

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Chapter Two

This writing was transcribed from an audio teaching given at the Third Day Fellowship.

1. *Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judges, for wherein you judge another you condemn yourself, for you that judge do the same things.*
2. *But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.*
3. *And thinkest thou this, O man, that judges them which do such things and does the same, that thou should escape the judgment of God?*
4. *Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering; not knowing the goodness of God leads you to repentance?*
5. *But, after your hardness and impenitent heart, treasure up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God:*
6. *Who will render to every man according to his deeds:*
7. *To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life:*
8. *But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,*
9. *Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that does evil; of the Jew first, and also for the Gentile;*
10. *But glory, honor, and peace, to every man that works good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile.*
11. *For there is no respect of persons with God.*
12. *For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;*
13. *(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.*

14. *For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves.*
15. *Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)*
16. *In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.*
17. *Behold, thou art called a Jew, and you rest in the law, and make your boast of God,*
18. *And know his will and approve the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;*
19. *And are confident that thou thyself are a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,*
20. *An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which has the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.*
21. *Thou therefore which teaches another, teach thou not thyself? You that preach a man should not steal, do you steal?*
22. *You that say a man should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You that abhorrest idols, do you commit sacrilege?*
23. *You that make your boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonors thou God?*
24. *For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.*
25. *For circumcision verily profits, if you keep the law: but if you are a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.*
26. *Therefore, if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?*
27. *And shall not circumcision which is by nature, if it fulfill the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision does transgress the law?*
28. *For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly: neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:*
29. *But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men but of God.*

This is a very deep book. You really have to put your mind at ease and put the stresses of the world out of the way, whenever you read this, and let God speak to you. The Book of Romans is very, very controversial, and of course we know that Paul was a very controversial, provocative man. Paul didn't write new things. Paul only explained the things that were from the beginning. The controversial things that Paul spoke of came from the Old Testament; All he was doing was shining a light on them and saying, 'Hey look, this is what God said way back there and we have just been ignorant of it all this time. And that is nothing more than what Christ in your life does. He takes the things that were written in your heart before the foundation of the world and He shines a spotlight on it in your mind and you say 'Whoa where did that come from? I never knew that.' You had it since before the foundation of the world, but guess what? God just shined a light on it and now you can see it. Isn't that simple? It's already there. You see I am not teaching you anything, I am helping to direct that light on some nugget in your mind that you can see and realize, whoa look what I remembered. We are remembering what He has already put in our hearts.

I can't go back and preach the first chapter again, but we have to know that many people think that they are excusable because they are ignorant of God's way. If we look at verses 17–25, this section says that they are without excuse, because God has revealed (in the 1st chapter) to all humanity the things that are right and wrong. You can take the basest, vilest person you ever saw and stand them right here in this room and put some money over on that table and say, 'Would it be right or wrong to steal that money that belongs to me? What would they tell you? (NO) You see it is already in our hearts. We don't have to be told these things. We know the difference between right and wrong. And we know what's right in the Spiritual realm. We already know it in our hearts but it needs a light shined upon it so we will adhere to that and not to what our natural mind is telling us.

So we go back to the first verse of chapter two.

1) *Therefore*, (because of what he said prior to this in chapter one) *you are inexcusable*' (this word is literally indefensible) Literally it is saying, I have no defense to God to say, 'Well I didn't know, the preacher didn't tell me. Hear that? We haven't any excuse or any defense before God, because it says, 'God has revealed it to us.' *Oh man* (or 'man-faced') so whom is he speaking to? The unrefined or unregenerated man. It is the man who thinks that by religious traditions he can walk into the Kingdom of God is kidding himself. You can't defend yourself with traditions of men can you? You have to know the truth of God. He said, '*You are inexcusable, all the ones that judge.*' If I'm going to judge

somebody, I'm inexcusable. If I know that it's wrong for you to steal guess what? How can I go steal? I've already judged myself. I am indefensible, because if I can see a fault in you, then I have just judged myself that whatever I judge you of doing it is wrong for me too. So by judging someone, I put myself in a position where I am judged myself. I have judged myself when I judge you. Because if I do what you do and I say it's wrong, I've just violated the law. Do you know what a violator of the law gets? Death. By the law, if you want to live by the law, you will die by the law. *Because wherein you judge another, you condemn yourself. For you that judge, (literally) practice the same thing.* If I am doing it myself and I am looking and you and saying it is wrong, I must be deceived somewhere. If I can look at you and judge you and turn around and do the same thing, what is wrong with my mind? It's deceived, I am double minded to think that I can judge you for one thing and me not get the same penalty. If I judge you, I am judging myself. And this is what people get in the religious realm, they always want to point a finger and someone and say you are bad; you've done something wrong. There is nothing wrong.

I just got an e-mail this morning from a lady who thought that I was condemning the church. I said, 'no, no, no, no I am not condemning the church I expose the church for what they are. If I tell you the church is a wonderful place go stay there, am I telling you the truth? Would I be? No, because the church system we know, and this lady knows the church system is messed up, because she is not in it. She already knows enough to come out of it. And I preached a message years ago called 'Don't throw mama from the train. You hear me say negative things about the church 'system'. But I am not telling you to condemn the system or anybody in the system am I? I'm not telling you to condemn them. Bob, you know that the church your mother goes to isn't right is it? Do I tell you to condemn them? No I don't tell you to condemn them, that is just where they are. And if that is where God wants them, that's O.K. But we have to know that we still have to say right from wrong. We have to show the truth from falsehood, and you can't do that in a nice way to people who are religious because they are offended. You have to let those things go, but you still have to be able to speak the truth. Jesus stirred up people everywhere He went by speaking one thing, truth. And he called them snakes, vipers, hypocrites all kinds of names. That wasn't being bad to them was it? He was revealing to them the nature they really were and they thought they were righteous did they not? They all thought they were standing at the foot of the cross. They thought they were ready to go. They were sincerely wrong. See, they thought they were right, but they weren't. If someone comes along, let's say this morning I am going to build a house, and I have no idea how to build a house (that is what most people in church are trying to do is build the house of God, trying to

construct this thing, and we don't know anything about building it do we?) So we decide I think we will build a room such and such size and we just start building a room and never put a foundation under it. How long is that going to last? As soon as we get some weather it is going to blow it over, because it has no foundation. It is not anchored to the earth is it? It is the same as in Matthew 7 when he talks about the man that builds his house upon the sand. But if we build it upon the rock, and that is what the church is not doing, they say they are, but guess what? If they say it, but they don't do it, what good does that do? It is only vain words, it means nothing. So they are not building a house upon the rock, but they are building it on dust and sand. In the Passover and Pentecost realm. In that place, that house is not going to stand. But if we look in Corinthians, Paul says, 'Thank God that our work will be judged. The man will be judged, his works will be judged, but the man himself will be saved as so through fire didn't he? Corinthians 3. So we don't have to worry about the man, but what we do is what is going to be judged.

2) *But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.* So the judgment of God comes against those who habitually practice those things. The problem with church teach is, that if you are walking down the road and you get a bad thought run through your mind, what is the first thing they tell you? 'You're going to hell.' Well see, the book says, the language says: *them which habitually practice.* We're not talking about someone who has done it twice, or three times, we are talking about someone who has done it continually. If I am a vile person and I hurt people all the time then that is habitually practicing that every day. But if I do something with not the intention of doing it, with no malice in my heart about something, we can all make mistakes. That is what I am saying, if we do something, we are not in condemnation because Romans 8:1 says there is no condemnation in Christ. So if we are in Christ, guess what we have go worry about? Nothing. If I make a mistake, and know it's a mistake; how long does it take you to know it's a mistake? How long? You already know it. I don't have to tell you it's wrong. So what should you do if you know it's wrong? Correct it and go on, don't worry about it. God knows what is going on cause He died on the cross for all the sins of the world. So he already paid the price for it, so you need to acknowledge it: Whoops I made a mistake, and correct it. Don't do it again, that's all.

3) *And thinketh thou this O man (or adam faced man/adam man) that judges them which do such things (he tells you a story right there). Do you think this O Adam man that judges them which do such things and does the same, that you shall escape the judgment of God* He is telling you that with your natural mind, you are

going to think it is O.K. to judge somebody else and view yourself as being holy and righteous and above everybody else. In other words that would be what? Self-righteous. You know how many people are self righteous in the world today? It's everywhere. Especially in church realms.

4) *Or despise thou the riches of his not goodness but 'moral excellence' and forbearance or 'tolerance' and longsuffering or literally 'perseverance'. Not knowing the goodness of God which leads to what? Repentance* All these things about God we don't understand the riches of God, moral excellence. We don't understand the fiber of God's being. That is why we can't understand how He can have compassion and mercy on us. We think with our minds and we say 'Well, that's terrible, you should be judged for that.' That is what our mind thinks: 'You've done a bad thing, you need to be punished for that.' And God is saying, 'No, mercy and grace.' And our natural mind says, 'Well that can't be right, because he deserves to be punished. I deserve to be punished, because I have been a bad person. Well then why in the world did God send His Son to hang on a tree and die, if it didn't take care of what I am doing? Someone tell me why did he die? Why did he go through all the excruciating pain for me, and die for me, if it didn't take care of my sin? I have to think about that one for a minute. Can anyone tell me why? Why would God do something like that, if it didn't take care of the problem? And see it was done before the foundation of the world. Before anyone was even conceived on the face of this earth. God had already paid the price. He was the lamb slain before the foundation of the world. Conception of the world. Before the world was even conceived the price was paid.

What do you think that felt like? Why do you think Jesus knew all along, what He was walking for? He was walking all this time to walk up on that hill to be nailed to a tree. He knew it. He kept telling his disciples: *'The Son of man must be betrayed and given into the hands of sinful men.* How many times did he say that to his disciples. Everytime He talked to them. They didn't understand that He had to go die, that they might live. They couldn't understand it. It wasn't open to them yet. Help us Lord. But they can't understand these things that God is doing. Because they don't know that the goodness of God, leads us to repentance. Or the goodness of God will change the way we think. Does that make sense? I am going to change the way I think because I realize now what God's mind is about. God's mind is about forgiveness. He is not trying to get even with anybody. He hasn't got a tally book up there; some score of how many times you screwed up. If He did he would have to have an awful big pencil, wouldn't He? And a big sheet of paper to keep tabs on all the screw-ups that we have done in our life. Even one of us, much less for the whole world.

If you read in Romans 11; this book is so controversial and so great. In Romans 11:32 or 34 It says, *God has concluded all in unbelief that He might have mercy upon all.* That is why I know that God doesn't have a score book. He is not keeping score on anybody, cause He sees everyone of us was sinful. So He says, 'Since you're all sinful, I'll just give mercy to you all. How much more beautiful can you get than that? God has given His mercy to A-L-L. And who can't understand all? There are people that can't. I ask them all the time, which part of the word don't you understand the A or the L? It's pretty simple to me, it's all.

5) *But according to the stubbornness and unchanging heart; there's the problem, the stubborn and unchanging heart. You treasure up to yourself a passion in the day of passion and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.* The only thing that stops all this thing from going on is what? A stubborn and an unchanging heart. There is our problem, we refuse to change. And when we change that and we are no longer stubborn, but we are flexible to God, we're teachable, we're moldable and we are changing, guess what we're not standing for? We don't have to stand and wait for any judgment. Don't have to worry about judgment as long as I am letting God change my heart. You have to look at this thing. He said, if an unrepentant heart, a stubborn heart and an unchanging heart brings judgment and wrath, guess what goes the other direction? Just flip that. If my heart is changing, and I am moldable and flexible with God, guess what is going to happen? I don't have to worry about wrath because I am going to be changed. There is the whole key, you have to let God deal with your heart. If it's wrong, I can't say no, I don't want to change it. You have to let God have it; He is going to get His way anyway. And they only one that is going to suffer in this thing is you anyway. If I refuse to deal with God the way He wants me to deal with Him, the only one that can be hurt is me. You can't hurt God, you can't offend God. You can't say anything to offend God. You can't do anything to offend God. God already knows where you were at when He created you. He is only doing this for whose good? Yours. Our Parents always say, it's going to hurt me worse that it is you, no it isn't, you aren't getting that belt across your cheeks. It isn't going to hurt you as bad as it is me. And that's the truth, you will feel pain in it. But guess what? It will bring about some good stuff. Proverbs says we must love rebuke and correction. So if we do that it will bring about the truth in our heart. It will bring our heart to where it needs to be. O.K.

6) *Who will render (or give) to every man (each man) according to his deeds.* He says He is going to give to you according to your deeds. That's your works. Now if I am doing my works according to the flesh, what am I going to receive? You are going to receive corruption.

Galatians 6:7 & 8 *God is not mocked, a man will reap what he sows. If he sows to the flesh he will reap corruption; if he sows to the Spirit, he will reap the life of the ages.* If I realize this, and I really truly believe this, I don't think I could stand to reap all the things I've sown. I don't think anybody else could either. The condemnation and guilt would just load you up so bad that you couldn't stand it. But I believe this: If you continue to sow good seed in your heart, I believe it will overtake and choke out the weed. I believe you can do what God tells you and the farther and farther you go, I think the greater God's mercy is in your life and He just takes care of things. That is called grace and mercy. He'll just take care of everything. I don't think I have reaped every thing I've sown and I don't think it violates God's will because I think grace and mercy is the greatest one he has. It overrides everything. It's the ultimate; Grace and mercy is the ultimate gift of God. That is part of His love

7) *To them who by 'cheerful endurance' in well doing (or good works), seek for glory and honor or immortality (literally 'incorruptibility') not seeking for eternal life.* Because guess what? If I know who I am, guess what I already have? If I know who I am, who am I? Who are you? We are part of the Christ. We came from God. If I came from God, I must be eternal. This flesh is not eternal, but I am what is inside of here. I am not this outward shell. So if I know who I am, I am Christ, then I don't have to seek for immortality; See, I'm seeking not to die. That is not what I'm seeking. I'm seeking incorruptibility. Now some people say that means when you die and your body rots. No that's hogwash. That is not what it means. In-corruptibility means my mind cannot be changed. I know who I am, can anybody convince me that I am somebody else? Nobody can convince me that I am not a child of God. They can throw all the rocks they want at me. They can accuse, condemn, but they cannot convince me that I am not a child of God. They can accuse me of doing things. And you know sometimes I may have to say you're right; it's okay. I can show you King David who was a murderer, a thief, a liar, a robber, an incestuous man, and adulterer and God said, 'There's a man after my own heart.' Well what about all these things he did? He said, I'm after his heart. God weighs the thoughts and intents of your heart, not the things you did. God used all those for examples to put in this book that we could learn from them. It doesn't give me a license to do anything. All it does it show that if I make a mistake, God's love is greater than all the mistakes I can make. That should make you happy. God is not trying to get even with you, but He is trying to show you how much He loves you. And how much He loves the whole world. They don't believe that. That's what God's picture is; He just wants to show you how much He really loves you. And how much you mean to Him. And as long as we have this other thinking in our head, we have this separation between us, we are going to

listen to the other man. We have to listen to the truth, and that is what this book was written for. *'and eternal life (or the ageless life).*

8) *But unto them or the ones that are selfishly ambitious (contentious) and do not believe the truth, but believe unrighteousness; anger, wrath,*

9) *Tribulation (pressure) and extreme affliction upon every soul of the Adam man.*

If I'm in the Adam condition what is going to happen to me? Indignation (anger, wrath, tribulation, extreme affliction upon every soul of man that does evil, unto the Jew first, and also of the Gentile. Who gets out of it? Doesn't He say the rain falls on the just and the unjust. Sun shines on the good and the evil. Everybody is getting their dose. Everybody. 'Well it doesn't seem like so and so is getting as much as I'm getting.' It isn't any of your concern. They are getting what God thinks they should have. You are judging them. Leave them alone. Everybody doesn't get the same thing, but they all get a dose. When it rains and it rains in Ohio, we might get 2 inches of rain and get a flood and someplace else might get 30 inches of rain like North Carolina did a few years ago. What would you do with that? Are you complaining now? I'm not. Whatever comes, I can't change it. If I could change the weather, I'd change it. I can't so guess what? Why complain. Let it go. It's something outside of your control so leave it alone. Don't get caught up in it.

10) *But glory honor and peace, to every man that works good; to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile.* There's the good stuff coming; there is the sun coming. We all get part of the sun don't we?

11) *Because there is no respecter of persons in God.* How could He respect persons, if we are all in Him? Be part of Him He wouldn't want? No. There is no respect of persons.

12) *Because as many as have sinned without the law, shall also perish without the law.* What he is saying is, if I have lived or sinned without the law; if I have lived my life outside the law; without knowing about the law, then the law won't judge me. Do you hear that? Like these people in foreign countries. We'll use that for an example. If they never knew about the law of God, how could you hold them accountable for it? You can't hold somebody accountable that never knew it existed can you? And God is not. That is what Paul is saying, they are not going to be held accountable for all the do's or don'ts that the law asks for are they? Cause they didn't go kill a pigeon or a goat or whatever they kill for a certain time of the

year. They never heard of it, so how could you hold them accountable for it? And that was man's anyway. Same way it is today, all this religious stuff that they have made into rules and regulations.

And as many as sinned in the law shall be judged through the law.

So the people that live under these rules and regulations, guess what? They are guilty in their own minds aren't they? Guess where they're living? They're living in hell. These People that are sneaking around and doing things behind everybody's back and they are trying to be righteous and holy in front of everybody is what we call hypocrites. Guess where they're living? They are living in hell. Cause in their mind they are being tormented day and night; they can't have any peace. They can't sleep. Because they believe this judgment is coming on them. Well if I know that He was judged for me, why do I have to worry about what would happen to me if I die today? They still have the law in their head of rules and regulations. And if I didn't meet all the criteria, that means I'm going to hell. That is a horrible place, I've been there. But now that I know that truth that God is not judging me for that. All He is trying to do, if He is testing and trying me to show me my shortcomings, to show me who I really am. He is trying to jog my memory to make me go back and realize that I am truly a son of God. You are sons of God. We're not that, we're not this, we're not Passover, we're not Pentecostal, we're not Kingdom; we're sons of God. That is all we are is Sons of God. And He said He is no respecter of persons, so we are all equal in that realm.

13) *Because not the hearers of the law are innocent before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified* (or innocent). So if you live under the law, you have to keep every law. Cause it says if you're guilty of any violation, you are guilty of the whole law. It's according to scripture isn't it? According to this Bible, if we violate one part of the law, we are guilty of the whole law and we are judged worthy of what? Death. Now, listen to what he says. *You have to be a doer of the law and not just a hearer.*

14) *Because when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things that are in the law* (the word 'contained' isn't even there) *these having not law are a law to themselves.* They don't have the law, physical written law, but they have something written in their heart. And what does the new covenant say? God says, I am going to write it in your heart. I am going to be your God, you are going to be my sons and daughters. He didn't ask for your opinion or approval did He Bob? He said that is what I am going to do. He wrote it in your heart. So even though people in other cultures don't know anything about the Bible. They can't speak

English, they can't read Greek, they can't read Hebrew; they don't have anything written in their language; they have never known. Some of these people in these Amazon forests or African forests, or whatever country they are in, guess what? They have a law in their hearts, just like I said a little while ago. They know they shouldn't steal. They know it's wrong to kill one another. They know it. So guess what? The law was already in their hearts. It was in there because God put it in there. If He hadn't we wouldn't be any different than an animal running around here in the woods.

I want to read a few scriptures about being innocent or justified. I want to start with James 1: 22-25:

22. *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

See that? We are thinking wrong when we deceive ourselves. When we are just hearers of the word and not doers of the word.

23. *For if any man is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding or fully observing his natural (or genesis) face in a mirror;*

24. *Because he fully observes himself and goes his way and immediately forgets what manner of man he is.*

25. *But the ones that look carefully into the complete law of liberty. See, the complete law of liberty, not partially; not getting a piece and running off thinking you know it, but get the complete picture. And remain therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed (in the obedience he renders-is what it says) He will be blessed in the obedience that he renders. It's about obedience. Now didn't He say I would rather have obedience than sacrifice? Let's just obey what we are supposed to be doing.*

Hosea 6:6 *Because I desired mercy and not sacrifice and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.*

That is what He wants. He wants you to have mercy and the knowledge of God. Now back up just a little bit to chapter 4

Hosea 4:1-6 *Hear the word of the Lord you children of Israel (who are the children of Israel? I am that is what you have to think when you see this; I am that child of Israel) Because the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land;*

Because there is no truth or mercy nor knowledge of God in the land. (There's the problem; now the problem today is not that someone is doing something bad out here, robbing and stealing and doing all these things, doing drugs; that's not the bad thing. They don't have the knowledge of God in the land. And the land is your heart. It is in your mind. If we don't have the knowledge of God there, nothing else works.

In Judges it says there was no King in those days and every man did what was right in their own sight. And that is what is going on today

4: 2 By swearing and lying and killing and stealing, and committing adultery they break out and blood touches blood (they kill each other)

4: 3 Therefore shall the land mourn. Did you ever hear the ground cry? We are talking about people. The land shall mourn. *And everyone that dwells therein shall languish (or be exhausted), with the beast of the field and with the fowls of the heaven. Yea the fishes of the sea shall also be taken away*

4:4 Let no man strive, nor judge another for thy people are as they that strive with the Priest.

4:5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night (in ignorance), and I will destroy your mother.

4:6 My people are destroyed for what? What kind of knowledge? It's the knowledge of God; Back to the first verse (nor knowledge of God in the land). There's no knowledge of God in the land; that's the problem.

Well, how we going to get knowledge of God in this land? How about this one. *Study to show yourself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing (or accurately handling) the word of truth.* Ask God.

That is what we have to do, we have to understand this stuff. In I Samuel 15:22 *And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offering and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken (or hear) than the fat of rams. 23) For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry because thou has rejected the word of the Lord He has also rejected you from being King*

Are we not called to be a nation of Kings and Priests? The only thing that is going to stop us from being in that position is rebellion. And a failure to obey. That's

right. And guess what if we don't obey; if we don't have the knowledge of God in our heart, how could we possibly ever reach where we are going? Could we ever get to our destination?

Jeremiah 7:22 *For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices.* (He didn't tell them that did He?) He said *I spake not to your fathers about the burnt offering or sacrifice.* 23 *But this thing commanded I them saying, Obey my voice,* Hello? See most people think when they come out of Egypt the first thing they did was got the law. No, that's what was added later.

23 *Obey my voice and shall be your God and you shall be my people and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.*

He didn't say that you had to do anything more than obey did He? Read it again. *But this is the thing I commanded them saying, Obey my voice and I will be your God and you shall be my people.* Sounds like the New Covenant doesn't it?

On to Romans verse 15: *Which show the work of the law written in their hearts* (now we are talking about people that don't have the law) *but they show the work of the law written in their hearts.* You ever know anybody like that? You know, it's amazing, I talk to people all over the United States all over the world, and you know what I hear from them? 'You know, when I go to church, I get treated like hell.' But when I can go to the streets and talk to people, I can go into the bars and talk to people; even talk to them about God and they treat me better. I see people who don't ever go near a church acting more like godly people than the people going in and out of the church. I hear that everywhere. Why is that? Because it's hypocrisy and it's man's doctrines they are living by and not after the knowledge of God. If they were living after the knowledge of God, they couldn't come out of the church and spit on the neighbor, or kick his dog. It's laws ordained by men, absolutely. They are not doing it by the Spirit of God, absolutely not.

But see, when someone is unregenerated what can you expect out of them? You have to know that is what they are. Again, there is our grace and mercy for all (that's not all of them in the church) who is that for? It's all of humanity not just for people who go into the building.

And when they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing them witness in their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another... Who does the judging in you? The spirit of God in you, judges you. Like I said a while ago. If you begin to do something that is wrong,

how long does it take you to know it? Your mind either accuses you or excuses you. There are all kinds of things you could do that the church world would point their finger at you and say, You're going to hell. But God didn't condemn you. If my mind does not condemn me, guess what? Why do I have to worry about it? I don't have to worry about it anyway. But I don't have to worry about being condemned by my mind cause my mind does not have the ability to judge me righteously. Hello? You're natural mind is not righteous. It can't be righteous it can't judge you right. It will judge you too harshly or too leniently . It will never judge you righteously. So you can't trust what you think. You have to take the knowledge of God and judge yourself by the knowledge of God that is in the land. Well with a mixture it's just as bad as not having anything at all; a double minded man is unstable is what James said, wasn't it?

16) *In the day when God shall judge the secrets of humanity (or the man-faced people) through Jesus Christ according to my gospel.* Oh Paul was bold there, he said this is my gospel. How many other prophets walked through the Bible and said, this is my gospel? Paul found out who he was, he remembered something. I'm a son of God. If you're a son of God, what's your name? Christ. We're a many membered body of Christ. One Christ, many members. If the name of that body is Christ, then what is your name? It's Christ. And Paul realized who he was and he said right there, and most people never catch it; he's saying I'm speaking as Christ. I'm not speaking as a man. He said I'm telling you, this is my gospel. If you know who you are, this is your gospel. Why? Why does it have to be my gospel? If I am part of God, If I'm a son of God, I'm heir of all that He has and what He is, if I put on the mind of Christ, and Paul said, we have the mind of Christ. Guess what? Then I think the same way my Father thinks. You think my Father doesn't think this is His Gospel? You think God thinks this is His? He owns everything. You know what? If I'm His son everything my Father has guess what? It's mine too. My gospel. You should look at it the same way Paul does, this is my gospel. Lay claim to this, this is what God has written in our hearts. Don't trust the religious traditions of men. But my gospel, powerful words.

17) *Behold, you are called a Jew, and rest in the law, and you make your boast through the Law, (or in the law)*

18) *And know his purpose and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed (literally) by word of mouth (questions and answers) out of the law.* See, they sat and discussed the law and they said they have been instructed that way. Well guess what.

19) *And are confident (or persuaded) that you, yourself are a teacher of the blind, a light to them that are in darkness (or ignorance).* Oh but there are a bunch of them that think that they are that, but they are not teaching anybody how to live their life. See, as long as someone stands in a position in elevation to anyone else, guess what? You can't teach anybody. Why do you think God, in His greatness and majesty, came down, humbled Himself as a man so He could be on the same plane as we are, to look eye to eye to you in flesh, so He could talk to you. If He talked to you from up there, you would never hear anything. Do you hear me. And people who preach from up there, like they're better than somebody else, will never teach you how to be the Son of God. They'll only condemn you and show you your faults. God has to come down to our level because we can't ascend up. He has to come and get us. And anybody that preaches in that manner from up there and not coming down to where people are, can never teach anybody anything except guilt and condemnation. They'll make you look at your faults. Forget your faults; find out what's in you. Find the gold in you.

20) *An instructor of the foolish.* (The word instructor is literally a discipliner). So he said these people that think they know something according to the law, they're discipliner's. It's not the position of a teacher. Apostles, prophets, evangelists teachers & preachers are not here to discipline you. Do you hear me? I am not here to discipline anyone. I'm here to teach you. It says in Ephesians *to bring up the body of Christ into the fullness of Christ.* Me condemning you will never raise you up. It will always bring you down. But anyway *'they are discipliner's of the foolish* (mindless, stupid, ignorant and egotistical) *A teacher of babes'* and the word 'babes' is 'nepios' (it's a non-speaking). Teaching people who don't know how to talk. Do you know how foolish that is? Me trying to teach the ways of God, the laws of God to someone who can't even speak. Don't you think that's a little foolish? Before that child can eat the steak, he has to take the bottle doesn't he? He has to nurse for a while; we get in too big a hurry. We have to wait on God to bring everybody through, when it's His timing 'He said they're a teacher of babes, *which have the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.*

He didn't say they had the truth did he? They have a form of it. In the Passover experience everybody said, Oh bless God the blood of Christ changed us; we're clean because of the blood of Christ and that's as far as they went. They have a form of knowledge in that Passover experience. In the Pentecostal experience they say, 'hey we have the baptism of the Spirit we speak in tongues, we work in the gifts'; well bless God, that's still a part of it. But see they sat down; There is something beyond Pentecost called Tabernacles. And in Tabernacles there is no flesh. In the Holy of Holies there is nothing but Spirit. The only thing that goes in to the Holy of Holies according to the pattern in Hebrews Chapter 9 the New

Testament Tabernacle, not the one of Moses but the one Christ built by going to the cross and dying. This thing says that piece of furniture; that altar of incense that was in the holy place has now moved by the new pattern into the Holy of Holies, which represents the mature sons of God. And only the mature sons of God can go into the Holy of Holies. Because it's not a geographical location, it's a spiritual realm that you walk into; it's within yourself. The Kingdom is within you; Jesus said that in Luke 17. It's within you, not within a building; it's within you as a person. Paul said *'know you not that you are the tabernacle of the living God?'* I Cor. 6.

They have a form of knowledge; they go to a certain place and they sit down. All through the Old Testament the pattern was this. Every time they had an experience of God what happened? They stopped and built an altar; made an idol. They weren't worshipping God, they were worshipping the spot that God came to, cause they would always come back to that same place; to that same pile of rocks that they made an altar out of it. They weren't worshipping God, they were worshipping the spot that they came to. Because God is not in the inanimate objects out here; He dwells in people. We have got to stop making an altar to all of these inanimate things like a church building. Because God moved in Toronto in the Airport over there in that church up there, everybody wanted to go to Toronto. The same God is here in this place. He's in you. We don't have to chase. That is why it says in the Gospels: If they say lo Christ is here, or lo Christ is there, don't go after them. If you know Christ is within you, why do you have to chase anything? Do you hear me? You don't have to chase anybody because the same Christ is in you. There is only one, there is only one God, and people get caught up in all of this chasing stuff.

21) *You therefore which teaches another, teachest thou not thyself: you that preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?* Well, on most cases they do. Because the preacher stands up and says, 'everybody send your money in to help us on our radio ministry or TV broadcast; we need all the help we can get. Send your nickels and your dimes, and then they take it and buy a Mercedes to drive around. Now come on that is stealing. That is robbing the children of God of the stuff that was sent to you to help the Gospel to somebody. Why do you have to live in a million dollar home to preach the gospel? Jesus never did, did he? None of the prophets ever lived like that. Then where is the pattern that the preachers are supposed to have the best of everything? Preachers are supposed to be servants and the servants usually live in the servants quarters. The Kings of the earth live in palaces, let them have it. I'll live in the servants quarters, because I live in the King myself.

22) *You that say a man should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery?*

Yeah they do. How many preachers do you hear today that are running around with other women and are getting divorces and all that stuff? How many you hear doing that? Well inwardly they are having an adultery going on too, that's why it's going on in the external because it's in the internal. Internally they are not faithful to God, they are not faithful to themselves. If they were they wouldn't be an adulterer on the external. *'You that abhor idols do you commit sacrilege?'* A Preacher is standing there and says, 'Don't have no idolatry in your life, and their ministry is idolatry. Their ministry is an idol. Because all you hear them say is, 'my ministry, my ministry, my ministry this; my books, my tapes, my CD's, my videos, oh my, my, my. You know what that is? Idolatry. For \$19.95 you can taste some of it. If you have to pay for it, it isn't worth dragging home, let the dogs have it, they don't like it, that's too bad.

23) *You that make a boast in the law, through breaking the law, you dishonor God.* This is what they don't see. They think they have come above the law. If I preach that it's wrong for you to do something and I turn around and do the same thing, who said I'm above the same law that I'm preaching? That's what they're doing. It's like a cop saying, 'you can't speed out here and then when he gets off duty and comes home, he goes 100 miles an hour coming up the road. That's all right, 'I'm the law.' See, that is what the preachers are doing, and not just the preachers, but most of the people that go to church. They do the same thing. They do whatever they want to do, but they want to tell someone else that they are wrong. Best thing to do is leave everybody else alone. If you can take care of your own house, you're in business. You are in business; you are uptown. But you dishonor God when you do it.

24) *Because the nature (not the name the onoma) the nature of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through me and you. It's blasphemed through us.* If we're sons of God and we're spiritual Jews, and we don't act like spiritual Jews, what we are doing is saying to the world that God isn't real. You hear me; we are saying that God isn't real and I'm stroking you. You want me to tell you something? That world out there is not stupid. That world out there according to scripture is wiser than the children of light. By God's own word, and if you stroke them, you know how long it will take them to know that you are stroking them? Just like that. When you start stroking them, they know it. You try to make yourself better than they are and they know it. When you don't live up to what you're preaching, they are the first ones to see it. Religious folk won't pay any attention; they are in blindness anyway. But the people in the world will see you if you're real. And if

you're not real, they'll see you quicker than anything. You better walk it straight when you're a Son of God, you better not be playing a game.

'Because the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you as it is written' Is 52:5 says his name is Gentile this day and it's continued through this day and it will be doing it tomorrow too and every other day that people are on the earth. God's nature will be blasphemed through the religious folk to the Gentiles.

25) *Because circumcision verily profits (truly profits) if you keep the law' Circumcision means something if you keep the law. But if you be a violator or a transgressor of the law, your circumcision is made un-circumcision.*

Let me read you something out of Galatians 5:3 *Because I testify again to every man that is circumcised that he is a debtor, or obligated, to do the whole law. You're bound to the whole law if your going be circumcised and be a man unto the law, you have to do the whole law, not just a piece of it.*

26) *Therefore if the uncircumcised keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his un-circumcision be counted for circumcision?* Let me read you something out of the Book of Acts 10:34 It's about Cornelius. Peter opens his mouth and said, *'Of a truth I perceive God is no respecter of persons (I think we already heard that today) But in every nation, he that fears and reverences him and works righteousness is accepted in Him.'* God is not a respecter of persons. *'The word which God sent unto the children of Israel preaching peace by Jesus Christ, He is Lord of all. (Isn't that what it says?) That word I say ye know, which was preached throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached.'* He preached it to all. And that God is no respecter of persons. So how can anyone think that they are better than anyone else? Other than they have a double mind. That's all there is.

27) *And shall not un-circumcision which is from nature, if it fulfill the law, judge you?' Doesn't it do it every day? Whether you're circumcised or un-circumcised; we're talking about in the mind. If God wrote something in your heart won't it judge you? Even if it's un-circumcised, if God put it in your heart. 'And who through the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?'*

So he is saying people who are not under the law; non Jews; and this has happened to me, I've been judged by people outside the Kingdom of God because I was in a place of arrogance at the time. And a man came to me and set me in my place. On more than one occasion I have had that happen. God will bring someone who

doesn't go to church. They said, 'That isn't the nature of God.' And you know what, I had to back up and say, Woe, wait a minute. See, in my early days I would say who are you, you un-circumcised philistine coming to judge me? Then when I found out, that man was living closer to the book than I was. You know what that does to me? It better bring a change in my heart. When I realize an un-circumcised Philistine is living closer to the book than I am, and I'm saying I'm a man of God. That just makes me walk closer and straighter on the line. And that is what it should do. But he says *the un-circumcised will judge me if I violate the law.* (in verse 27)

28) *Because he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is in the appearance or external.* If I have the foreskin of my male organ cut off, that doesn't make me a Jew. Not in God's eyes it doesn't. That is in the eyes of man. *Neither is a circumcision which is external in the flesh.* That's not what it's about.

29) *But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly;* (and that's internally) meaning in the concealed area is what the language says, inwardly; *and the circumcision is that of the heart.* Now we know our heart is not external is it? We are speaking of our thinking process, our mind. 'In the spirit and not in the letter, whose praise is not from men but from God. I want to back you up and show you something. God has never changed His mind. Do you realize that? There are a lot of people who think that God does things and then He changes His mind. That is only because they do something and then change their mind. Do you understand? There are people that say, 'Oh God said do this and 5 minutes later they say nope, God said do it this way now. That is not God. You know how long it takes me to figure out that it is not God? Just like that. Because God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He changes not.

I want to show you that God has never changed His mind according to Scripture from the very beginning. God didn't start with a Jewish nation and say, Oh I hope I can get some of them out of there. I know these Jews are just a shadow and a type someday maybe I'll get some of them hardheaded Gentiles down the road. God never, ever had that thought in His mind. And I know the church has put it in many people's minds. I'm going to show you starting in Deut 10:16 , I will show you 3-4 verses where God has never changed His mind from the very beginning.

Deut 10:16 *God speaking to the people of that day through the prophet* and look what He says: *Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart* (that is not the male organ is it?) *and be no more stiff-necked* (rebellious hard-headed). Do you see what

I am saying? From the very beginning. This is in the Pentateuch. This isn't back in the New Testament, this is Old Testament. Deut 30 is another verse. I will show you 3 or 4 real quick. I'm going to back up a few verses and read this in context.

Deut. 30:4 *If any of you be driven out to the outermost parts of heaven from thence will the Lord thy God gather you and from thence will He fetch you. Who is going to come and get you? It's not about you coming back, it's about Him coming and getting you. 'And the Lord your God will bring you into the land which your Father's possessed and you shall possess it and He will do you good and multiply the above thy fathers and the Lord thy God will circumcise your heart'. Whose doing it? 'And the heart of your seed to love the Lord thy God with all your heart and with all your soul that thou mayest live. And the Lord thy God will put all these curses upon your enemies and upon them that hate you which persecuted you.'*

Whose doing it all? Whose He looking for? A Spiritual Jew from the very beginning. One's that He chose.

Jeremiah 4:3 *For thus sayest the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, break up the fallow ground and sow not among thorns. (talking about the carnal mind) circumcise therefore yourselves to the Lord and take away the foreskin of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Lest my fury come upon you like a fire and none can quench because of the evil of your doings. He is taking about circumcising the foreskin of your heart. This is a spiritual thing. Taking away the earthly, fleshly thinking out of your own mind. This is back in the Old Testament.*

Colossians 2:10-11 *And you are complete in Him if you say forgive me.'* What's it say? *And you are complete in Him (Christ) which is the head of all principality and power in whom also you are circumcised with a circumcision made without human hands, putting off the body of the sins of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ (and that's the circumcision of God) buried with Him in baptism wherein you are also risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God who hath raised Him from the dead. And you being dead in your sins and uncircumcision of your flesh hath He quickened together with Him having forgiven you all of your trespasses.'*

So what are you concerned with? He has already forgiven you all of your trespasses. And look at the next verse:

14) *Plotting out* (or literally obliterating or erasing) *the written law* (or dogma.) The word ordinance is law. So He has blotted out, obliterated, erased the written dogma of the law. Vs 14. He has obliterated this thing, He has taken it away, He has done it. *'Which was against us*, (which was contrary, which was an adversary, or which was opposed to us), *and took it out of the way nailing it to His cross.* That ought to make you happy. He has already forgiven you. He doesn't see you as guilty. He sees you as innocent. Holy and righteous.

So we find out now from the very beginning that God has never changed His heart. He was looking, sifting that spiritual seed. There has always been a seed that He has protected all the way through. And it is something that He chose before the foundation of the world according to Ephesians. He said we were chosen in Him before the conception of the world. So guess what? God never made a mistake. God never came back with a plan B. He started with plan A and His next plan would be plan A and the next plan after that would be plan A. And the only plan He ever had was plan A. So God has never changed His mind. He already had it figured out before He started. He never had to figure this thing out. He was a God with a plan.

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