

Rom 3:1-2 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? (2) Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

v. 1 For whom was circumcision of value?

Rom 2:18 and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law,

Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

V. 1 A great difference religiously
between the Jews and the Gentiles
at this time (AD 58)

v.1 Act 21:21 and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.

Act 21:24 take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law.

v.1 Act 21:25 "But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, having decided that they should abstain from meat sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication."

v.1 When did this change?

The rules for Gentiles put in place in Jerusalem at 50 AD were still in place when Paul is thrown in prison – about 57 AD, but were not at 68-70 AD

The difference – the word of God was completely delivered.

v.1 Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 5:2-4 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. (3) And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. (4) You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

v.1 Jud 1:3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

v. 1 2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (17) so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2Pe 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

v. 1 Act 7:53 you who received the law
as ordained by angels, and yet did
not keep it."

Rom 3:3-4 What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? (4) May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

Psa 14:1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

2Th 1:7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, (8) dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. (9) These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Jer 31:31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, (32) not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. (33) "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

God has a right to inflict punishment
because of our unrighteousness.

Rom 3:5 But if our unrighteousness
demonstrates the righteousness of
God, what shall we say? The God who
inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He?

(I am speaking in human terms.) 6

May it never be! For otherwise,
how will God judge the world?

Job 8:3 "Does God pervert justice? Or does the Almighty pervert what is right?"

Psa 9:7-8 But the LORD abides forever; He has established His throne for judgment, (8) And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.

Act 17:31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

We are judged by His righteous
standard.

Joh 12:48 "He who rejects Me and
does not receive My sayings, has
one who judges him; the word I
spoke is what will judge him at the
last day.

Rom 3:7-9 But if through my lie the truth of God
abounded to His glory, why am I also still being
judged as a sinner? (8) And why not say (as we
are slanderously reported and as some claim that
we say), "Let us do evil that good may come"?
Their condemnation is just. (9) What then? Are
we better than they? Not at all; for we have
already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all
under sin;

Our unrighteousness does not demonstrate the
righteousness of God! Our lives do not change
God's character!

The summation of the reasons men
do not obey God.

Rom 3:18 "THERE IS NO FEAR OF
GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

Rom 3:19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;

All men had a responsibility to be under God's law if the world was to be accountable.

Rom 3:20 because by the works of
the Law no flesh will be justified in
His sight; for through the Law
comes the knowledge of sin.

Act 13:39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

Heb 10:12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

Rom 15:4 For whatever was
written in earlier times was written
for our instruction, so that through
perseverance and the
encouragement of the Scriptures
we might have hope.

Rom 3:21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

Luk 24:44 Now He said to them,
"These are My words which I spoke
to you while I was still with you,
that all things which are written
about Me in the Law of Moses and
the Prophets and the Psalms must
be fulfilled."

We have definitions in the OT

Lev 20:12 'If there is a man who lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed incest, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

Rom 3:22 even the righteousness
of God through faith in Jesus
Christ for all those who believe; for
there is no distinction;

The righteousness of which Paul speaks is demonstrated in the forgiveness of our sins by the gift of God's own son.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Gal 3:22 But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. (23) But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. (24) Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. (25) But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. (26) For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them
He gave the right to become children of God,
even to those who believe in His name,

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He
gave His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal
life. ... (36) "He who believes in the Son has
eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son
will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on
him."

Rom 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

(25) whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; (26) for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Col 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, (14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Propitiation Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (15) For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Rom 3:28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. (29) Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, (30) since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. (31) Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.

Works of the law cannot save
without the blood of Christ.

Act 13:39 and through Him
everyone who believes is freed
from all things, from which you
could not be freed through the Law
of Moses.

Gal 3:27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (29) And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

Gal 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. (2) Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. (3) And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. (4) You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.