

# **NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY**

## **ROMANS – PART TWO Bad News and Good News**

### **Lesson 49**

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Jews

Jews/Gentiles



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# Natural Questions



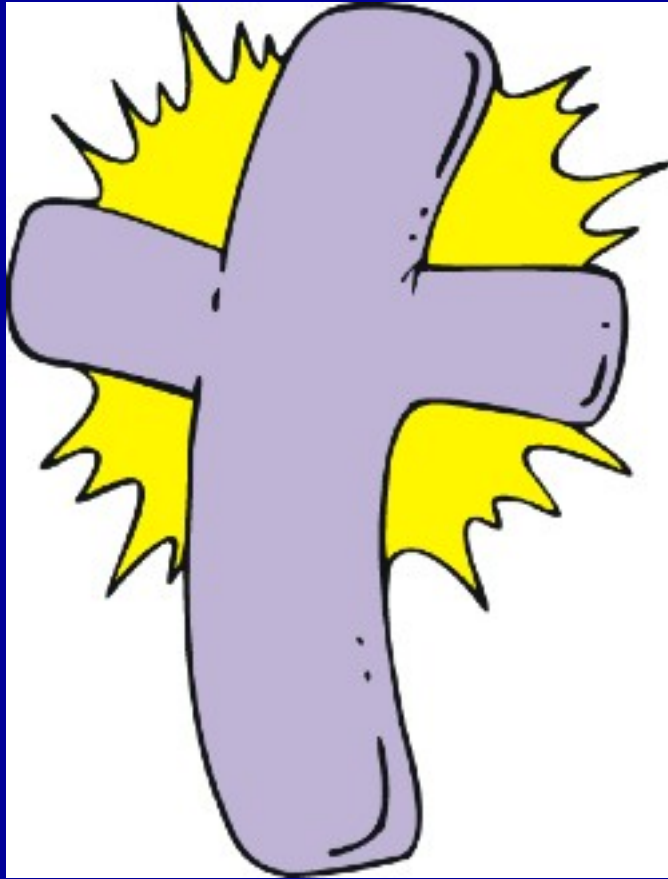
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# Reframing the Question

How Does Anyone Stand Right Before God?

Gentile?

Jew?

Gentiles (1:18-1:32)

# What About the Gentiles?

## They Never Had Scriptures...

### **No Excuse!**

1. Evidence in Creation

2. Evidence in Us

### **The Choices**

- Not Honor and Thanks
- Growing Darkness
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### **The Results**

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- “In Sinful Desires of Hearts to Sexual Impurity” (1:21)
- “To Shameful Lusts” (1:26)
- “To a Depraved Mind, To Do What Ought Not Be Done” (1:28)

# “What Ought Not Be Done”

- Wickedness
- Evil
- Greed
- Depravity
- Envy
- Murder
- Strife
- Deceit
- Malice
- Gossips
- Slanders
- Hating God
- Insolence
- Arrogance
- Boasting
- Invent Evil
- Disobey
- Senseless
- Faithless
- Heartless
- Ruthless



# The Righteous Decree?



# Remember the Problem



GOD

Life  
Truth

Light  
Purity

Sin and Death

# The Righteous Decree?



DEATH!

# Jews Feeling Smug???

## God's Principles of Judgment

Those Getting  
Eternal Life

Those Who  
Persistently Do  
Good

Those Getting  
Wrath

Self-seeking, Reject  
Truth, Follow Evil

“Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you  
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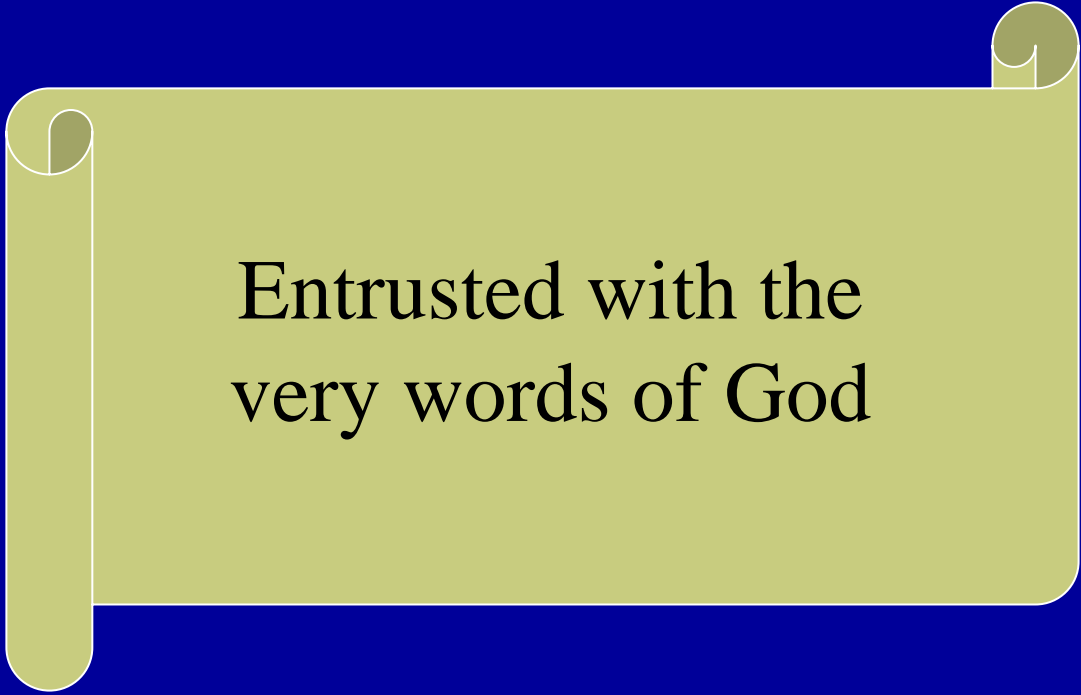
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It's All SIN!

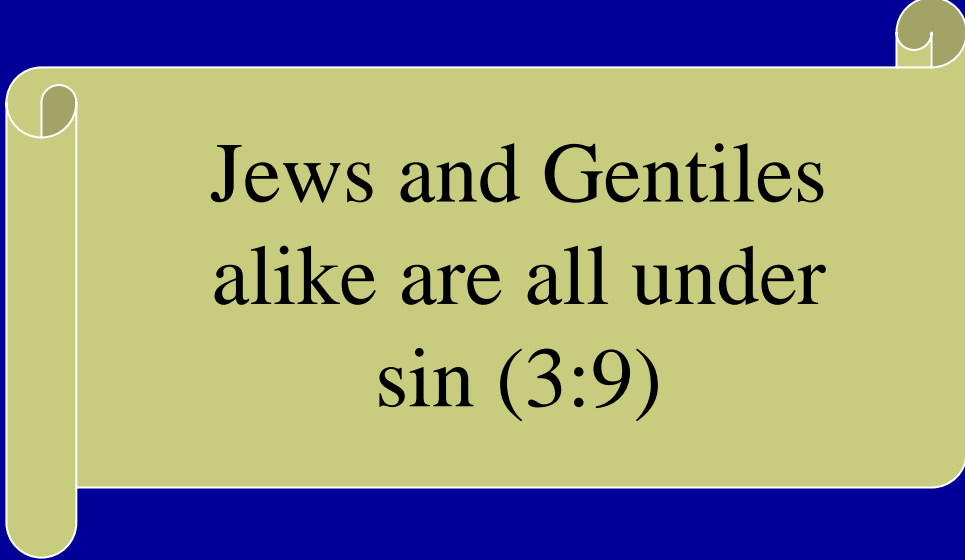
# Advantage to Being Jew?



Entrusted with the  
very words of God

# The Bad News

Jews and Gentiles Share Status Before God



Jews and Gentiles  
alike are all under  
sin (3:9)



# Old Testament Text

*There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.*

Good News???

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# Points for Home

- No Matter Who --- We Are Sinners Before God
- God Alone is the Judge of His Eternity
- God Will Not Change
- We Need God to Give Us Righteousness