

14. For when *the* Gentiles, which do not have *the* law, practice by nature the things contained in the law, these who do not have *the* law are a law unto themselves;

15. Who show the work of the law written in their own hearts, their consciences bearing witness, and their reasonings also, as they accuse or defend one another;)

16. In a day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

17. Behold, you are called a Jew, and you yourself rest in the law, and boast in God,

18. And know *His* will, and approve of the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;

19. And are persuaded *that* you yourself are a guide of *the* blind, a light for those in darkness,

20. An instructor of *the* foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of the knowledge and of the truth *contained* in the law.

21. You, then, who are teaching another, do you not teach yourself also? You who preach, "Do not steal," are you stealing?

22. You who say, "Do not commit adultery," are you committing adultery? You who abhor idols, are you committing sacrilege?

23. You who boast in law, are you dishonoring God through your transgression of the law?

24. For through you the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles, exactly as it is written.

25. For on the one hand, circumcision profits if you are observing *the* law; on the other hand, if you are a transgressor of *the* law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

26. Therefore, if the uncircumcised is keeping the requirements of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be reckoned for circumcision?

16 Eccl. 12:14
Mat. 25:31
John 5:22
Acts 10:42
1 Tim. 1:11
Rev. 20:12
17 Is. 48:2
Mic. 3:11
Mat. 3:9
John 8:33
18 Deut. 4:8
Phil. 1:10
19 Mat. 15:14
John 9:34
20 2 Tim. 3:5
21 Ps. 50:16
Mat. 23:3
22 Mal. 3:8
23 Rom. 2:17
24 2 Sam. 12:14
Is. 52:5
Ezek. 36:20
25 Gal. 5:3
26 Acts 10:34

27 Mat. 12:41
28 Mat. 3:9
John 8:39
Gal. 6:15
29 1 Pet. 3:4
Rom. 7:6
1 Cor. 4:5
2 Cor. 10:18
Phil. 3:3
1 Thes. 2:4

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2 Deut. 4:7
Psa. 147:19
3 Num. 23:19
2 Tim. 2:13
Heb. 4:2
4 Job 40:8
Psa. 51:4,
62:9
John 3:33
5 Gal. 3:15
6 Gen. 18:25
8 Rom. 5:20
9 Gal. 3:22

27. And shall not the uncircumcised, who by nature is fulfilling the law, judge you, who, with *the* letter and circumcision, *are* a transgressor of *the* law?

28. For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, neither *is* that circumcision which *is* external in *the* flesh;

29. Rather, he *is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly, and circumcision *is* of *the* heart, in *the* spirit *and* not in *the* letter; whose praise *is* not from men but from God.

CHAPTER THREE

1. What then *is* the advantage of the Jew, or what *is* the profit of circumcision?

2. Much in every way. Primarily, in that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

3. For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief nullify the faith of God?

4. MAY IT NEVER BE! Rather, let God be true but every man a liar, exactly as it is written: "That You might be justified in Your words, and might overcome when You are judged by *men*."

5. But if our unrighteousness brings to reality God's righteousness, what shall we say? *Is* God unrighteous to inflict His wrath? (I am speaking according to man's view.)

6. MAY IT NEVER BE! Otherwise, how shall God judge the world?

7. For if, by my falsehood, the truth of God has shown itself *to be* supremely great, to His glory, why am I still being judged as a sinner?

8. But not, according as we are being blasphemously charged, and according as some are affirming *that* we say, "Let us practice evil things in order that good things may come." Their condemnation is deserved.

9. What then? Are we of ourselves