then, after a period of freedom, as a condemned prisoner in the Mamertime dungeon near the Forum. Remarkably, Paul was able to proclaim the gospel among all classes of people, from the palace to the prison. According to tradition, he was executed at a spot on the Ostian Way outside Rome in AD 68.

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- Rome was described as both "the glorious crowning achievement of mankind" and as "the sewer of the universe where all the scum from every corner of the empire gathered."
 - Rome had reasons for both civic pride in its architecture and shame for staggering urban social problems not unlike those of cities today.

CORINTH

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When Paul wrote this letter, he was at Corinth (Acts 20:2-3) on his third missionary journey.



Support for Paul as Author

- **The letter claims** to be from Paul (1:1).
- **No opposition** to his authorship was ever raised in the early church.
- **Historical notes** in the epistle agree with known facts of Paul's life.
- **The book's doctrine** is typical of Paul compared to other letters he wrote.



AUTHORSHIP

External Evidence

1. Upheld by **Church Fathers**:
 - ◆ Clement of Rome (AD 95)
 - ◆ Ignatius (ca. AD 115)
 - ◆ Polycarp (ca. AD 115)
2. Romans was **included among Paul's letters** in all extant NT book lists before AD 200, even that of the heretic Marcion.
3. Even **all radical modern critics agree** on Pauline authorship of Romans except Baur.

Internal Evidence

1. **Consistent with all other Pauline's writings** in the following:
 - ◆ vocabulary
 - ◆ style
 - ◆ logic
 - ◆ theological development
2. Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, and Galatians are **the standard** to judge other books as Pauline.
2. **Tertius** (likely Paul's scribe) penned the letter (16:22).

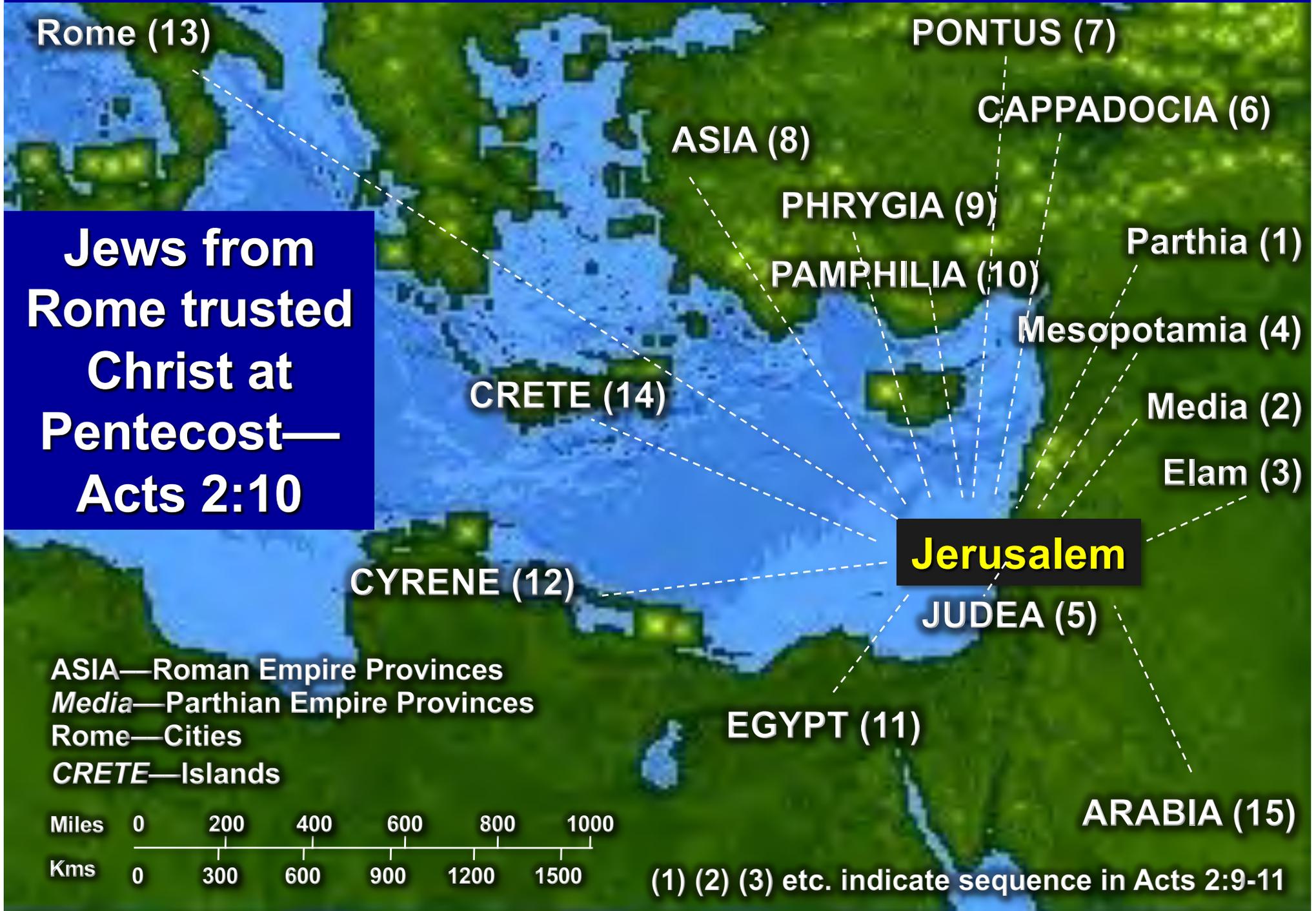


Jewish Diaspora at Pentecost



Jews at Pentecost—Acts 2:9-11

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Date and Place of Writing



The book was probably written in the early winter of A.D. 57.

Very likely Paul was on his journey, ready to receive the offering from the churches of Macedonia, either already begun or not yet started, on his third missionary journey. He wrote 1 Corinthians (dated c. 56), and the collection issue had still not been resolved when he wrote 2 Corinthians (2 Cor 8-9), the writing of Romans must follow that of 1, 2 Corinthians (dated c. 56).

The most likely place of writing is either Corinth or Cenchrea (about six miles away) because of references to Phoebe of Cenchrea (16:1) and to Gaius, Paul's host (16:23), who was probably a Corinthian (1 Cor. 1:14). Erastus (16:23) may also have been a Corinthian (2 Tim. 4:20).

In 15:26 Paul had contributed of Macedonia either already begun or not yet started, on his third missionary journey. He wrote 1 Corinthians (dated c. 56), and the collection issue had still not been resolved when he wrote 2 Corinthians (2 Cor 8-9), the writing of Romans must follow that of 1, 2 Corinthians (dated c. 56).



A cartoon illustration of a man with a large nose, wearing a blue suit and a white shirt, sitting on a small wooden stool. He is holding a large white book open and looking at it intently. The background is a simple white shape.

Romans Book Overview

Purpose:	Paul introduces himself to the Romans before he arrives in Rome and he gives the fundamental truth of the Gospel of God's righteousness where justification comes by faith in Christ--not the Law.
Author:	Paul
To whom written:	The Christians in Rome and believers everywhere
Date Written:	About AD 57, from Corinth, as Paul was preparing to visit Jerusalem.



Romans Book Overview

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Setting:

Paul had finished his work in the east, and he planned to visit Rome on his way to Spain after first bringing a collection to Jerusalem for the poor Christians there (15:23-28). The Roman church was mostly Jewish but also contained a great number of Gentiles.

Key Verses:

"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for



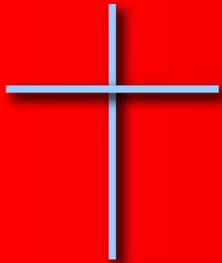
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Key People:	An apostle: Paul; The scribe: Tertius (16:22); The courier: Phoebe (16:1-2)
Key place:	Rome
Special Features:	Paul wrote Romans as an organized and carefully presented statement of his faith—it does not have the form of a typical letter. He does, however, spend considerable time greeting people in Rome at the end of the letter.

When Did John Write Revelation?

Who was the Roman Emperor then?



Christ
Crucified
AD 33

Jerusalem
Destroyed
AD 70

Revelation
Written
AD 95

Tiberius
14-37

Caligula
37-41

Claudius
41-54

Nero
54-68

Vespasian
69-79

Titus
79-81

Domitian
81-96

Most
preterists
place the
book here

Supported by:
Irenaeus
Victorinus of Pettau
Clement of Alexandria
Eusebius

Occasion

My purposes for writing this letter were:

1. To tell them that I want to **come and see** them.
This will **enlist the support** of the church in Rome
for my outreach to Spain.



¹⁰ One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you. ¹¹ For I long to visit

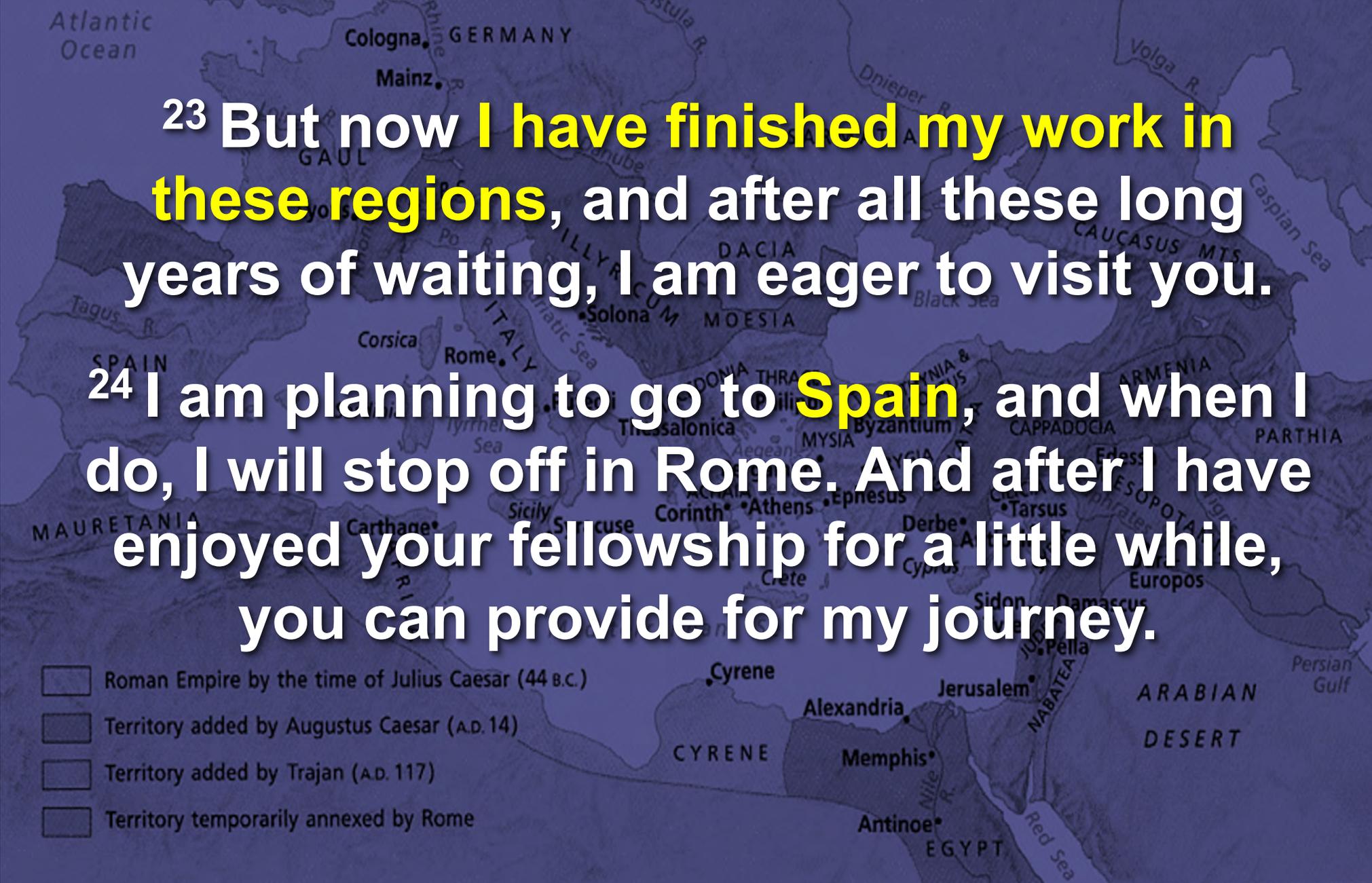
you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. ¹² When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

Romans 1:10-12 NLT

Romans 15:23-24

²³ But now I have finished my work in these regions, and after all these long years of waiting, I am eager to visit you.

²⁴ I am planning to go to Spain, and when I do, I will stop off in Rome. And after I have enjoyed your fellowship for a little while, you can provide for my journey.

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- A map of the Roman Empire showing territorial expansion. The map includes labels for various regions and cities, such as Gaul, Italy, Spain, Egypt, and the Arabian Desert. A legend in the bottom left corner explains the different shades of gray used to represent different periods of Roman expansion.
- Light gray box: Roman Empire by the time of Julius Caesar (44 B.C.)
 - Medium gray box: Territory added by Augustus Caesar (A.D. 14)
 - Dark gray box: Territory added by Trajan (A.D. 117)
 - Very dark gray box: Territory temporarily annexed by Rome

Romans 15:25-27

25 But before I come, I must **go to Jerusalem** to take a gift to the believers there. **26** For you see, the believers in Macedonia and Achaia have eagerly taken up an offering for the poor among the believers in Jerusalem. **27** They were glad to do this because they feel they owe a real debt to them. Since the Gentiles received the spiritual blessings of the Good News from the believers in Jerusalem, they feel the least they can do in return is to help them financially.

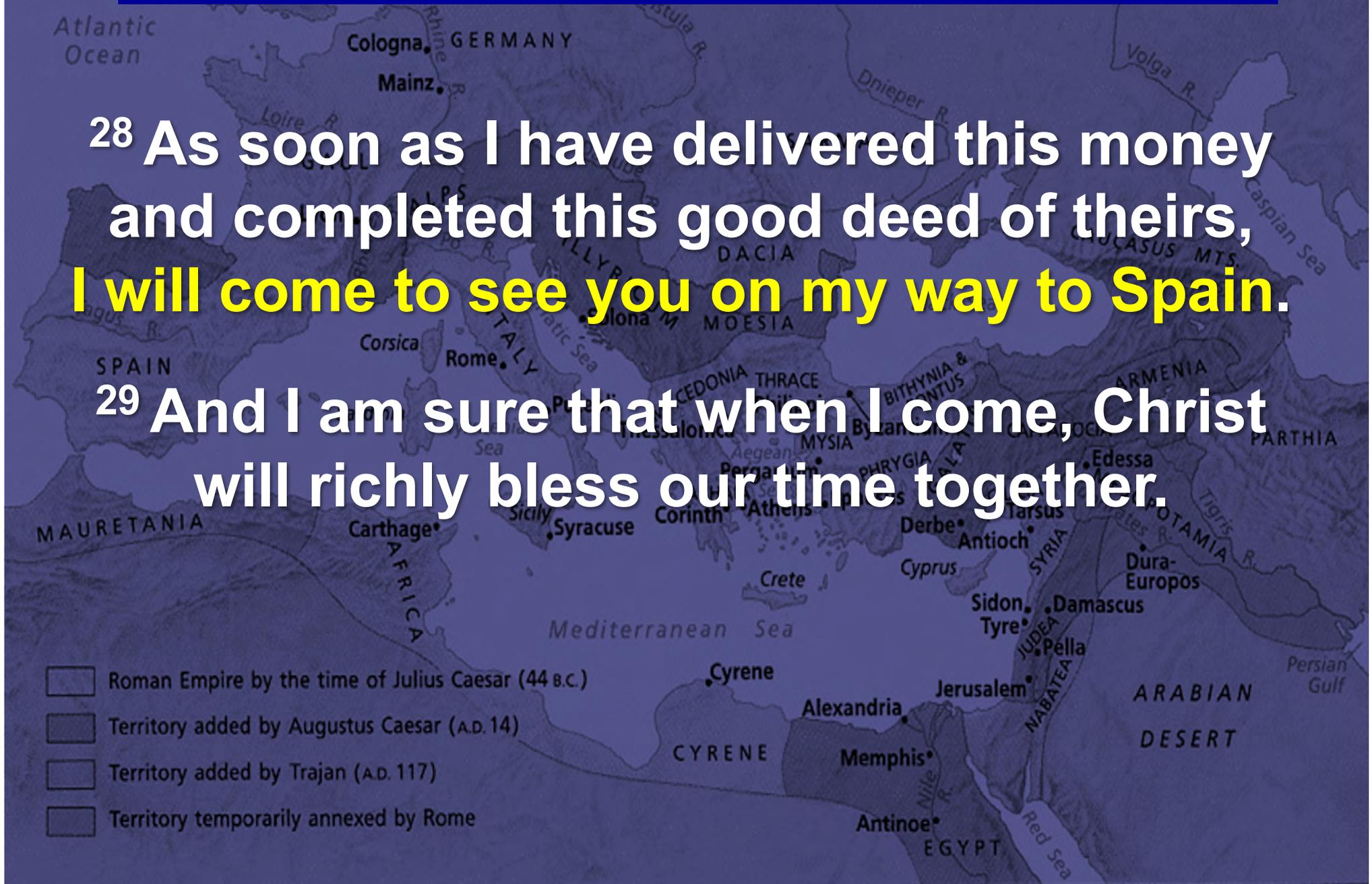
Paul's Next Mission Field: Spain (15:23-29)



Romans 15:28-29

²⁸ As soon as I have delivered this money and completed this good deed of theirs, **I will come to see you on my way to Spain.**

²⁹ And I am sure that when I come, Christ will richly bless our time together.

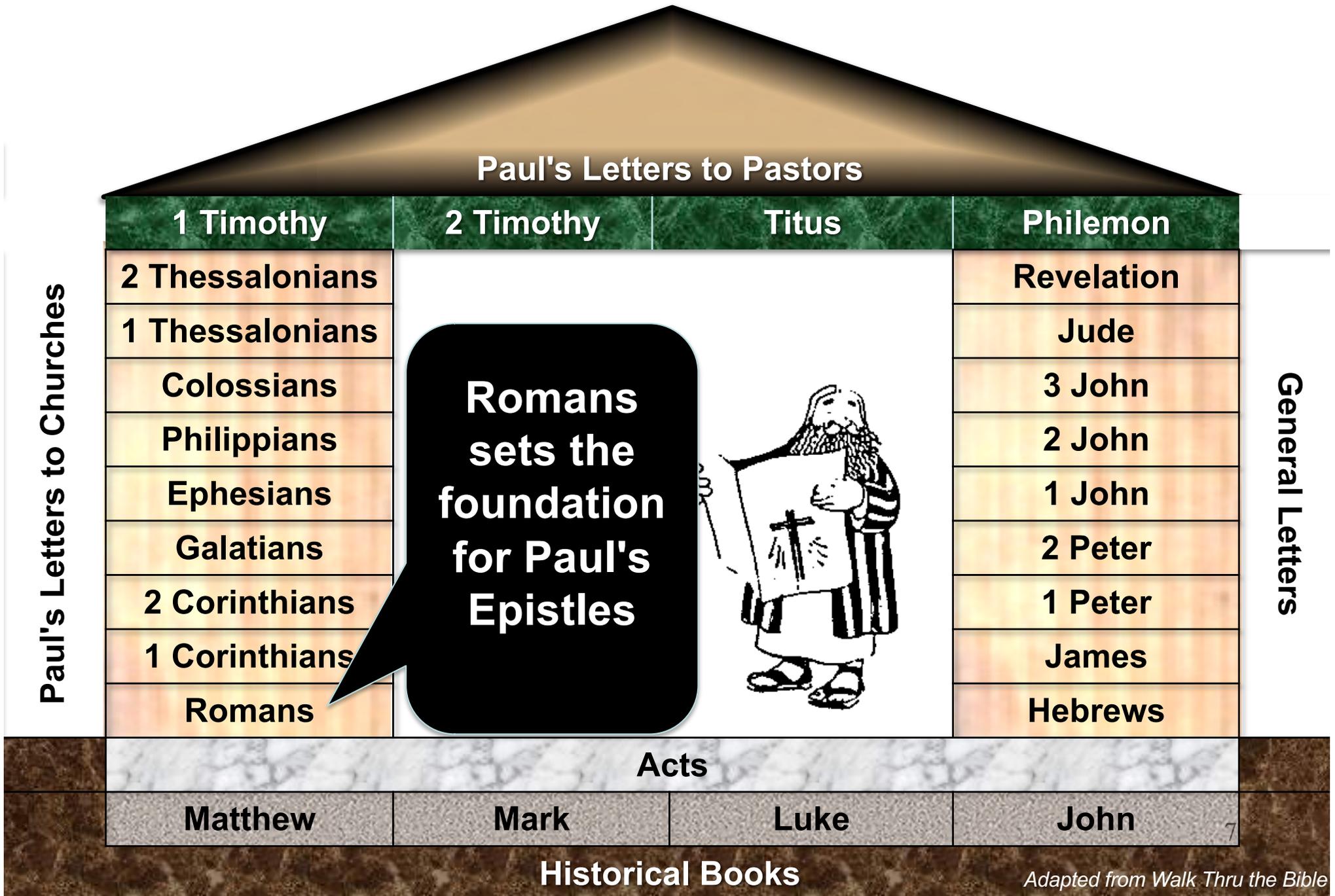


Occasion

My purposes for writing this letter were:

1. To tell them that I want to **come and see** them. This will **enlist the support** of the church in Rome for my outreach to Spain.
2. To give a clear and complete presentation of the doctrine of **salvation by faith**.
3. To **heal the Jew-Gentile division** in the Christian community in Rome.
4. To expound on the **righteousness** of God.

The New Testament "Building"



Two Emphases

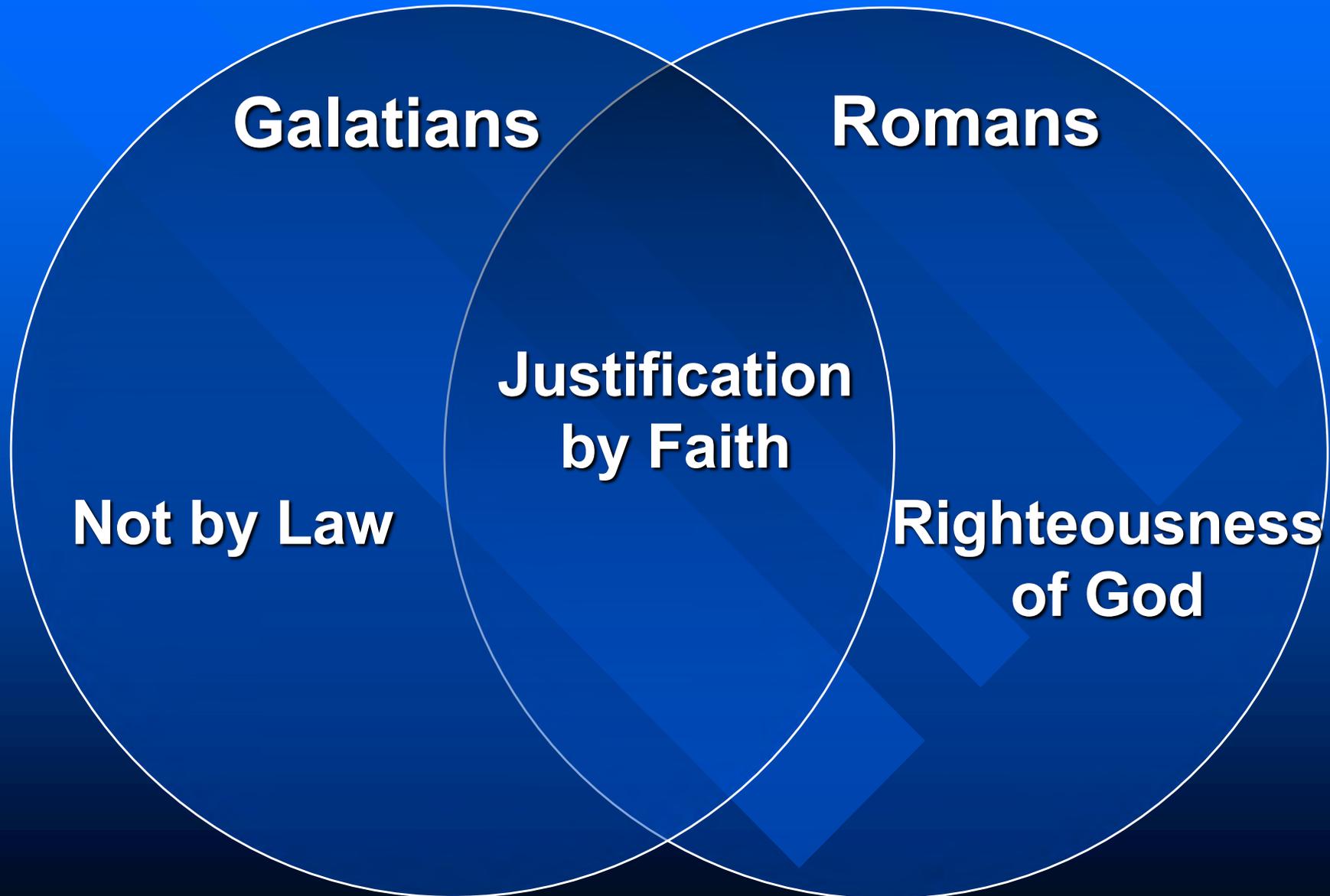


Chart of Topics

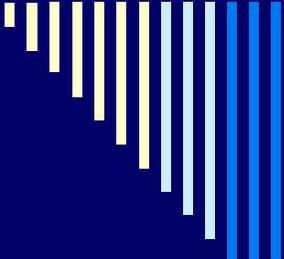
Galatians	Galatians and Romans	Romans
Defense of Apostleship	Justification by Faith	Origin of Sin
Testimony of Conversion	Faith versus Works	Universal Condemnation
Judaizers	Spirit versus Flesh	Scope of Salvation
Conflict with Peter	Failure of Self-effort	Israel's Destiny
Concern for Galatians	Promise to Abraham	Concern for Israel
Sarah and Hagar	Plan of Salvation	Jews and Gentiles
Servants and Sons	Divine Love	Government
	Union with Christ	Weak Christians
	Circumcision	Personal Plans
	Relationship to Law	Missions and Offerings
	Relations to Others	Congratulations
	Water Baptism	Personal Greetings
	False Teachers	

	Galatians	Romans
<i>Influence of Cities</i>	Minor	Major
<i>Number of Churches</i>	Several Cities (Lystra, Derbe)	Single City (Rome)
<i>Church Founded</i>	AD 48-49 – 1st journey	AD 33-56 (no one knows)
<i>Founder</i>	Paul	Pentecost? or Paul's disciples?
<i>Written</i>	AD 49 from Antioch	AD 56-57 from Corinth
<i>View of Paul</i>	Doubted (but most knew him!)	Credible (but most didn't know him!)
<i>Paul's Opponents</i>	Judaizers	None
<i>Jew-Gentile Relations</i>	Serious rift	Mild criticism of each other

Galatians versus Romans

	Galatians	Romans
<i>Readers</i>	Mostly Gentiles	Jew-Gentile mix
<i>Theological Errors</i>	Serious: Salvation	Minor: Christian liberty
<i>Theme (Key Word)</i>	Justification (2:16)	Righteousness (1:17)
<i>Vocabulary & Tone</i>	Simple yet Severe	Technical and Structured
<i>Form</i>	Modified Defense (e.g., no thanksgiving)	Traditional (e.g., names, greetings)
<i>OT Quotes</i>	Few (only 12, or 2 per chapter)	Nearly as many as the rest of Paul's epistles (63 total!)
<i>Doctrinal Focus</i>	Narrow: Justification	Broad: Many topics

Galatians versus Romans



5 Special Characteristics

- A. It is likely the most **profound** book ever written.
- B. Many **OT quotations**: Paul regularly quotes the OT in his letters, but here the argument is sometimes carried by such quotations (especially chaps. 9-11).
- C. The **most systematic** of Paul's letters: It reads more like an elaborate theological essay than a letter.
- D. The **Christian doctrine** emphasis shows in its many theological terms: sin, salvation, grace, faith, righteousness, justification, sanctification, redemption, death and resurrection.
- E. Paul's **concern for Israel** is seen in her present status, her relationship to the Gentiles and her final salvation.

RIGHTEOUSNESS IN ROMANS

God's *Righteousness* /Justification by Faith in Christ—Not the Law

Chapters 1–11

Chapters 12–16

Righteousness Explained

Righteousness Applied

Theological

Practical

What to Believe

How to Behave

Vertical

Horizontal

Relationship to God

Relationship to Others

The Book in Broad Strokes

What to Believe (Rom. 1–11)

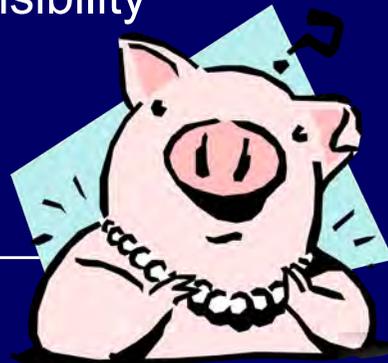
1. Sinfulness of humankind
2. Forgiveness of sin through Christ
3. Freedom from sin's grasp
4. Israel's past, present, and future



Paul sets forth the foundations of the Christian faith. All people are sinful; Christ died to forgive sin; we are made right with God through faith; this begins a new life with a new relationship with God. Like a sports team constantly reviewing the basics, we will be greatly helped in our faith by knowing these foundations. If we study Romans carefully, we will never be at a loss to know what to believe.

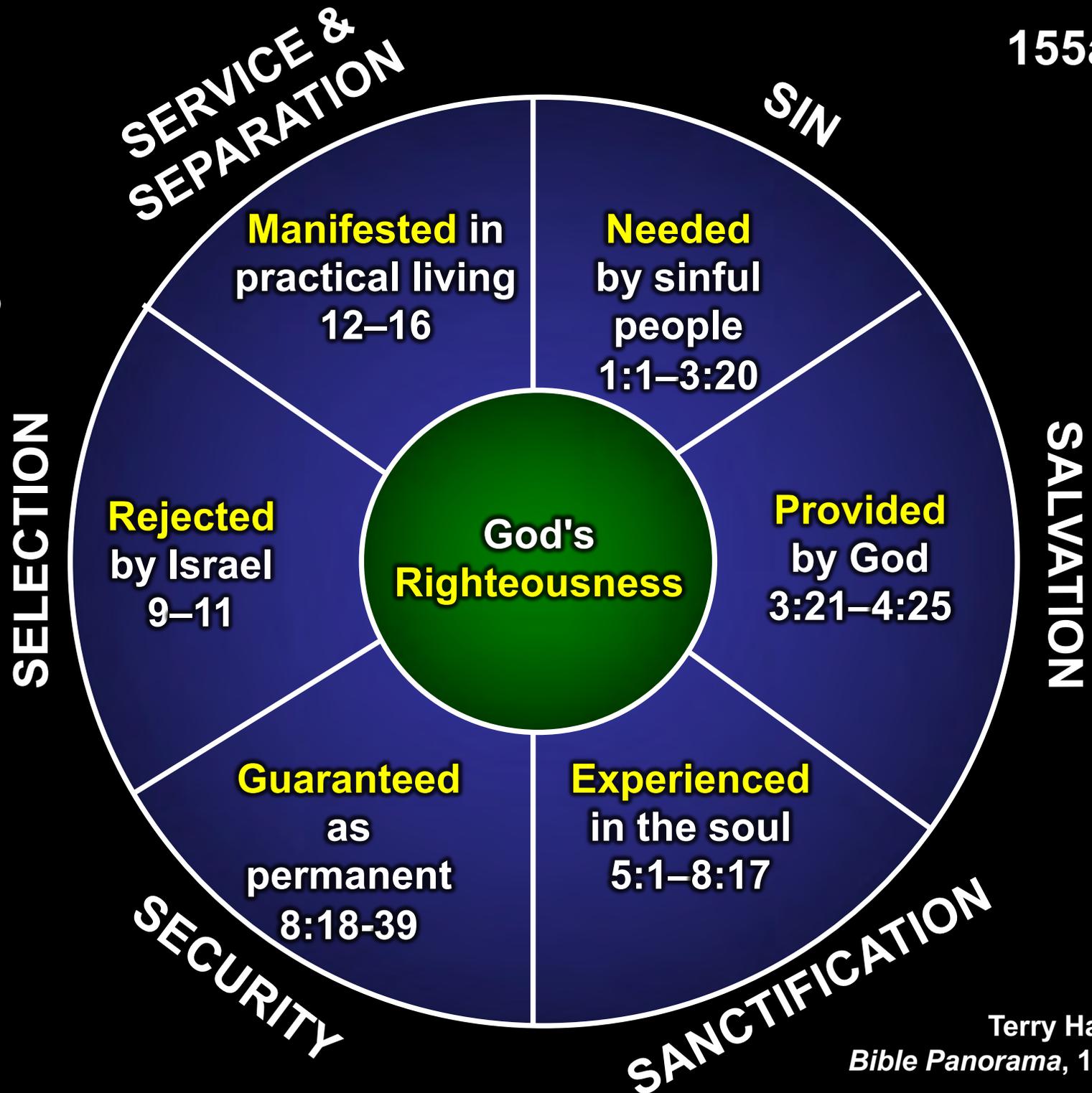
How to Behave (Rom. 12–16)

1. Personal responsibility
2. Personal notes



Paul gives clear, practical guidelines for behavior. The Christian life is not abstract theology unconnected with life, but practical--affecting how we behave each day. It is not enough merely to know the gospel; we must let it transform our life.

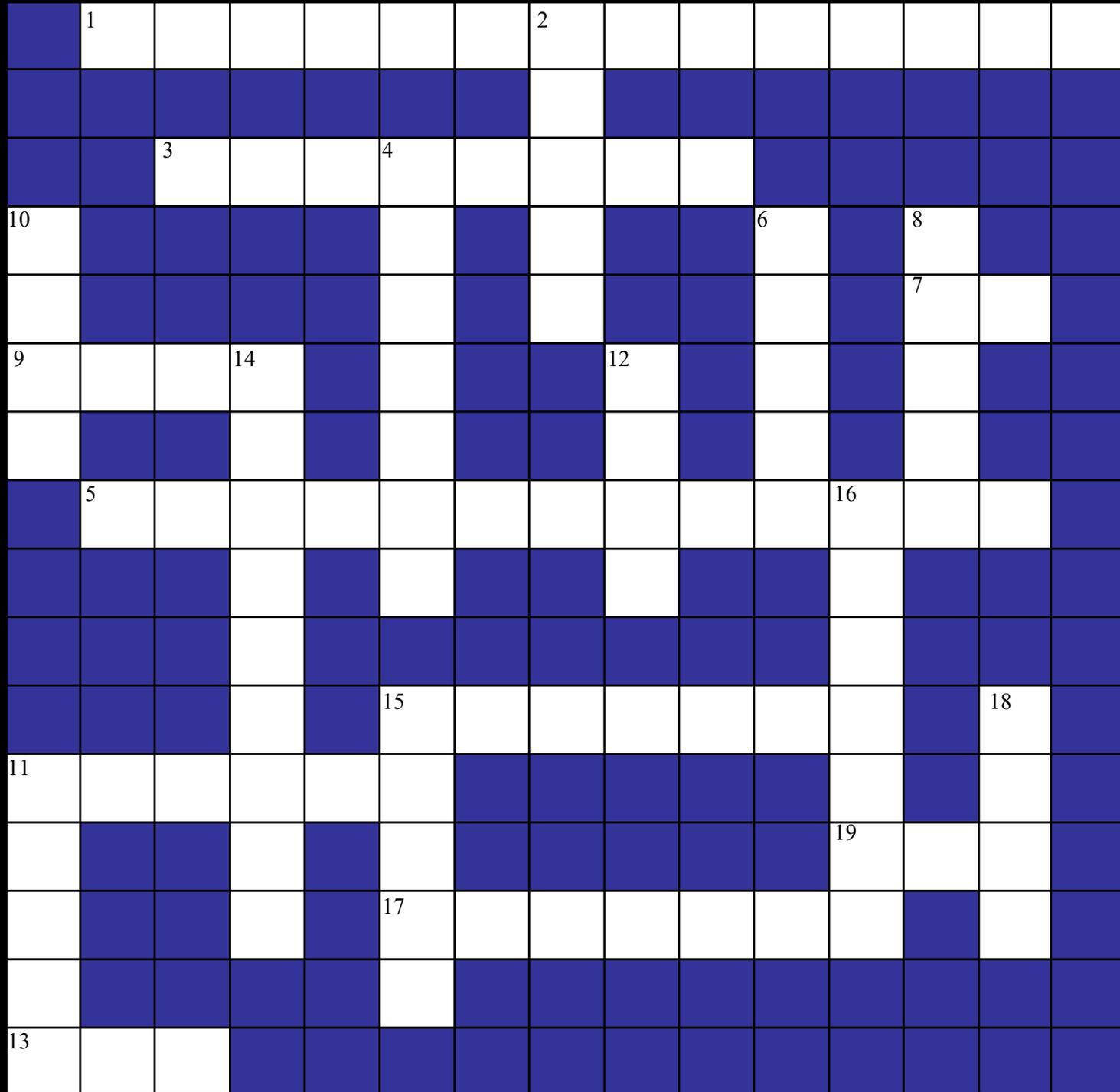
Circular View of Romans



**The first group to fill in
this crossword puzzle
correctly gets a prize!
Ready, set, go!**

Crossword Puzzle

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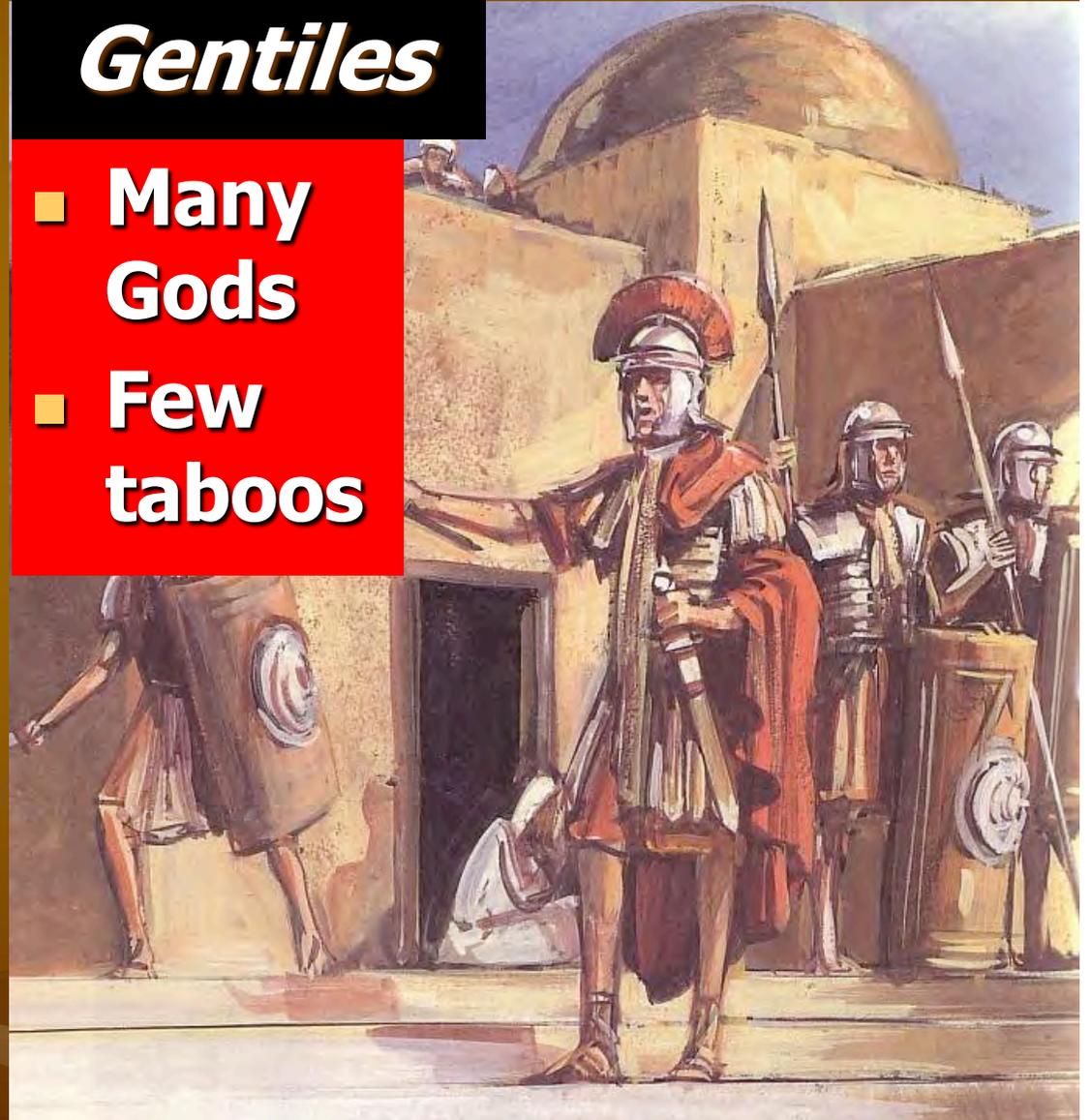
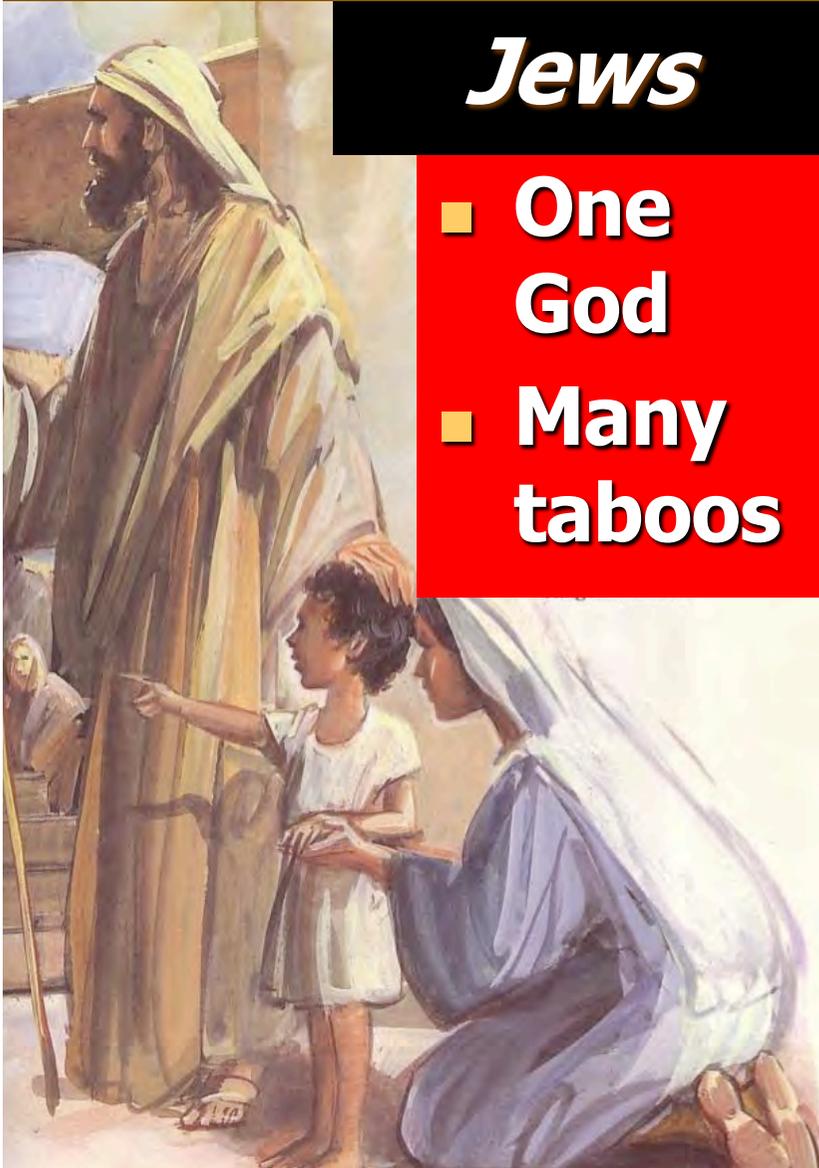
Sometimes Christians mistreat others of a different ethnic group

Jews

- One God
- Many taboos

Gentiles

- Many Gods
- Few taboos



Writing Style

Hebrew

- Favors **poetry**, imagery & symbolism

Greek

- Favors **outlines**, lists and bullet points

Adapted from Lynne M. Thompson, "Christmas: The Real Deal," interview with Ray Vander Laan, *Breakaway* magazine (Dec 2003): 7-9.

Hebrew

Numbers

Greek

- Sees numbers as a quality or **symbol**

- Sees numbers as a specific **quantity**

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Hebrew

- Focuses on the **community** in relationship with God

Relation to God

Greek

- Focuses on the **individual's** relationship with God

Hebrew

- The kingdom of God begins **in this life.** Eternal life is lived in harmony with God.

Eternal Life

Greek

- The kingdom of God is **outside this world.** Eternal life will occur after this life ends.

Sin

Hebrew

Greek

- Sin is wrong **behavior** alone.
- They emphasize what one **does** in response to faith.

- Sin is wrong actions & **thinking**.
- They emphasize what a person **knows** about faith.

Existence of God

Hebrew

Greek

- Assumes that God exists

- Tries to prove God's existence

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Hebrew

Faith

Greek

- **Relational and personal**
- Expressed in terms of **relationship** with God rather than rationalization

- **Intellectual and impersonal**
- Expressed in creeds and **doctrine** with support through proof texts

Hebrew

Truth

Greek

- **Experiential**
- **What** is done and who did it in Scripture
- Believing comes through **experience**
- Truth is unfolding and **relative**
- **Scientific & rational**
- **How** things are done in the Scripture
- Believing comes through **thinking**
- Truth is static and **unchanging**

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Be Accepting

Romans

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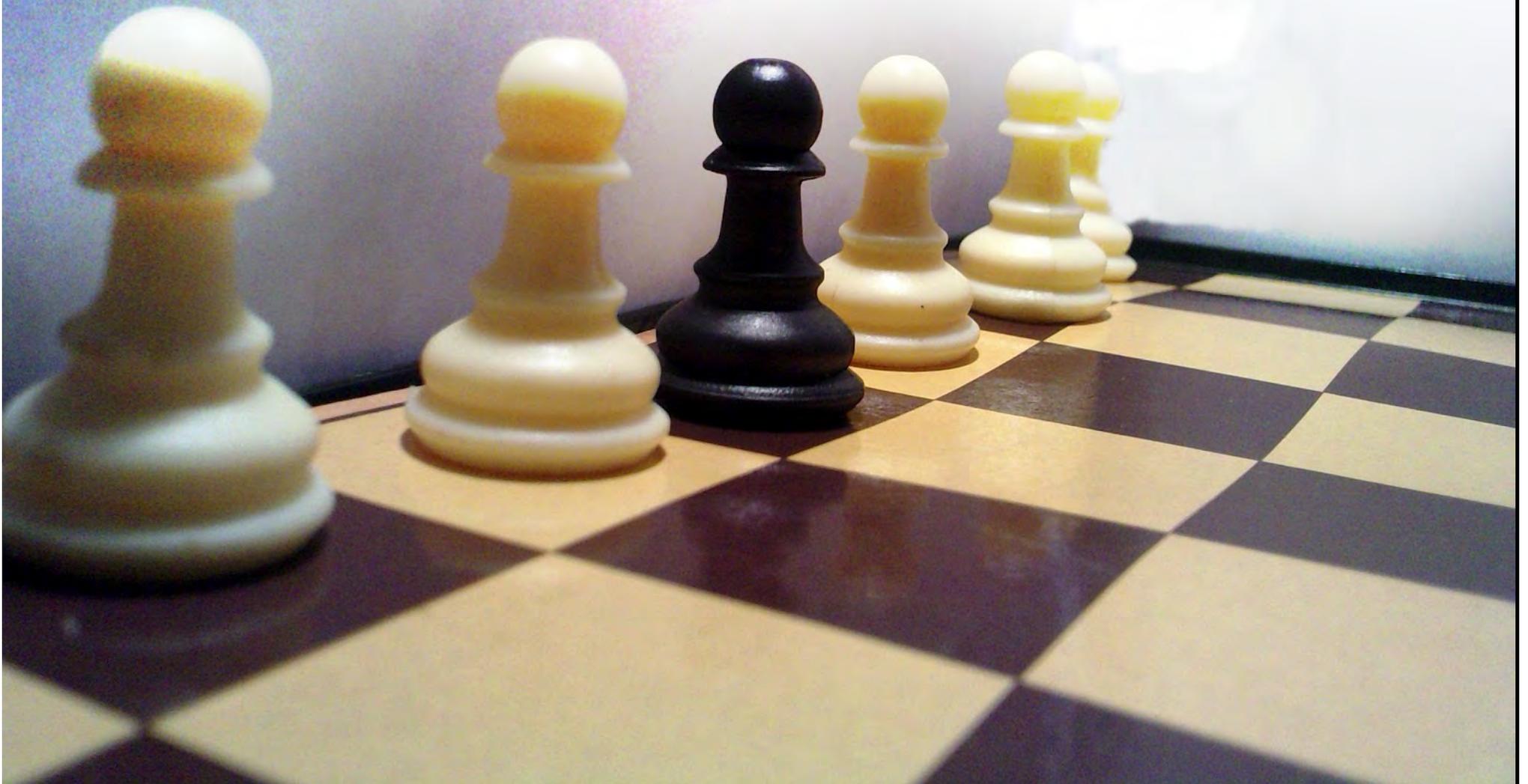
We accept others when we are young.



**Too often we don't
accept people
different from us.**



Why **accept** one another?





**Accept One
Another As Christ
Has Accepted You**

***The Theme of
Romans Based on
Romans 15:7***

**Dr. Andrew Spurgeon
NT Professor, Singapore Bible College**



Theme

**“Accept one another just as Christ has
accepted us for the glory of God”
(Rom 15:7)**

THE ROMAN EMPIRE



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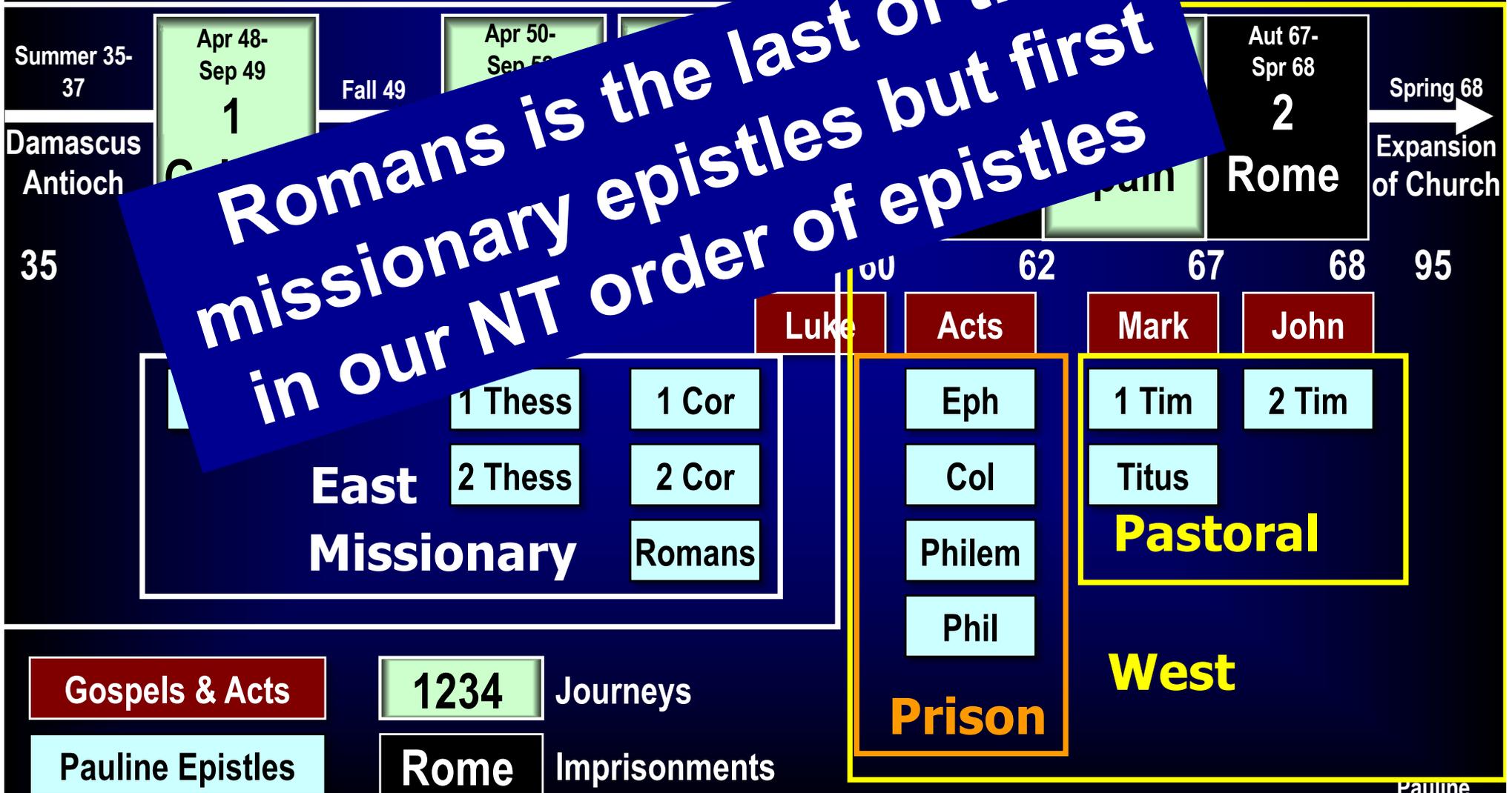
NT Overview (Paul's Letters)

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"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 25

Romans is the last of the missionary epistles but first in our NT order of epistles



Why
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RIGHTEOUSNESS IN ROMANS

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Romans 1

Message & Romans 1

***God is angry at the
Gentiles who reject him***

NO!

Can you see
it?

OUTLINE

1. Introduction (1:1-17)
 - a. Paul's Greeting (1:1-7)
 - b. Personal Matters (1:8-13)
 - c. Theme Statement (1:14-17)
2. The Sinfulness and Condemnation of All Men (1:18-32)
 - a. The Guilt of the Gentiles (1:18-32)
 - b. The Guilt of the Jews (2:1-3:8)
 - c. The Guilt of All Men (3:9-20)
3. The Justification of Believing Sinners (3:21-5:21)
 - a. The Basis of Justification (3:21-26)
 - b. Justification and the Law (3:27-31)
 - c. Justification and the Place of Faith (4:1-25)
 - d. The Certainty of Justification by Faith (5:1-11)
 - e. The Reign of Sin and the Reign of Grace (5:12-21)
4. The Sanctification of Believing Sinners (6:1-8:39)
 - a. Union with Christ (6:1-14)
 - b. Enslavement to Sin or to Righteousness (6:15-23)
 - c. Freedom from the Law (7:1-25)
 - d. Righteous Living Through the Holy Spirit (8:1-17)
 - e. After Sufferings Come Glory (8:18-39)
5. The Place of Israel in the Plans of God (9:1-11:36)
 - a. The Unbelief and Rejection of Israel (9:1-33)
 - b. The Explanation of Israel's Rejection (10:1-21)
 - c. Israel's Rejection Is Not Complete Nor Is It Final (11:1-32)
6. The Righteousness of God in Practical Living (12:1-15:13)
 - a. Being Consecrated to God (12:1-2)
 - b. Ministering and Spiritual Gifts (12:3-8)
 - c. Relating to Those in the Body of Christ (12:9-13)
 - d. Relating to Those Outside the Body of Christ (12:14-21)
 - e. Obligations to Human Government (13:1-7)
 - f. Other Obligations (13:8-14)
 - g. The Issue of Doubtful Things (14:1-15:3)
 - h. Relating to Others (15:4-13)
7. Conclusion (15:14-16:27)
 - a. Paul's Purpose in Writing (15:14-21)
 - b. Paul's Plans for the Future (15:22-23)
 - c. Paul's Praise and Warnings (16:1-27)

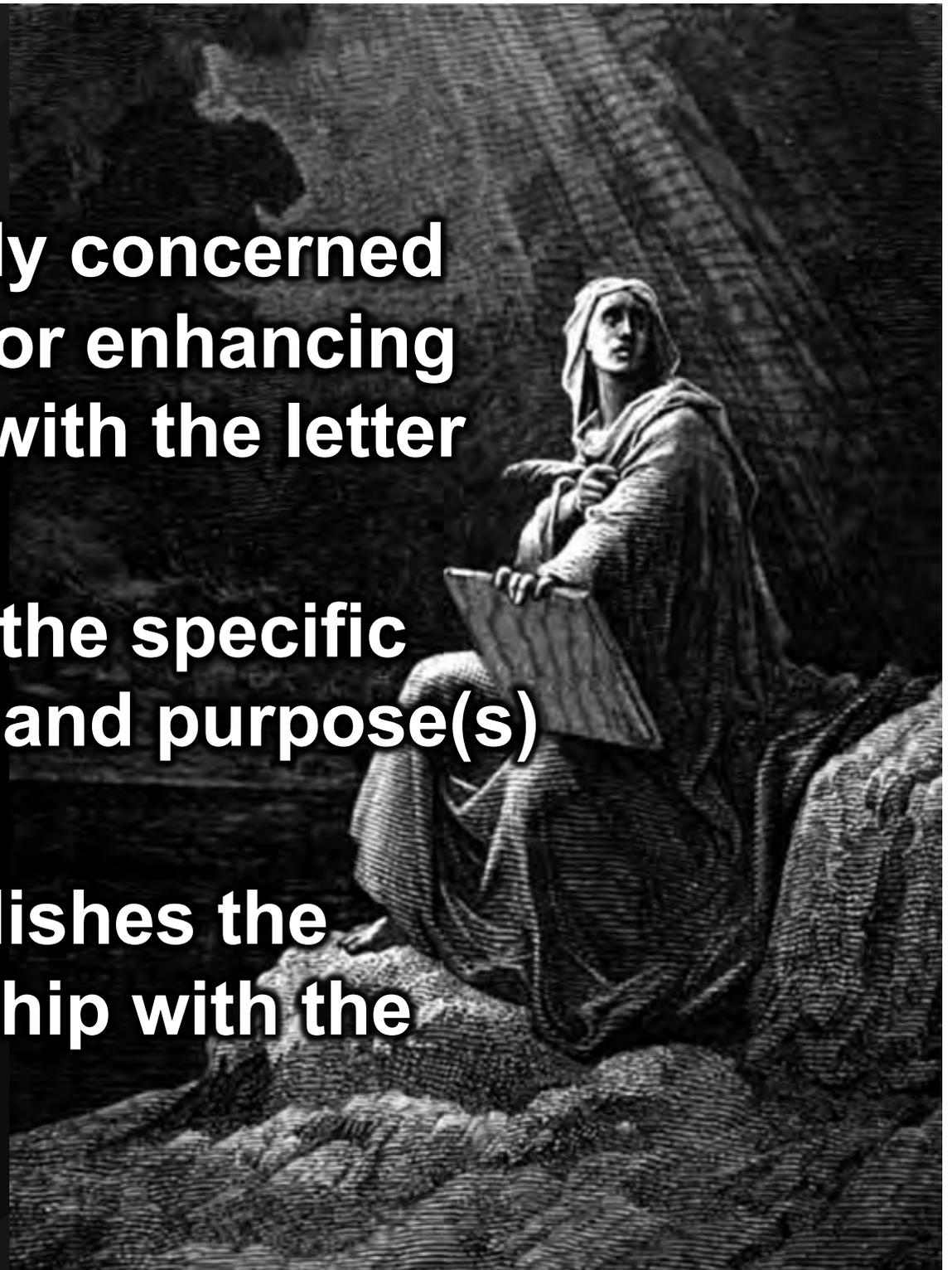


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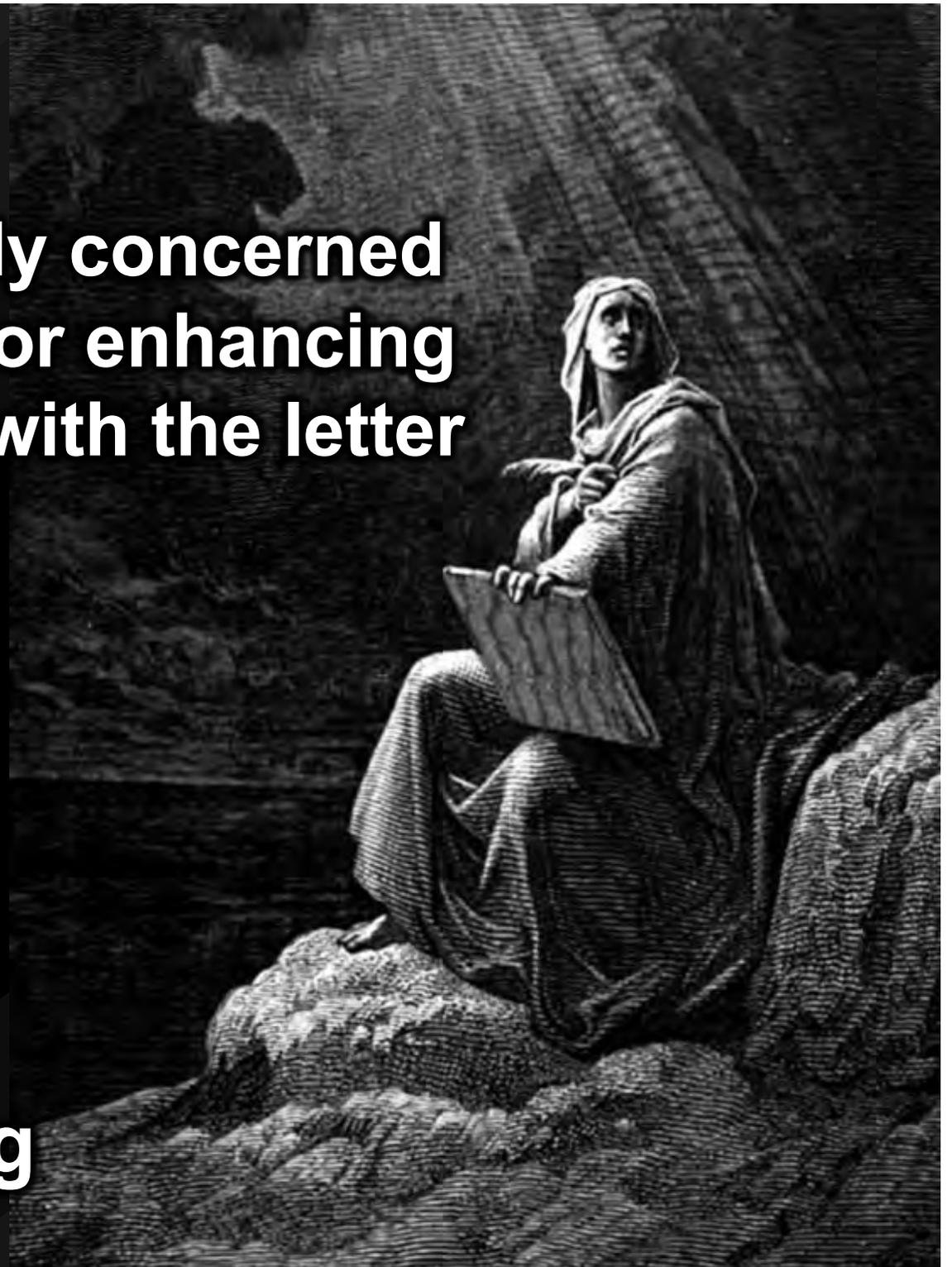
Epistolary Form

- **Opening** - primarily concerned with establishing or enhancing personal contact with the letter recipient
- **Body** - deals with the specific historical context and purpose(s) of the letter.
- **Closing** – reestablishes the sender's relationship with the recipient



Epistolary Form

- **Opening** - primarily concerned with establishing or enhancing personal contact with the letter recipient
 - Author
 - Readers
 - Greetings
 - Thanksgiving



A close-up photograph of two hands shaking. The hand on the left is dark-skinned and wears a colorful, patterned beaded bracelet. The hand on the right is light-skinned. The background is blurred, showing hints of orange and green. The image is positioned on the left side of the slide.

**Accept One
Another As Christ
Has Accepted You**

***The Theme of
Romans Based on
the Gospel***

**Taught as the theme by Dr. Andrew Spurgeon
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**The word
“gospel” means
“good news.”
So in order for
news to be
good, we have
to know the
“bad news”
first. And here it
is: “you have
sinned.” All sin
is open
rebellion
against God.
And the penalty
is death . . .**

Gospel . . . means the good news. It is a good news of God. And what is this good news? . . . It addresses the fact that the human heart in its own pursuit will end up empty, lonely, and destitute . . . life does not ultimately bring you satisfaction . . . we are alienated from God . . . separated from God . . . good news of the gospel is that in your own effort and by your own good works you cannot rebuild that bridge. It is God who has reached out to you and to me in the provision of his son, Jesus Christ, who is able to offer . . . to rebuild our lives . . .

What it meant to the early hearers

- Gospel
 - A birth announcement
 - Emperor Augustus
 - A victory announcement
 - Emperor Vespasian over Vitallius

What did it mean to the early hearers?

- Gospel

"The gospel . . . regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord"

(Rom 1:2–4)

1. Earthly life . . . (birth) . . . A descendant of David

2. Victory . . . In power by his resurrection, the Son of God

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 - Emperor Vespasian over Vitallius
 - It required a response
 - Of obedience/allegiance/submission

What did it mean to the early hearers?

- Gospel
 - “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings *salvation to everyone who believes*: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is *revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last*, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith’” (Rom 1:16–17).

What did it mean to the early hearers?

- The gospel is a birth announcement and a victory announcement. And it requires a response.
 - "The gospel . . . regarding his *Son*, who as to his earthly life was *a descendant of David*, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by *his resurrection from the dead*: Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom 1:1–4).
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The Theme of Romans

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16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: **first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.**

17 For **in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed**, a righteousness that is **by faith** from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Don't be ashamed of the gospel because it works! It alone makes us righteous!

Summary Statement for Romans

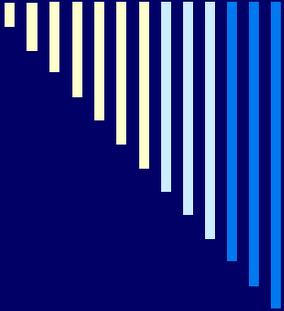
Paul expounds ***the righteousness of God which requires that justification be only by faith*** in Christ and not by works of the law in order to ***solve conflicts between Jewish and Gentile*** believers at Rome before his soon arrival

Application of Romans

Do you experience **peace with other believers** as fellow recipients of God's righteousness by faith? Or do you have conflicts with them stemming from pride?



**We need to
be saved**



MAJOR THEME



"Righteousness from God"

REPEAT

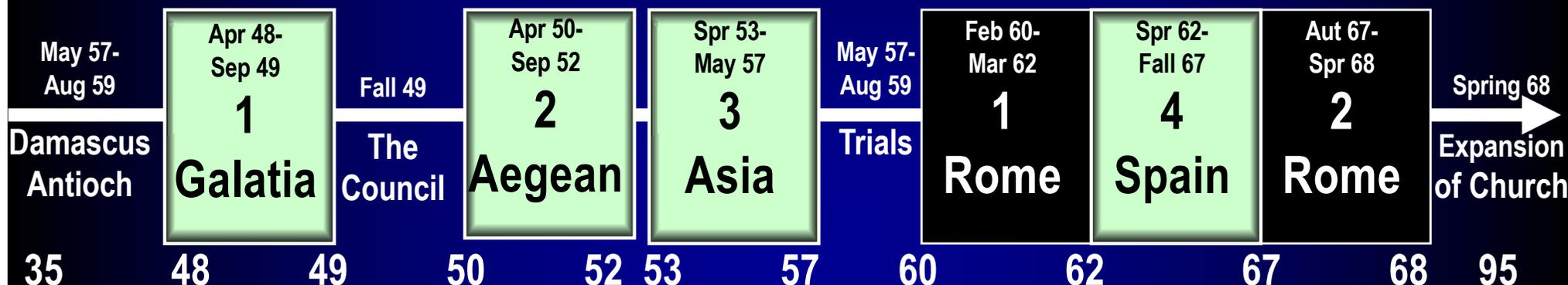


NT Overview (Missionary + Key Words)

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Kingdom

Justify

Sov 1

Sov 2

Disciple

Believe

Rapture

Tribulation

Sanctify

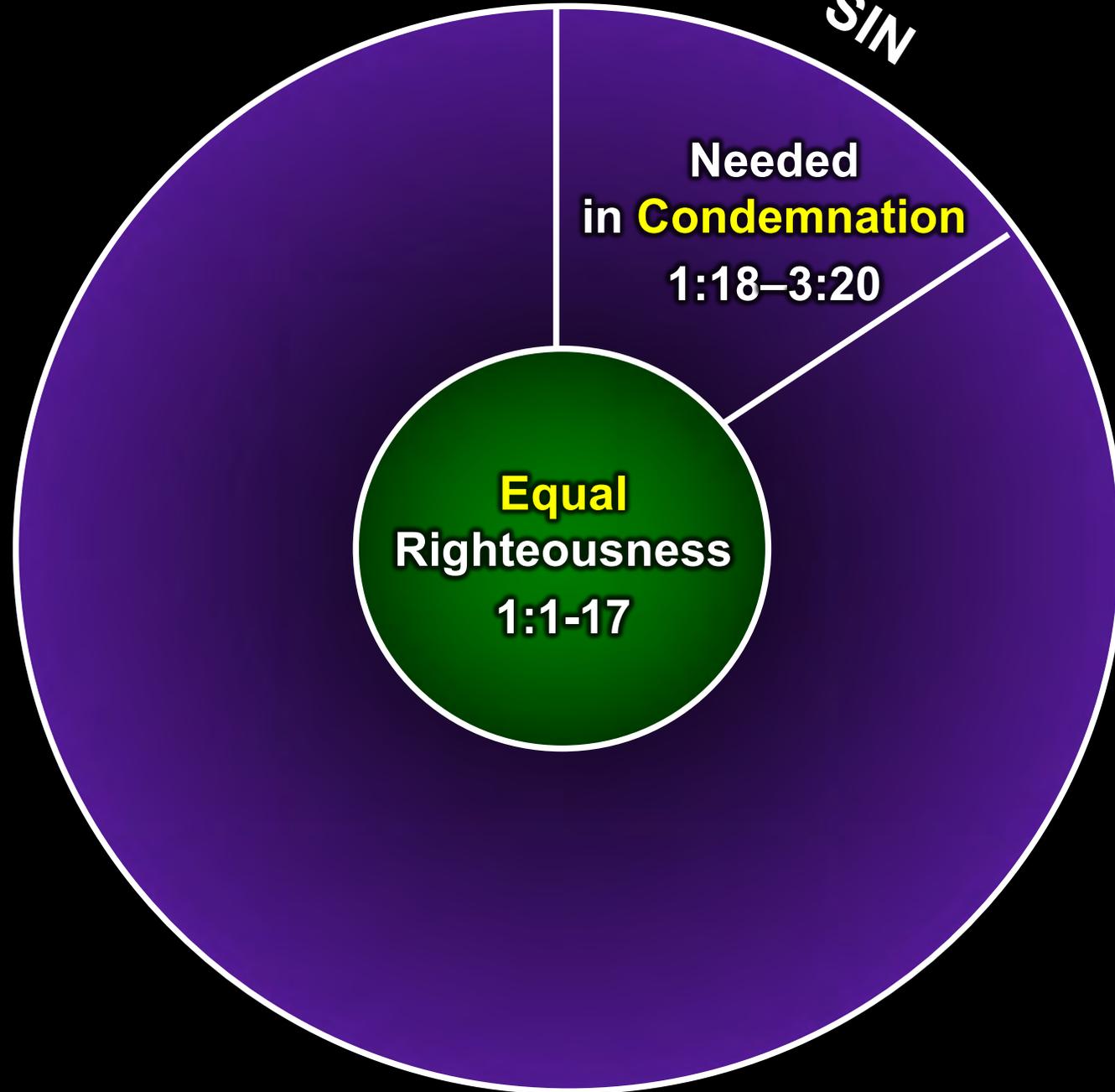
Apostle

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For

God is my witness, whom I serve with my
spi **r**it in the gospel of His Son that without
ceas **i**ng I make mention
o **f** you always in my prayers; Making
request i **f** by any means now at length I
m **i**ght have a prosperous journey by the
will of God **t**o come unto you. For I long to see
you, t **h**at I may impart unto you some
spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established.

Romans 1:9-11

God's Wrath (Romans 1:18-20)

- **The Reality (18a)**
- **The Reason (18b-20a)**
- **The Result (20b)**

Romans 1:20

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**Person who
is Limitless**

**Person who is
Supernatural**

For since the creation of the world
God's invisible qualities— his
eternal power and divine nature—
have been clearly seen, being
understood from what has been
made, so that men are without
excuse (NIV).



WHY YOU ARE
WITHOUT **EXCUSE**

ROMANS 1:20

Romans 1:20

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Since the start of creation... people have seen God = literal 24-hour days

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities— his eternal power and divine nature— have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse (NIV).



**IT'S
YOUR
CHOICE**



Why God is Angry at Gentiles (1:21-32)

Ignore God (21-23)

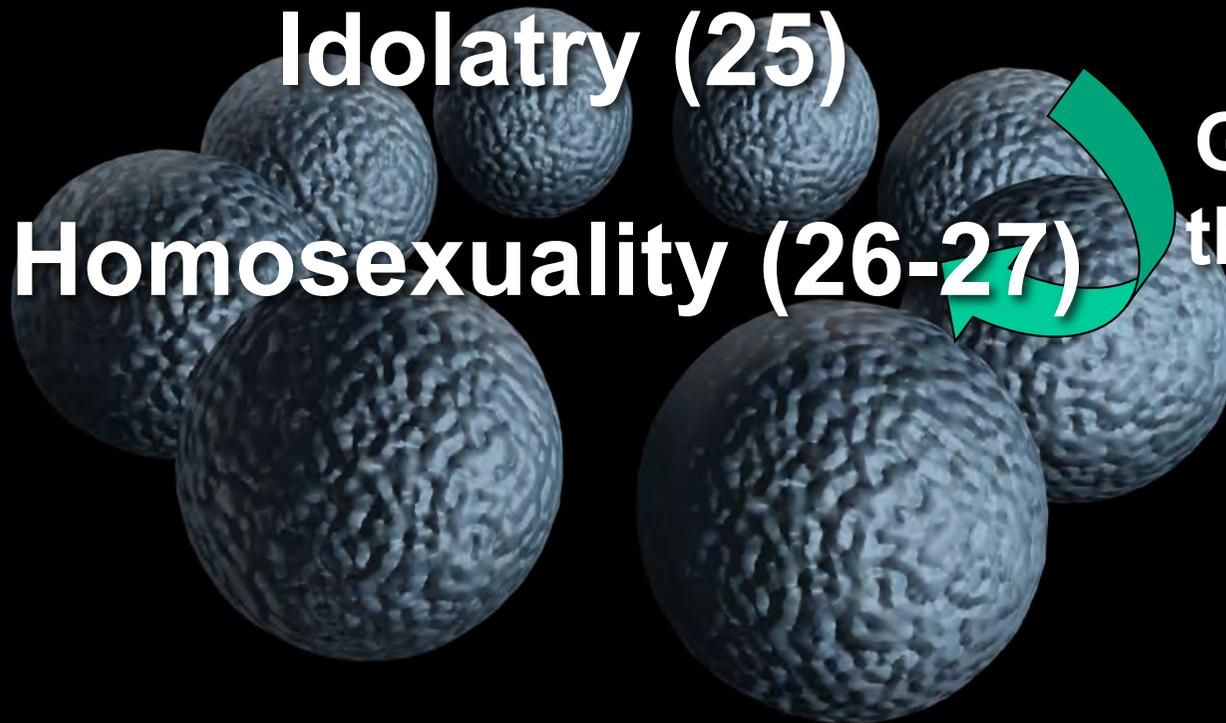
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Impurity (24)

Idolatry (25)

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Homosexuality (26-27)

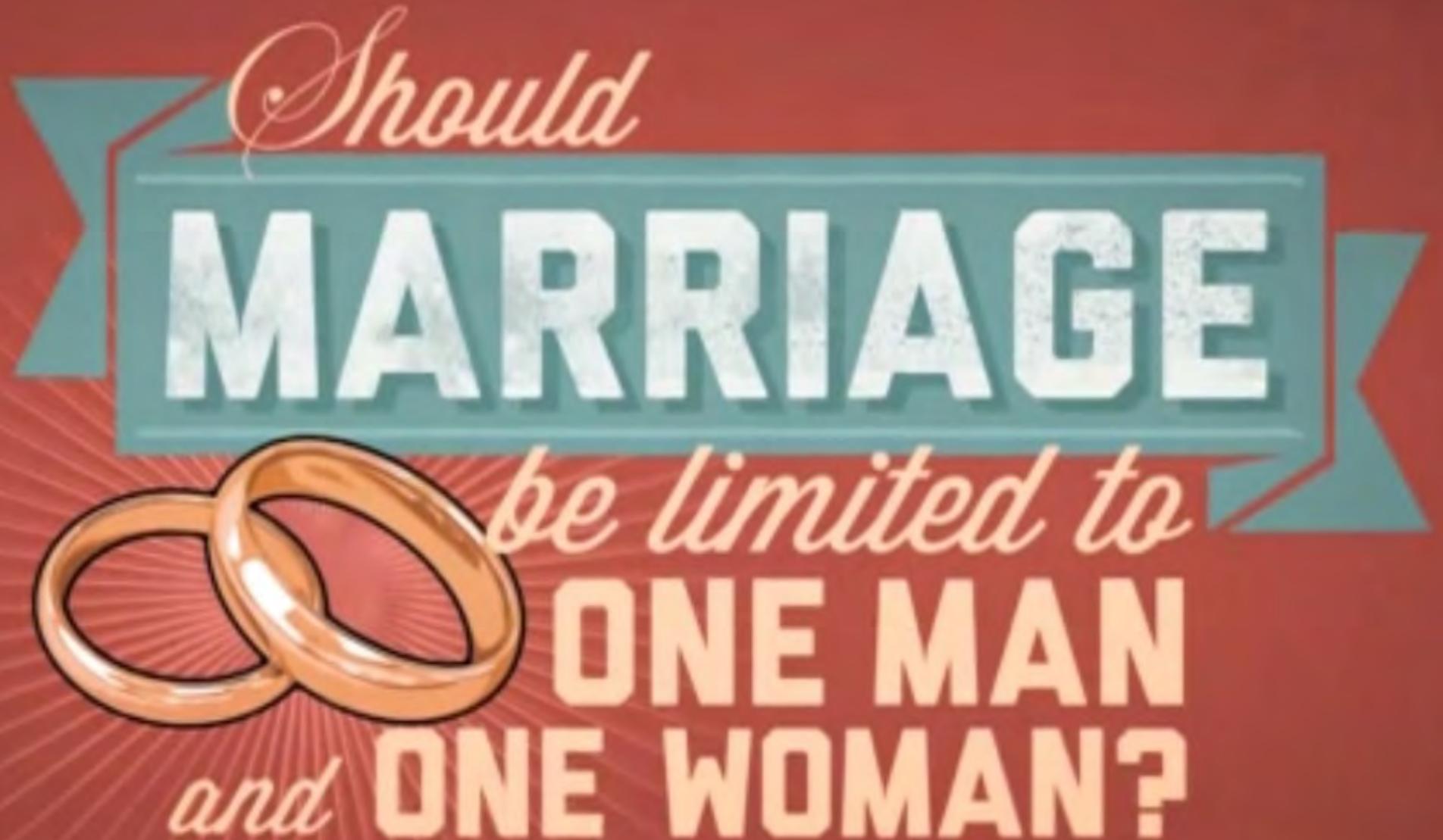


What About Homosexuality?



What About Same Sex "Marriage"?

See Family Research Council ([frcblog](http://frcblog.com)) on YouTube



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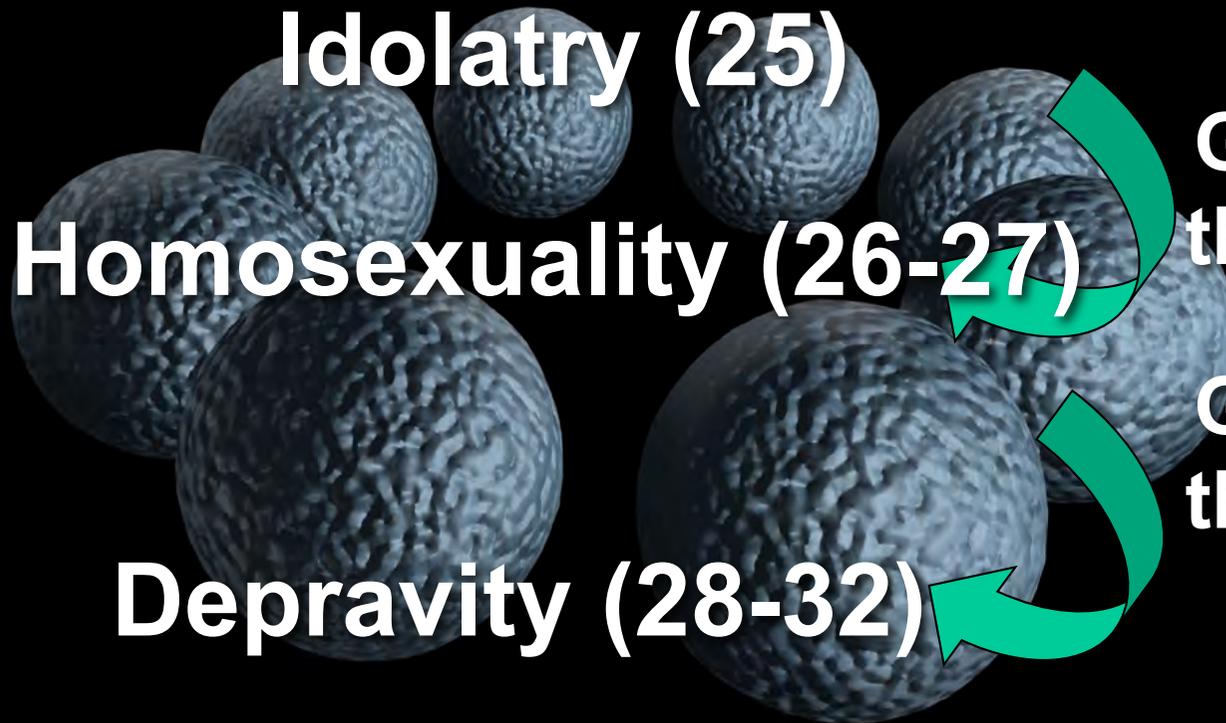
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Depravity (28-32)

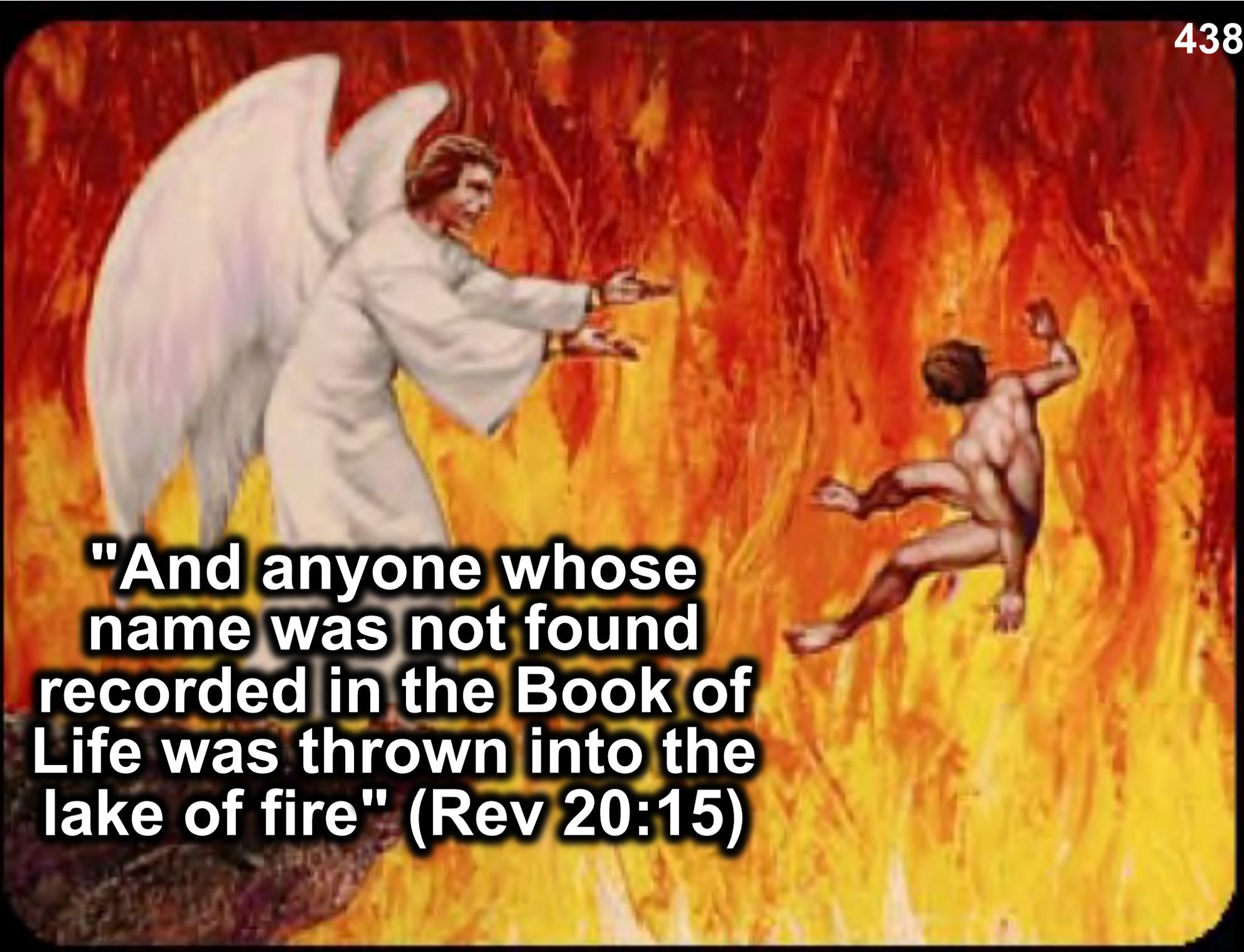


What About the Unreached?



A digital illustration of a hellish landscape. The scene is dominated by intense red and orange colors, suggesting fire and lava. In the foreground, there are jagged, dark, rocky formations. A single human skull is placed on a small mound of dark earth in the center of the scene. The background features a bright, yellowish-green glow, possibly representing a source of light or fire. The overall atmosphere is one of torment and suffering.

**Hell: What if
it's Real?**



"And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire" (Rev 20:15)

Attacks on Hell



Universalism
Annihilationism
Purgatory

Universalism



What is it?

Arguments cited

Rebuttals

LOVE WINS

A BOOK ABOUT
HEAVEN, HELL AND
THE FATE OF
EVERY PERSON
WHO EVER LIVED

ROB BELL

Recent Universalism



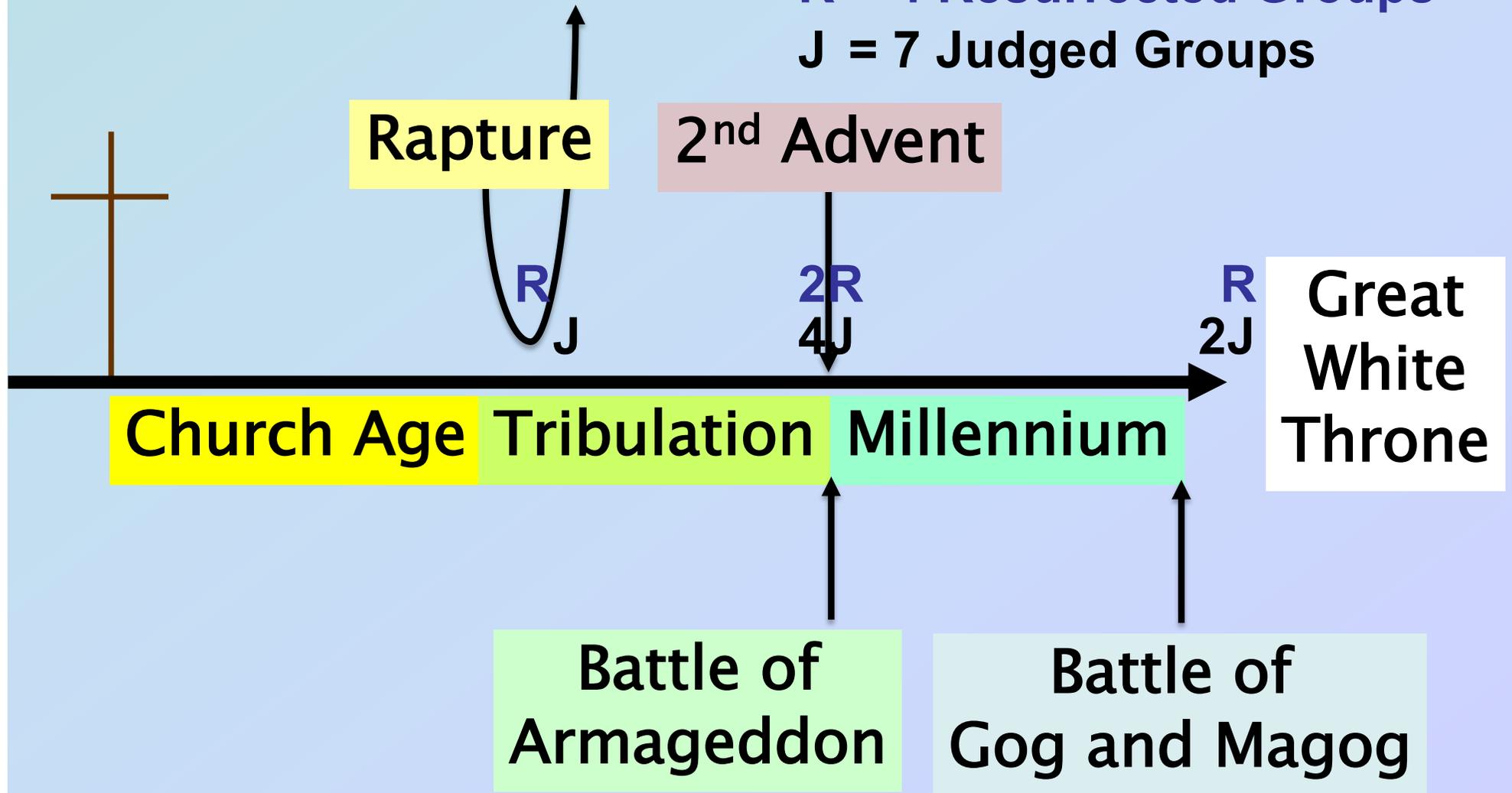
Of his 10,000-member Grand Rapids Mars Hill Bible Church, 3000 left after the book, then Bell himself left for California to run a "faith-inflected talk show"



Resurrections & Judgments

R = 4 Resurrected Groups

J = 7 Judged Groups



Rapture

2nd Advent

Church Age

Tribulation

Millennium

Great White Throne

Battle of Armageddon

Battle of Gog and Magog



**"Then I saw a
great white
throne..."
(20:11)**



The Books (20:12)

The Lake of Fire (20:14-15)





Christ's Second Coming

**"Out of his
mouth comes a
sharp sword
with which to
strike down the
nations"
(Rev. 19:15a)**



Annihilationism



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Annihilationist Groups

- **Seventh-Day Adventists**
- **Jehovah's Witnesses**
- **Some "Evangelicals"?**



Annihilationist Arguments

Rebuttals

- God is too nice to send people to eternal hell

God is absolutely just and holy

- "Destruction" implies annihilation

"Destruction" refers to physical death

Church of England Report, January 1996

- "Hell as ultimate non-being is the way in which we've put it. The horrible demons are the imaginations of inventors and medievalists."

Bishop John Taylor

One of the authors of the report

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Purgatory

What is it?



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Arguments Cited for Purgatory

- "Not good enough for heaven but not bad enough for hell"
- 2 Maccabees



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Rebuttals to Purgatory

- **Salvation by works**
- **Apocrypha**
- **No second chance**

The “It’s sincerity that counts most” argument

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Another view...

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**Responding in
faith to the
light received**

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**God saves
them based on
Christ's death**



The only proper response to the state of the unevangelized is that they indeed are lost without Christ. This is supported in several ways...

God's Wrath (Romans 1:18-20)

- **The Reality (18a)**
- **The Reason (18b-20a)**
- **The Result (20b)**

Romans 1:20

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**Person who
is Limitless**

**Person who is
Supernatural**

For since the creation of the world
God's invisible qualities— his
eternal power and divine nature—
have been clearly seen, being
understood from what has been
made, so that men are without
excuse (NIV).



WHY YOU ARE
WITHOUT EXCUSE

ROMANS 1:20

Why God is Angry at Gentiles (Rom. 1:21-32)

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Ignore God (21-23)

God gave
them over

Impurity (24)

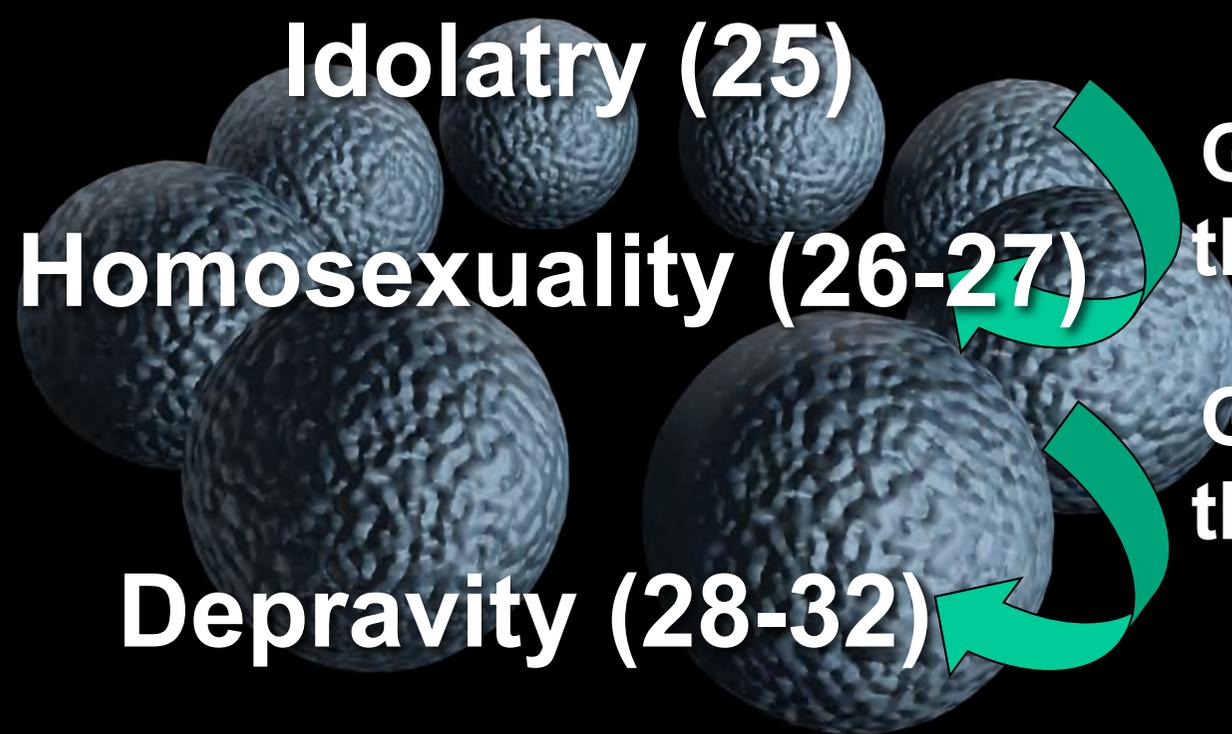
Idolatry (25)

God gave
them over

Homosexuality (26-27)

God gave
them over

Depravity (28-32)



All Are Under Sin

**10^b "No one is righteous—
not even one.**

**11 No one is truly wise;
no one is seeking God.**

**12 All have turned away;
all have become useless.**

**No one does good,
not a single one (Pss 14:1-3; 53:1-3—Greek version).**

**13 "Their talk is foul, like... stench from an open grave.
Their tongues are filled with lies."**

"Snake venom drips from their lips" (Ps 5:9 Gr.; 140:3).

**14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness" (Ps
10:7 Gr. version).**

15 "They rush to commit murder.

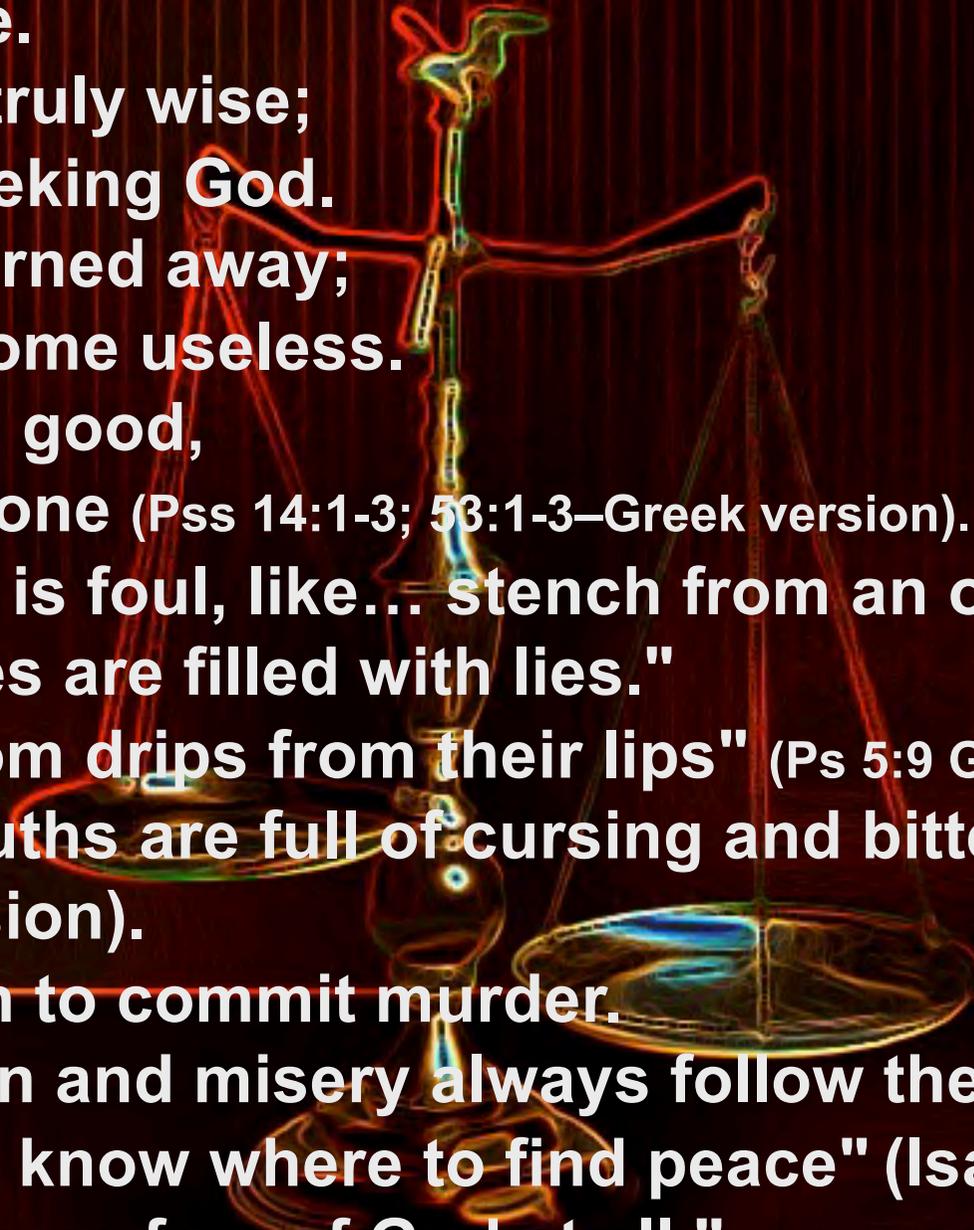
16 Destruction and misery always follow them.

17 They don't know where to find peace" (Isa 59:7-8).

18 "They have no fear of God at all."

(Rom 3:10b-18 NLT)

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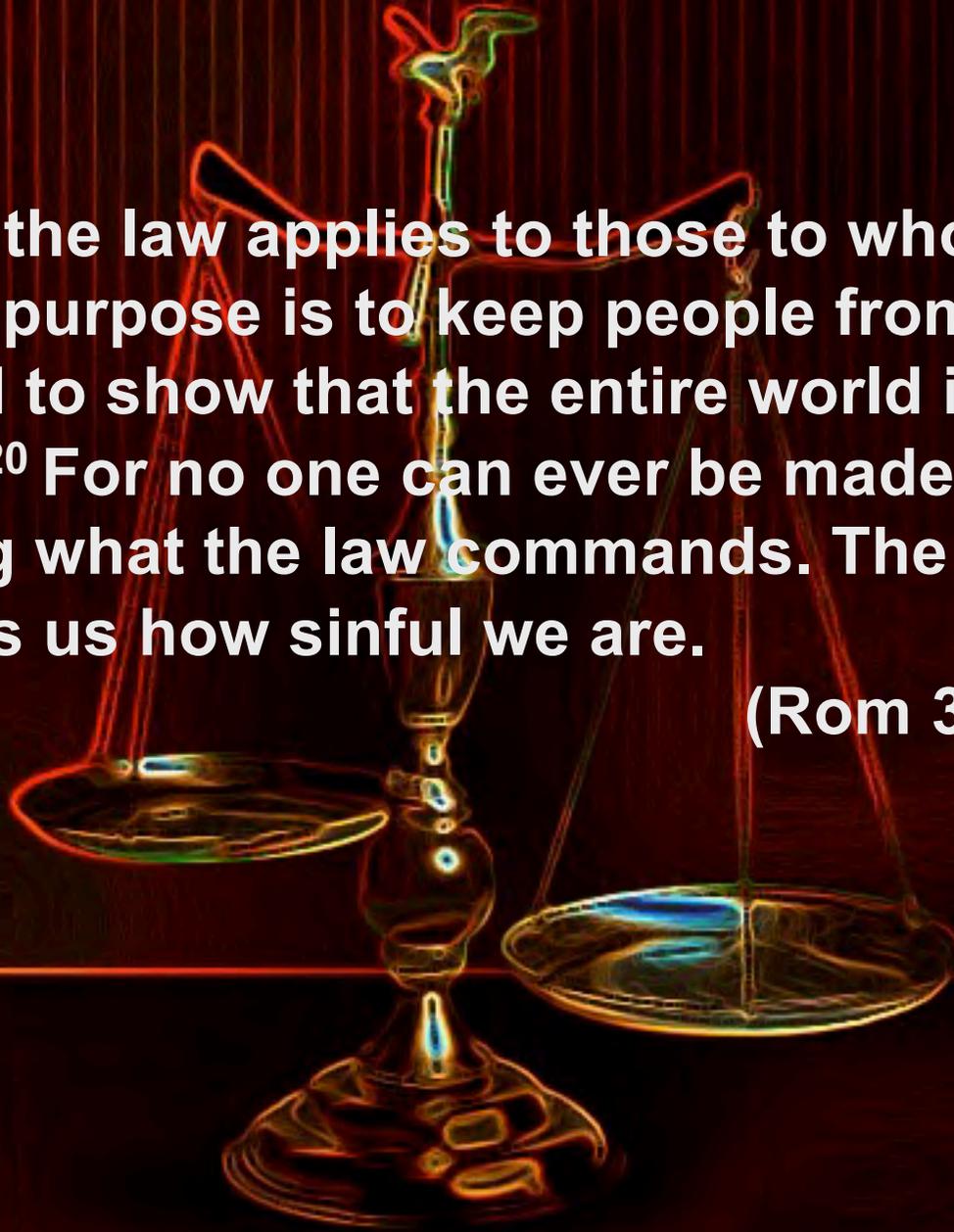


The Law Won't Save

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¹⁹ 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.

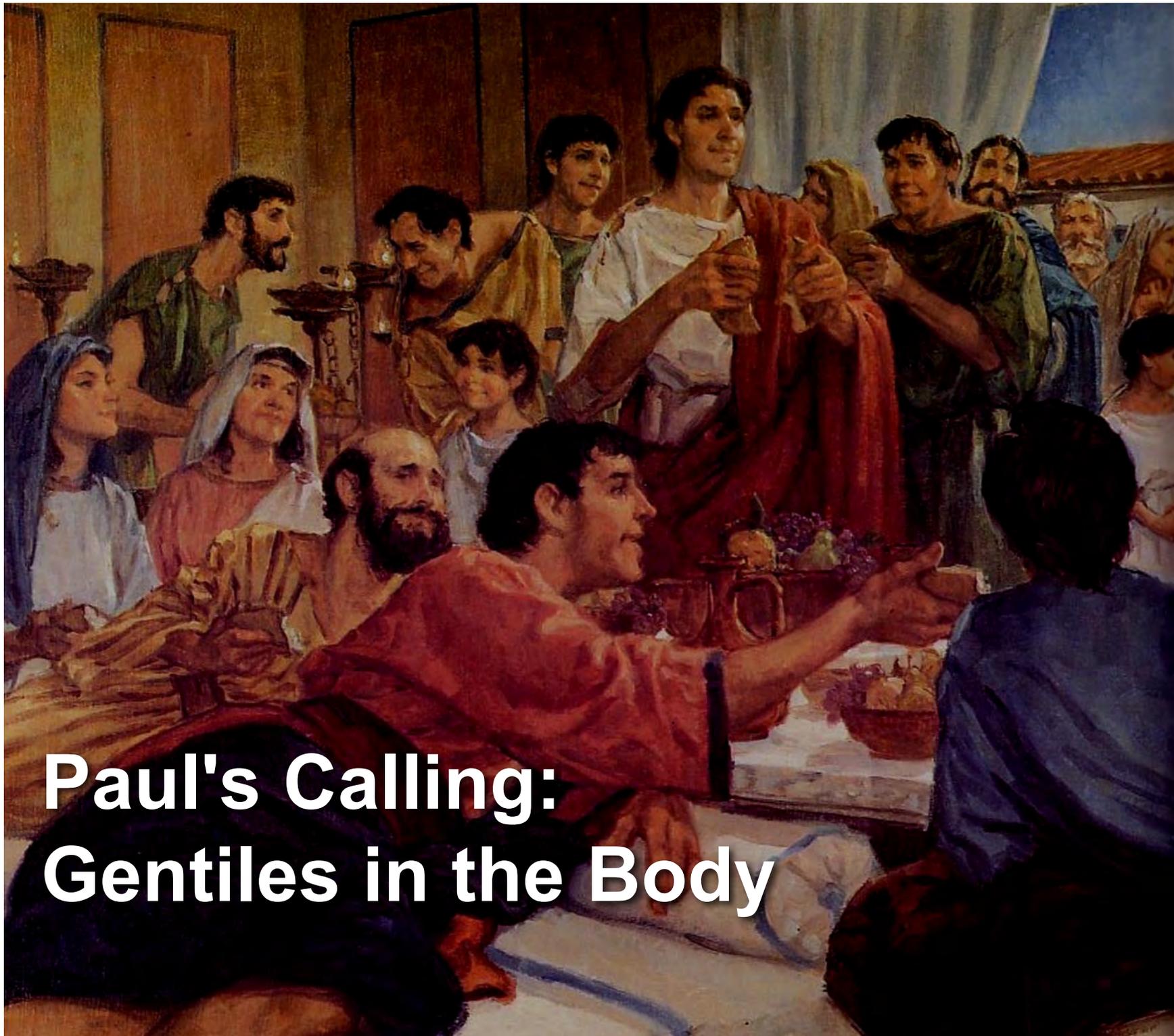
(Rom 3:19-20 NLT)



Acts 1:8 NAU

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in **Jerusalem**, and in all Judea and Samaria, and ***even to the remotest part of the earth.***"





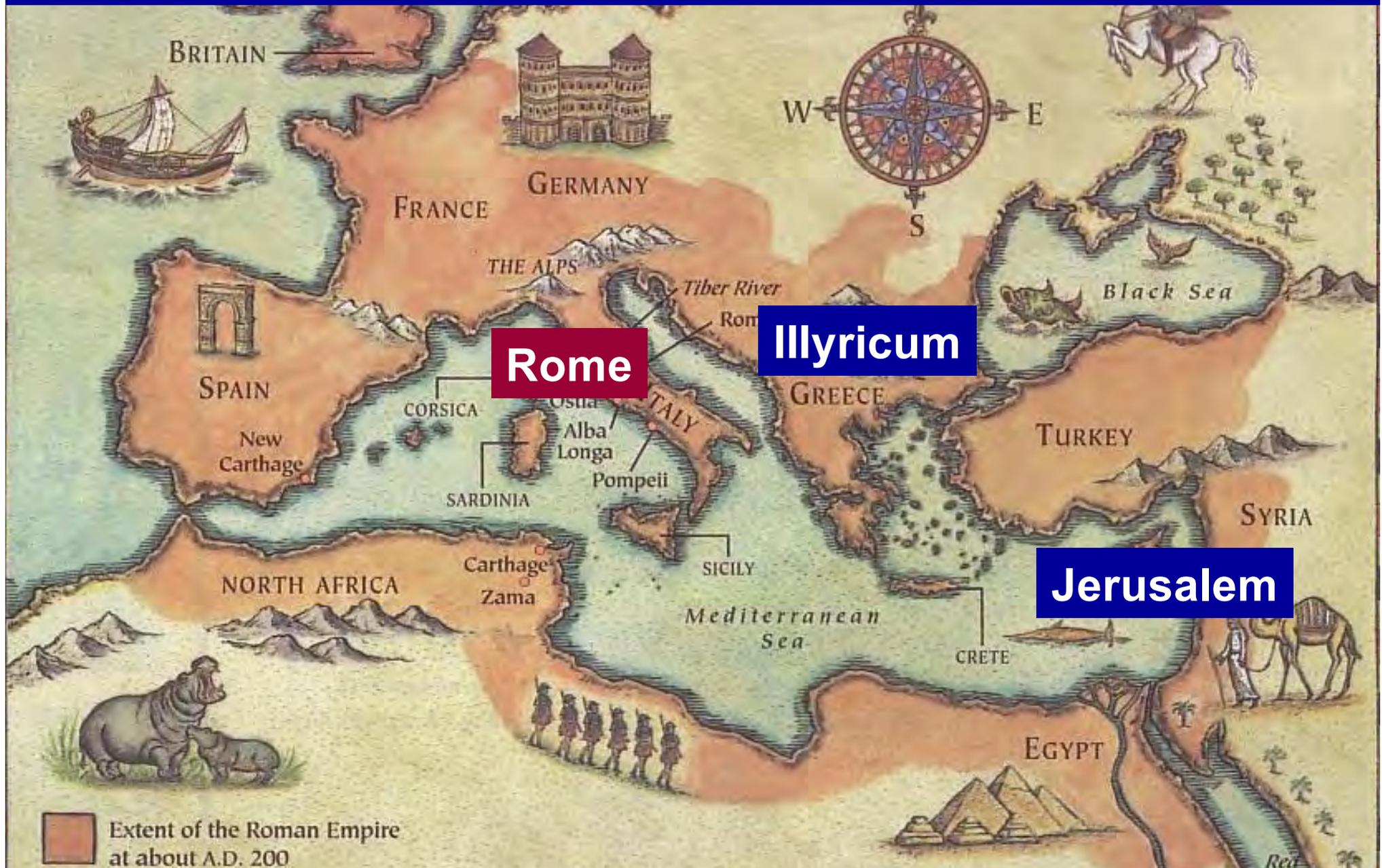
Paul's Calling: Gentiles in the Body

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Paul's Ministry Westwards

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20 My ambition has always been to preach the Good News **where the name of Christ has never been heard**, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else. 155f
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21 I have been following the plan spoken of in the Scriptures, where it says,
"Those who have **never been told** about him will see, and those who have **never heard of him** will understand."

22 In fact, my visit to you has been delayed so long because I have been preaching in these places.

—*Romans 15:20-22*

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The Logical Argument

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If the unreached are not headed for hell, then the worst thing a Christian could do is to tell them about Christ! Why? Because if they hear the message, there's a possibility of rejecting it and going to hell; however, if they don't hear the message in the first place, hell isn't even a possibility. Therefore, the best decision is to call back all our missionaries.



What's the Difference?

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Grace

...is God
giving us
what we
do **not**
deserve

Mercy

...is God
not giving us
what we
do
deserve



What about babies who die?

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**I believe that they go to
heaven based on two texts:**

- 1. David showed confidence in seeing his infant son who died (2 Sam. 12:23).**
- 2. Jesus noted that the kingdom of God belonged to little children (Mark 10:14-15).**



How can I communicate hell to non-Christians?

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A few suggestions:

- a. Don't be afraid to talk about hell. Jesus wasn't! Christ talked about hell even more than He did about heaven.**
- b. Talk about sin in your evangelistic presentations. Talk about how God is holy and just and thus must judge sin.**
- c. Remind unbelievers that hell was "prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). Man through his disobedience has entered into this arrangement.**



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A few suggestions:

- d. Avoid speaking of hell and sin as “spiritual separation from God.” Unbelievers are used to being separated from God and because of their sin many have convinced themselves that separation is good—so this hardly seems like a punishment!**
- e. Teach about hell in balance with even more fundamental doctrines**



**But I Don't
Need the
Gospel!**

Romans 1:18–2:16

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Objection 1

**But, I don't need the Gospel!
I am not a sinner.**



An Atheist Defense

**. . . I can be a good person without fear of hell-fire. . .
Atheists who are out there, pretty much all the atheists I know, do have a very strong moral compass. . .
So the things you may consider sins, we don't consider sins. But by and large the atheists I know are doing good even though they don't believe in God. . . Can you believe that?**



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Objection 1

**"The wrath of God is showing from heaven upon all those who are 'irreverent to God' and 'un-straight-forward' people who suppress the truth in their 'un-straight-forwardness'"
(Rom 1:18).**



Objection 1

- **the wrath of God is showing**
- **“irreverent to God”**
- **“un-straight-forward”**
- **who suppress the truth in their “un-straight-forwardness”**



Objection 1

What's the truth that they suppress?

The existence of God (1:19–23)

“Although they know God exists, they neither give glory to God nor thank Him.” Instead, they worship gods they create (*sin*).



God's Response

**So God's wrath is showing upon them. . .
How?**

- 1. God gave them over to their own desires of their hearts; they worship creatures (1:24–25)**



God's Response

**So God's wrath is showing upon them. . .
How?**

**2. God gave them over to dishonorable
passions; they confuse gender identities
(1:26–27)**



God's Response

**So God's wrath is showing upon them. . .
How?**

**3. God gave them over to thoughtless
minds; they commit acts of wickedness
and approve those who practice them
(1:28–32)**



Types of People

**“irreverent to God” and
“un-straight-forward” people**



Objection 2

**But, I don't need the Gospel!
I am a saint!**



Objection 2

“You who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things” (2:1).



God's Response

But, “God’s judgment against those who do such things is based on truth” (2:2).

So, those who judge others, but do the same act, will not escape God’s judgment (2:3).



God's Response

So, what's their crime?

**Showing contempt for God's kindness
(2:4).**

**“God will repay each person
according to what they have done”
(2:5-6).**



God's Response

**To those who seek immortality,
He will give life (2:7)**

**To those who seek their own self
and reject truth, punishment
(2:8)**



God's Response

**Regardless of Jews or Gentiles
(2:9–10)**

**“For God does not show favoritism”
(2:11)**

**With or without law
(2:12–15)**



God's Response

**God judges these hidden acts of
people, today, through the
gospel of Christ Jesus (2:16)**



Summary

**But I don't need the Gospel,
I am not a sinner!**

**But I don't need the Gospel,
I am a saint!**



Summary

**But I need the Gospel,
I am a sinner!**

**But I need the Gospel,
I am *not* a saint!**

Romans 2

Romans 2:1–3:8

***God is angry at the
self-righteous and Jews too***

R.W. Schambach

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**God Despises
Human Pride**

IMPARTING POWER
LIVING TRUTH

Condemned Group	Benefits Received	Reason Condemned	Degree of Judgment
Gentiles (1:18-32)	Creation (1:20)	Rejection of the light they have (1:21-22)	Great (1:20b)
Self-Righteous (2:1-16)	Conscience (2:14-15)	Refusal to obey (2:1)	Greater (2:4)
Jews (2:17-3:8)	Law (2:17-20; 3:2)	Hypocrisy (2:21-24)	Greater (3:6)
All Humanity (3:9-20)	Creation and/or Conscience or Law	Lack of understanding and turning away (3:11-18)	—

All Are Guilty Before God

Salvation by Works?

Works Verses

Rom. 2:6 God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

Rom. 2:7 To those who by persistence **in doing good** seek glory, honor and immortality, **he will give eternal life.**

Rom. 2:8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

Rom. 2:13 For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but **it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.**

Explanation

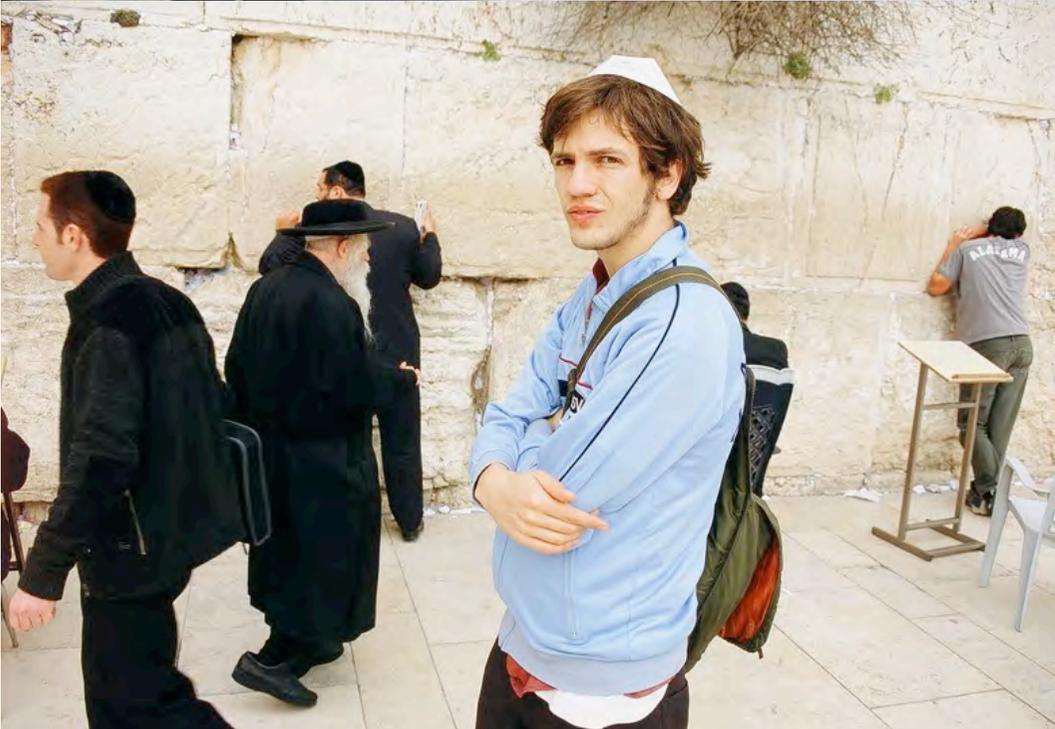
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These verses seem to teach salvation by works while others teach salvation by faith (e.g., Rom. 3:20). Paul appears to teach salvation by works elsewhere (cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 2 Cor. 5:10; Gal. 5:21) but he did not see these as contradicting.

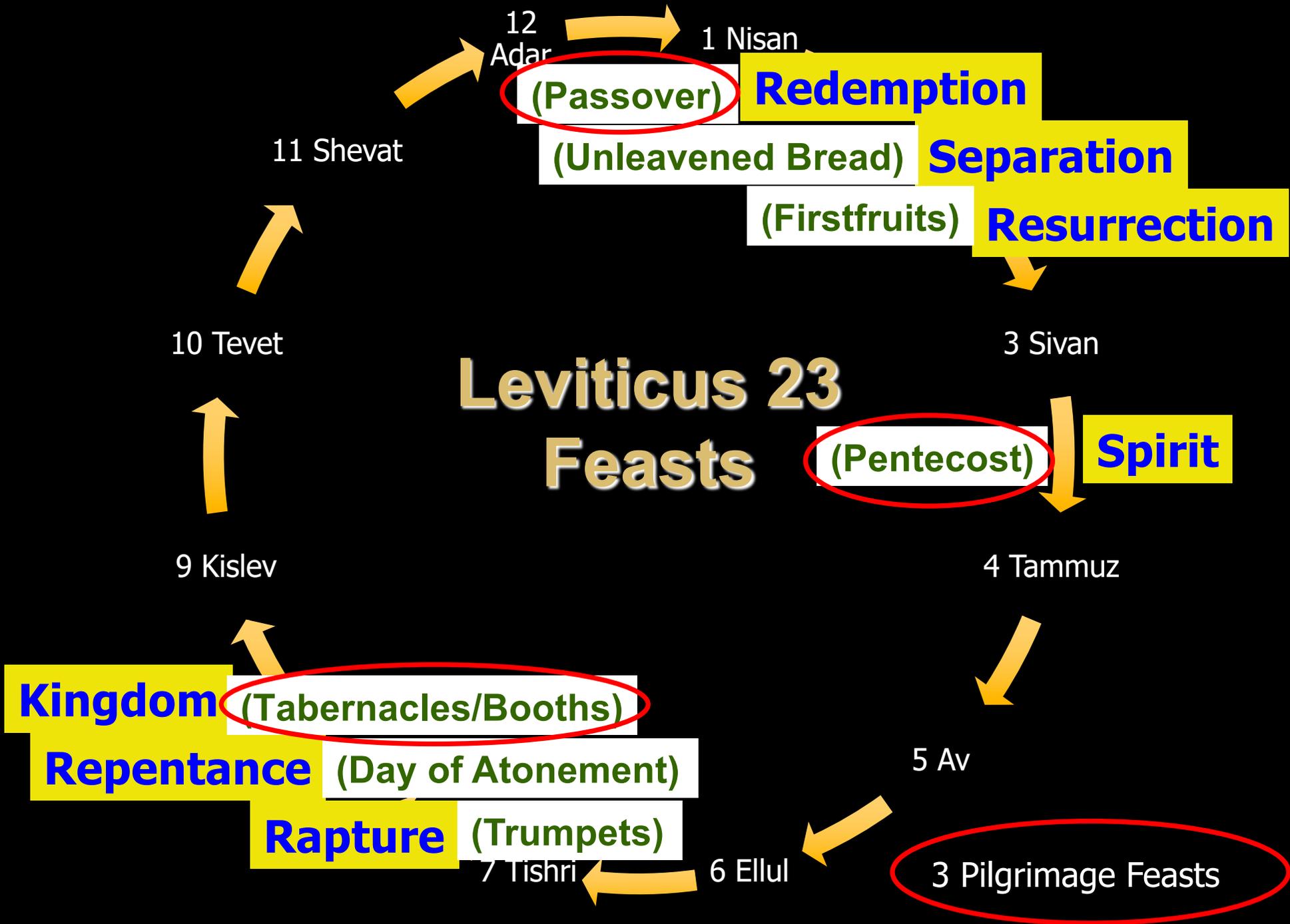
It is better to see Romans 2:7, 13 as hypothetical. Paul simply says that eternal life would be possible *if* one could keep the law entirely, but since no one can do this then all alike are under sin.

This fits his argument that all persons are under judgment in Romans 1–3 and it also harmonizes well with 3:19-20.

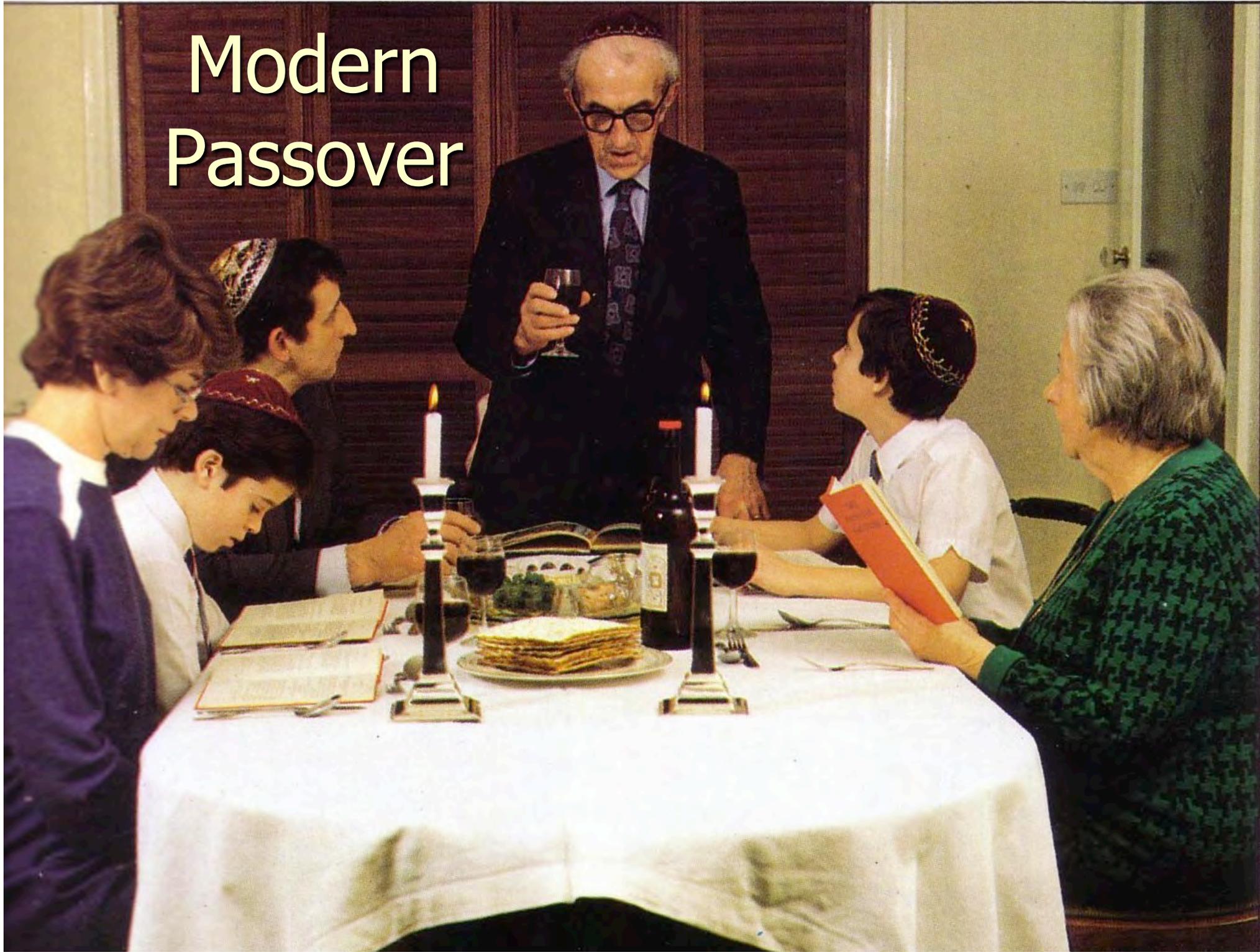
Why are Jews also without excuse before God (2:17-29)?



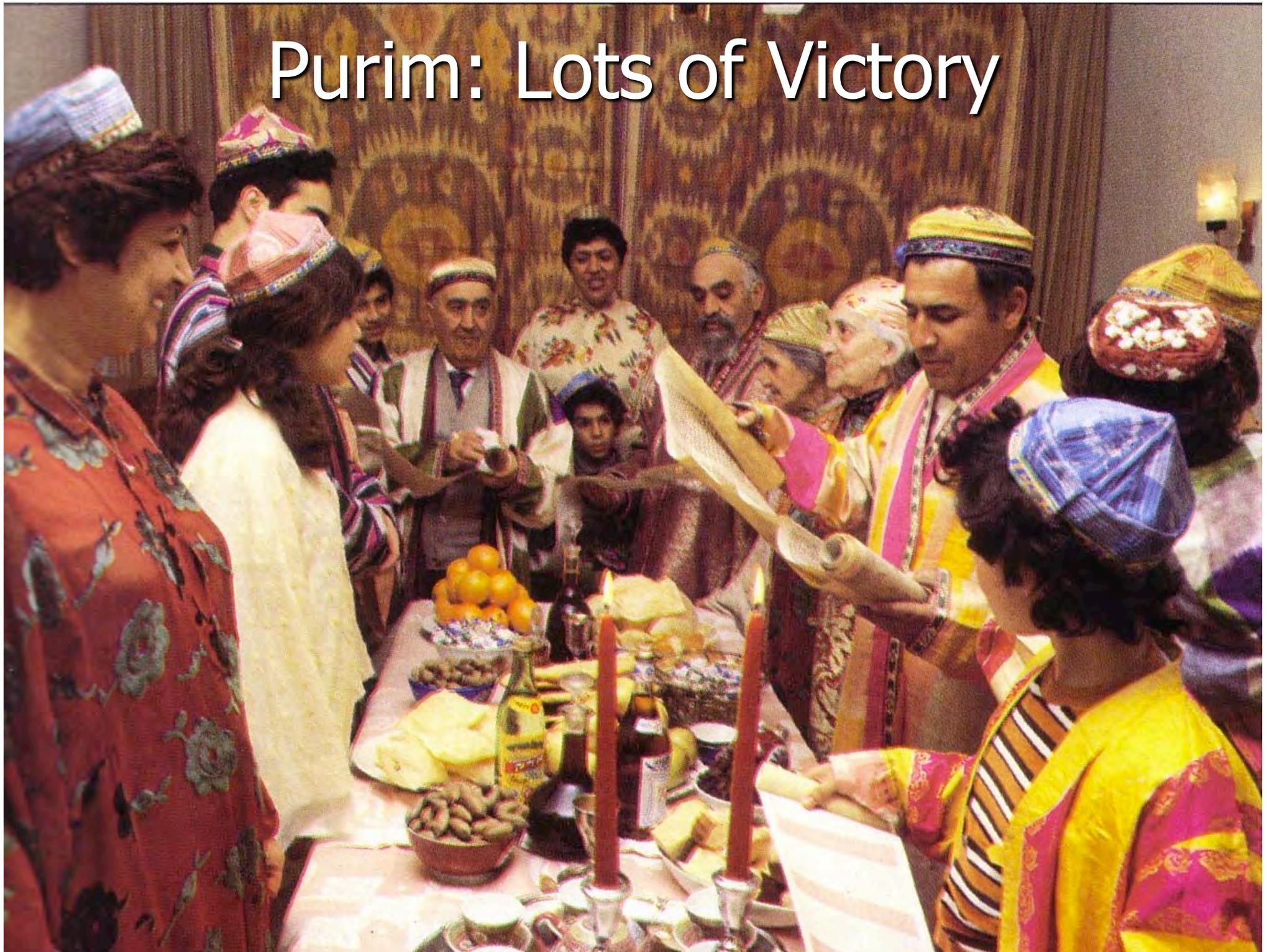
Leviticus 23 Feasts



Modern Passover



Purim: Lots of Victory

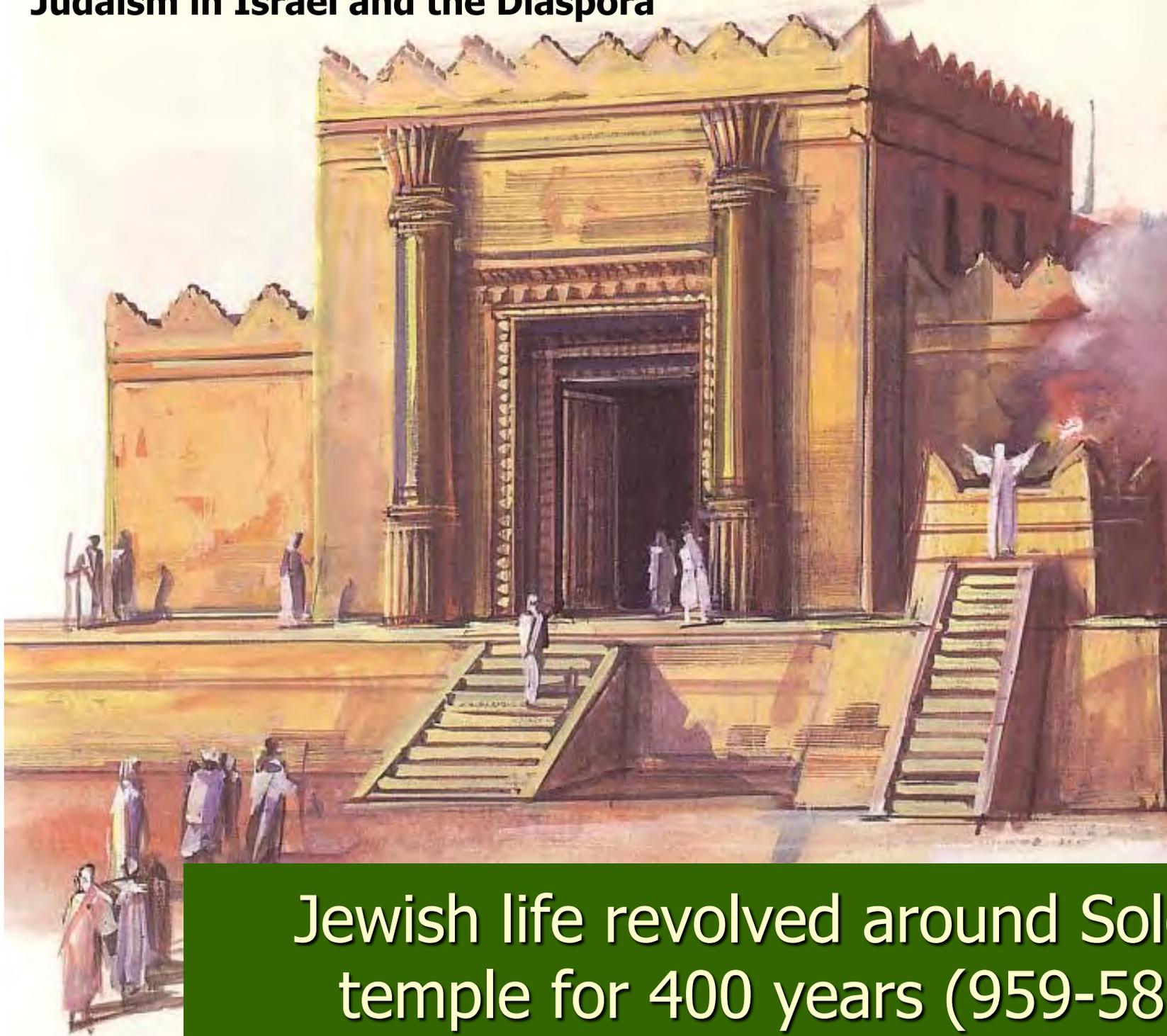




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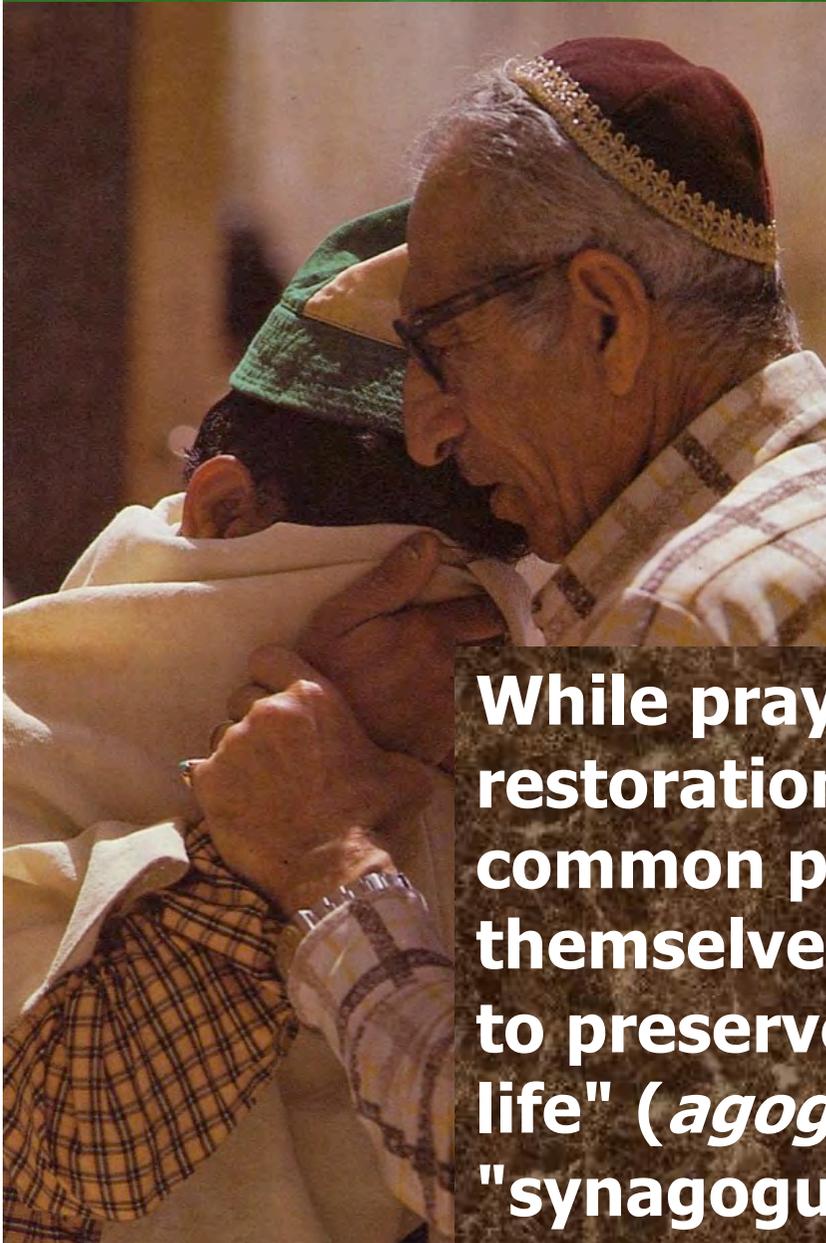


Judaism in Israel and the Diaspora



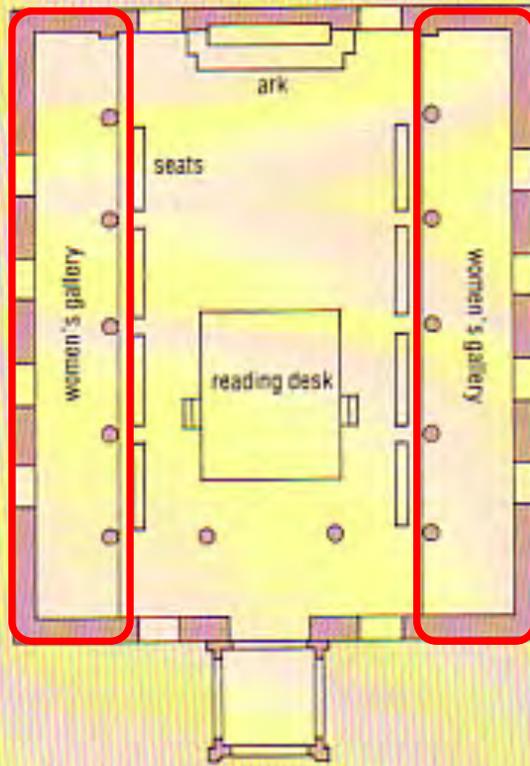
Jewish life revolved around Solomon's temple for 400 years (959-586 BC)

Prayers for the Third Temple

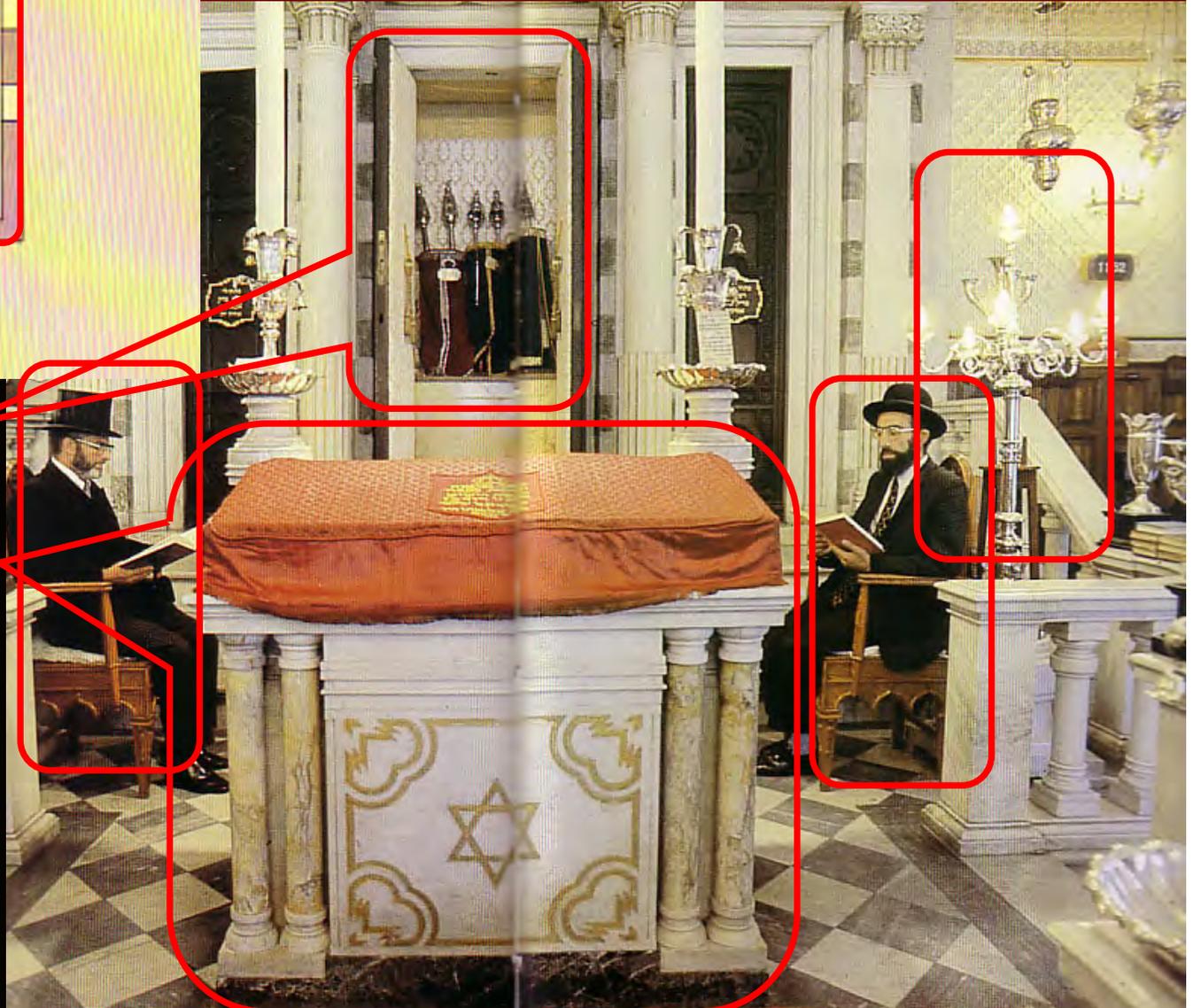


While praying for temple restoration, Jews needed a common place to bring themselves "together" (*syn*) to preserve their "way of life" (*agoge*). Thus the "synagogue" was born.

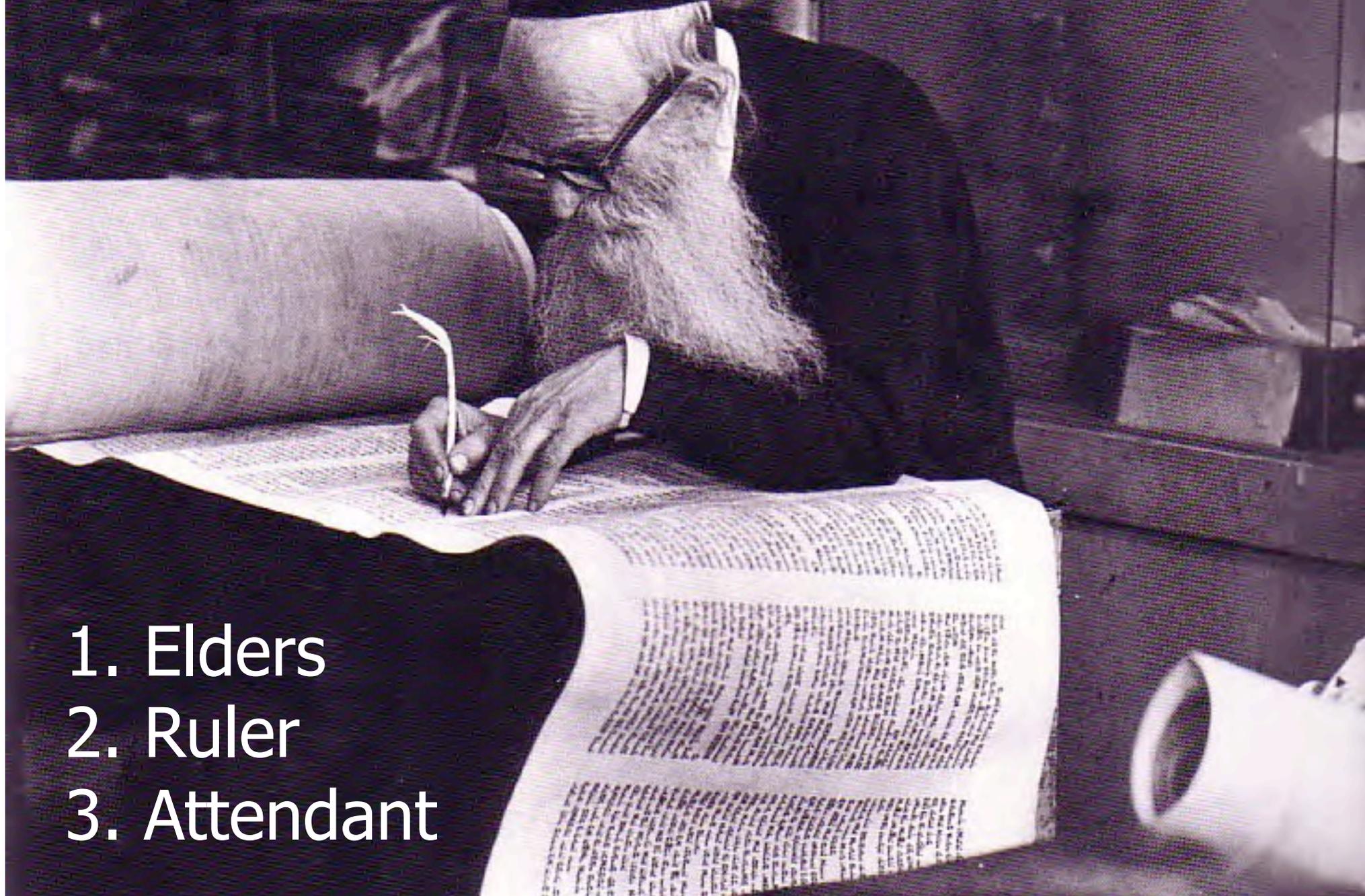
Synagogue Furniture & Design



- Chest (Ark)
- Bema (Desk)
- Benches
- Lamps
- Women



Synagogue Leadership



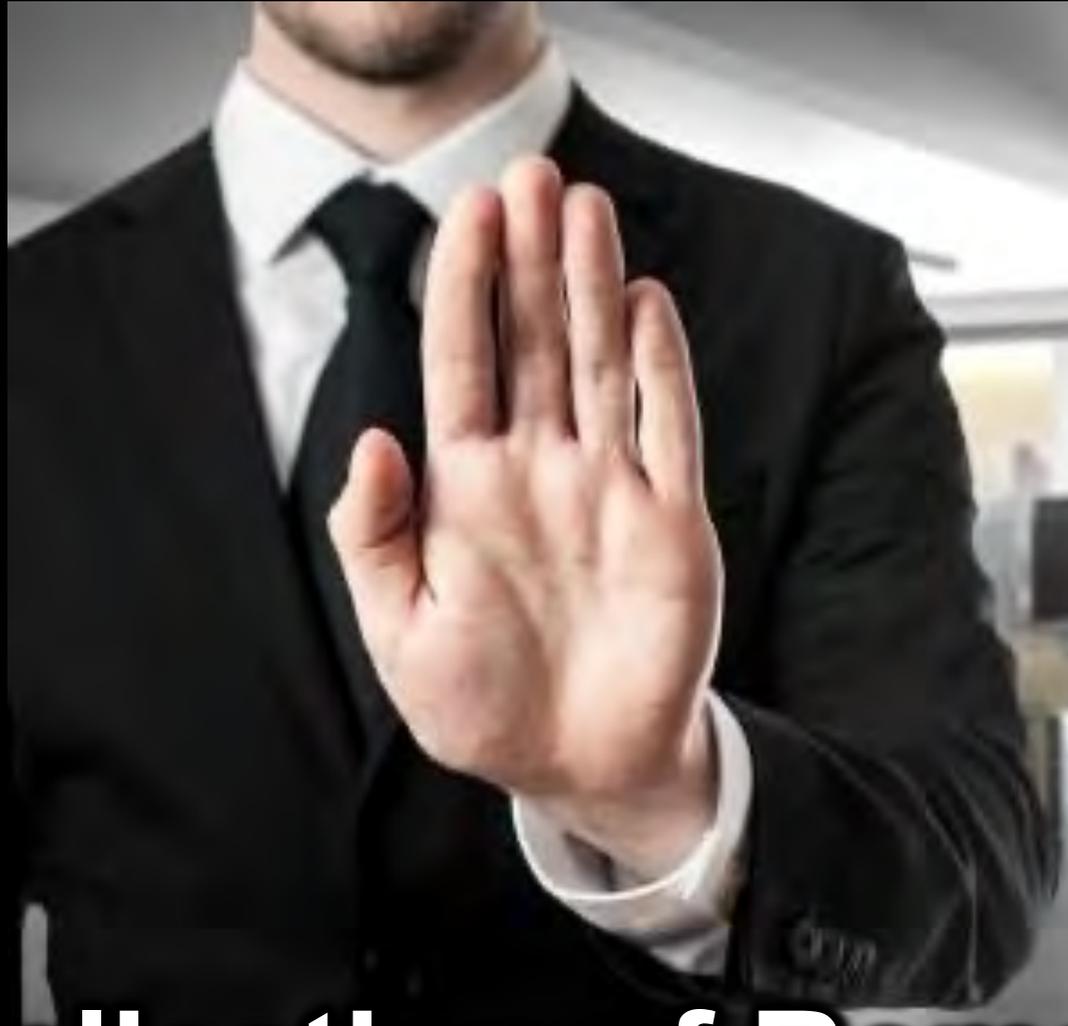
1. Elders
2. Ruler
3. Attendant

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**We accept
each other
because God's
righteousness
comes to us
equally.**

Main Idea of Romans

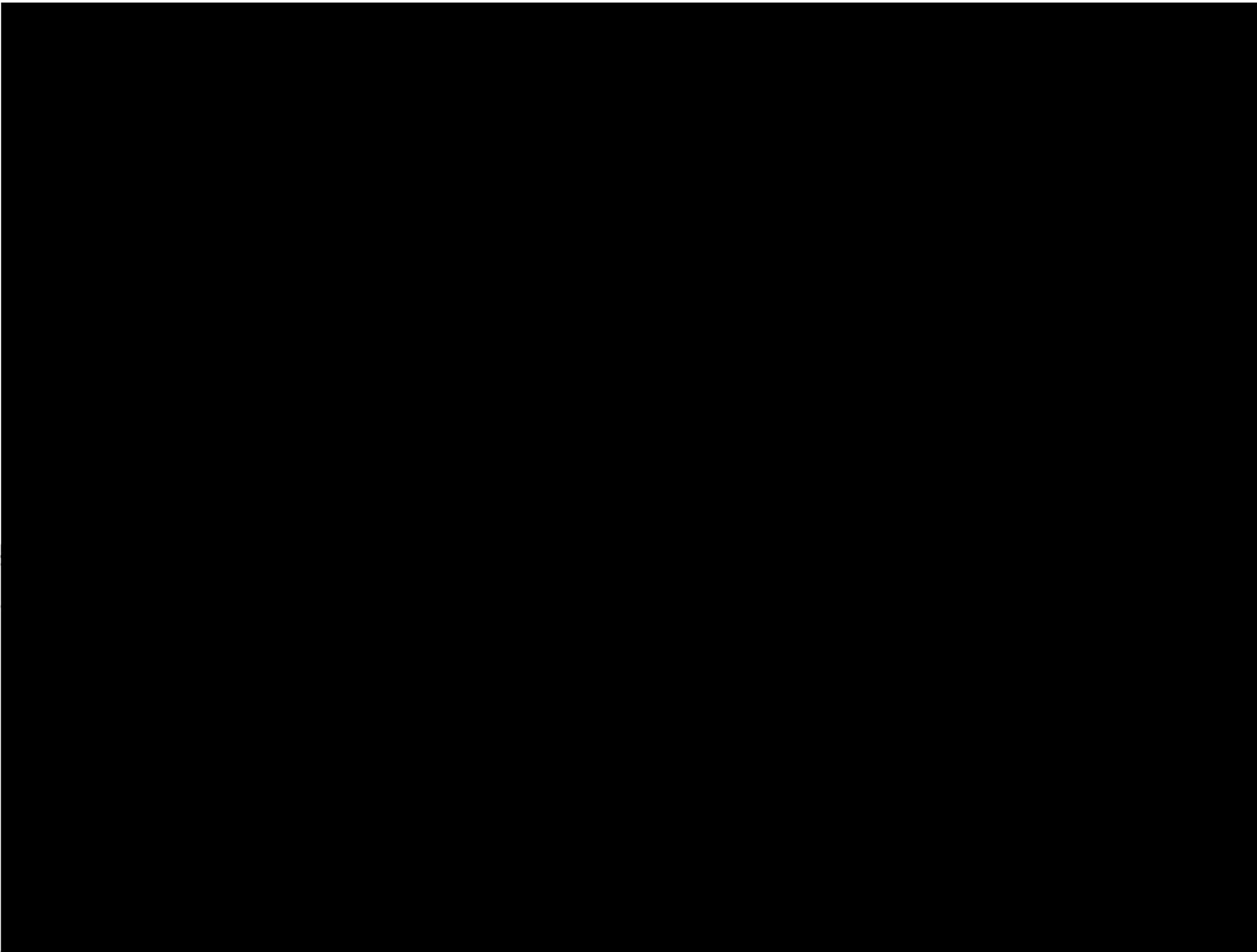
Accept others.



Application of Romans

Accept others. How?

1. Have you received God's forgiveness offered freely by trusting Christ?
2. **If so, are you seeing yourself clearly—that is, humbly?**
3. Or do you think yourself better than someone else? Who?
4. **Which Christian are you not accepting? How can you better accept that person?**



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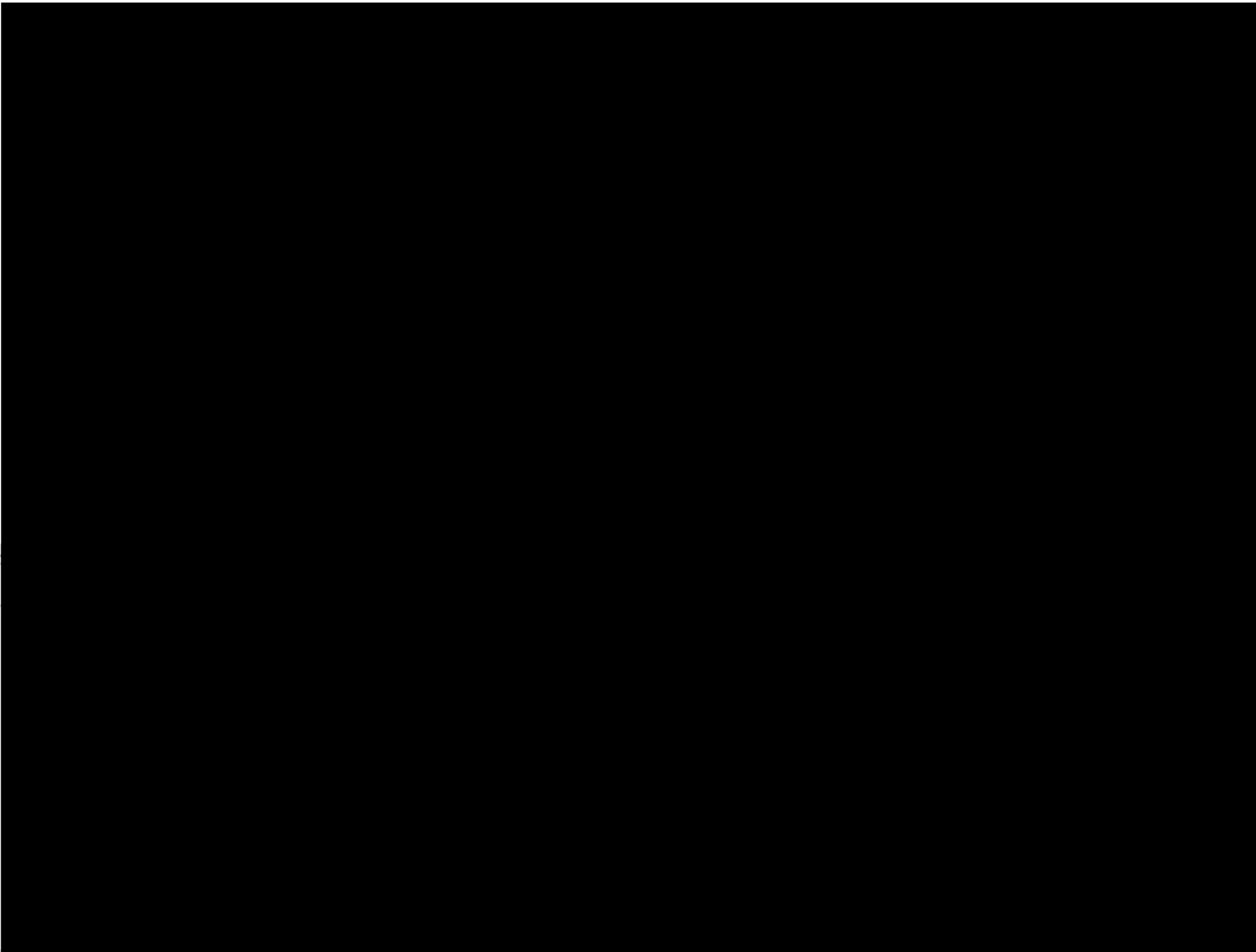
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