

## You Condemn Yourself

Although we desire to be right in God's sight seeking to obey His Word, by our sinful attitudes and actions, we can condemn ourselves

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## Introduction

- In Rom. 2:1, we read the shocking condemnation of the Jews who had received the Law of Moses, direct knowledge of God's will
- They desired above all to be right with God, obey His will and teach others to do the same
- However, their desire to be right caused them to be blinded to their own sins of pride, hypocrisy and self-righteousness

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- They trusted in themselves to be right, looking down on others while having little need for God's mercy
- We also are blessed with God's full truth in the New Testament revealing the one faith that teaches us how to be saved and behave as His one church, saved body of people
- We want to be right with God, obey His will and teach others to do the same

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- But like the Jews, due to pride, self-righteousness and hypocrisy, we can stop searching for truth and fail to apply it to ourselves while condemning others
- We study their failings so that we can learn not to repeat them
- If we are going to be right, we must trust in a gracious, loving, merciful God through His Word and not in ourselves

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## Brief Overview of Romans 1-3

- Although they knew of God's character and power, the Gentiles plunged into idolatry and immorality
- And, although they knew God's will through the Law of Moses the Jews failed to see their own sins and need for God's mercy while condemning the Gentiles
- The only salvation for both Jews and Gentiles is the gospel of Christ with forgiveness obtained by faith not merit

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## Rejecting God The Gentiles Turn To Idolatry and Immorality

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom 1:19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

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Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Rom 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

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Rom 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

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Rom 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 1:26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

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Rom 1:27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

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## While Condemning The Gentiles The Jews Were Blinded To Their Own Sins

Rom 1:32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

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Rom 2:1 Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

Rom 2:2 And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

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Rom 2:11 For there is no partiality with God.

Rom 2:12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;

Rom 2:13 for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

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## God's Only Power To Save Both Jews and Gentiles Is By The Gospel Through Faith

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

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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;

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.

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

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

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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

Rom 3:25 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;

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Rom 3:26 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.

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Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

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Act 2:40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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Act 8:20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!"

Act 8:21 "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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1. Brief overview of Romans 1-3

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- How could Paul write that the Jews condemn themselves even though they had the Law of Moses and special covenant relationship with God?
- And, what can we learn today by studying their sinful attitudes so we do not repeat the same errors?

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## They Approved of Those That Practiced Sin

Rom 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

Rom 1:29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,

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Rom 1:30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

Rom 1:31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

Rom 1:32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

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## We Sin When We Approve of Those That Practice Sin

1Co 5:1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

1Co 5:2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

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Luk 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

Luk 14:27 "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

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## We Must Speak Out Against Sin

Eph 5:7 Therefore do not be partakers with them;

Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

Eph 5:9 (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

Eph 5:10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

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Eph 5:11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

Eph 5:12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

Eph 5:13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.

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## We Must Withdraw From Those Who Continue In Sin

1Co 5:3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

1Co 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

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1Co 5:5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1Co 5:11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler--not even to eat with such a one.

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Rom 2:2 And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

Rom 2:3 But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?

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Rom 2:17 But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in God,  
Rom 2:18 and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law,  
Rom 2:19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

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Rom 2:20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth,  
Rom 2:21 you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?

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Rom 2:22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?  
Rom 2:23 You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?  
Rom 2:24 For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written.

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## We Must First Teach and Apply God's Word To Ourselves

Mat 7:1 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged.  
Mat 7:2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.  
Mat 7:3 "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

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Mat 7:4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?  
Mat 7:5 "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

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1Ti 4:12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.  
1Ti 4:13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.

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1Ti 4:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

1Ti 4:15 Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all.

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1Ti 4:16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

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Gal 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

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Tit 2:1 But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

Tit 2:2 Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.

Tit 2:3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

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Tit 2:4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

Tit 2:5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

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Tit 2:6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

Tit 2:7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified,

Tit 2:8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

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Tit 2:9 Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

Tit 2:10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

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Tit 2:12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

Tit 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

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Tit 2:14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Tit 2:15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

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## They Believed God Would Favor Them In Judgment Without Their Repentance

Rom 2:3 But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?

Rom 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

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Rom 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

Rom 2:6 who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

Rom 2:7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;

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Rom 2:8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

Rom 2:9 There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

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Rom 2:10 but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom 2:11 For there is no partiality with God.

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Luk 18:9 And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

Luk 18:10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

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Luk 18:11 "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

Luk 18:12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'

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Luk 18:13 "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

Luk 18:14 "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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## What Is Repentance?

Mat 21:28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.'

Mat 21:29 "And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he regretted it and went.

Mat 21:30 "The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, 'I will, sir'; but he did not go.

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Mat 21:31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They \*said, "The first." Jesus \*said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you.

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Mat 21:32 "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

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## We Must Repent of Our Sins to Become A Christian

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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## We Must Continue To Repent of Our Sins to Remain A Christian

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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2Co 7:9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

2Co 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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## They Substituted Teaching And Hearing For Doing God's Word

Rom 2:12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;

Rom 2:13 for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

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Rom 2:14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves,

Rom 2:15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

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Rom 2:16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Rom 2:17 But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in God,

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

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## We Must Be Doers of God's Word

Jas 1:21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

Jas 1:22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

Jas 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

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Jas 1:24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

Jas 1:25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

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Jas 1:26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.

Jas 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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## They Trusted In External To Save Them No Matter How They Were Living

- The Jews trusted in externals rather than God who could change the heart through His Word
- They falsely believed if they were circumcised and observed the Sabbath and other traditions, they were saved
- We too can trust in externals like baptism and the Lord's supper substituting them for serving God from our hearts, being changed by His Word from inside out

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## They Trusted In External To Save Them No Matter How They Were Living

Rom 2:25 For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

Rom 2:26 So if the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

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Rom 2:27 And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law?

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

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## They Trusted In External To Save Them No Matter How They Were Living

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.

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## We Must Seek To Fully Obey God's Word From Our Hearts

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

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Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

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