

Romans 2:17-3:8
Bad news
becoming personal

Men to Men Ministries

Session 5 of ?



For I am
NOT ASHAMED
of the *Gospel* it is **POWER**
of **GOD** for
Salvation to
everyone who
BELIEVES

Romans 1:16

What is the
Gospel?

Jews in Rome

Alexandrian Jews and Commerce

Pompey and slaves

Segregated to the slums

Christian Jews – They were the founders of the church in Rome

Claudius exile – riots

Nero – the big return

The church had changed in the 6 years of Jewish absence

Now it was a Gentile church

“I want my church back”



The conflict in the Church

- Four sections about the Jews in the Roman Church
 - 2:17-20 – Jewish Pride
 - 2:21-24 – Jewish Hypocrisy
 - 2:25-29 – Jewish Misunderstanding
 - 3:1-4 – Jewish Advantage
 - 3:5-8 – Jewish Excuse

Romans 2:17-20 – Jewish Pride

But **if** you bear the name “**Jew**”

and rely upon the **Law**

and boast in God,

and know *His* will

and approve the things that are essential,

being instructed out of the **Law**,

and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind,

a light to those who are in darkness,

a corrector of the foolish,

a teacher of the immature,

having in the **Law**

the embodiment

of knowledge

and of the truth,

Romans 2:21-24 – Jewish Hypocrisy

You, therefore,


who teaches another, do you not teach yourself?

You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?

You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery?

You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

You who **boast** in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? For “THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU,” just as it is written.



Romans 2:25-29

Jewish Misunderstanding

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.

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

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?

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly,

nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

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.

Romans 3:1-4 – Jewish Advantage

Then what advantage has the Jew?

Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

Great in every respect.

First of all, they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

What then?

If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

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."**



3:5-8 – Jewish Excuse

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.)

May it never be!

For otherwise, how will God judge the world?

But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory,

why am I also still being judged as a sinner?

And why not say

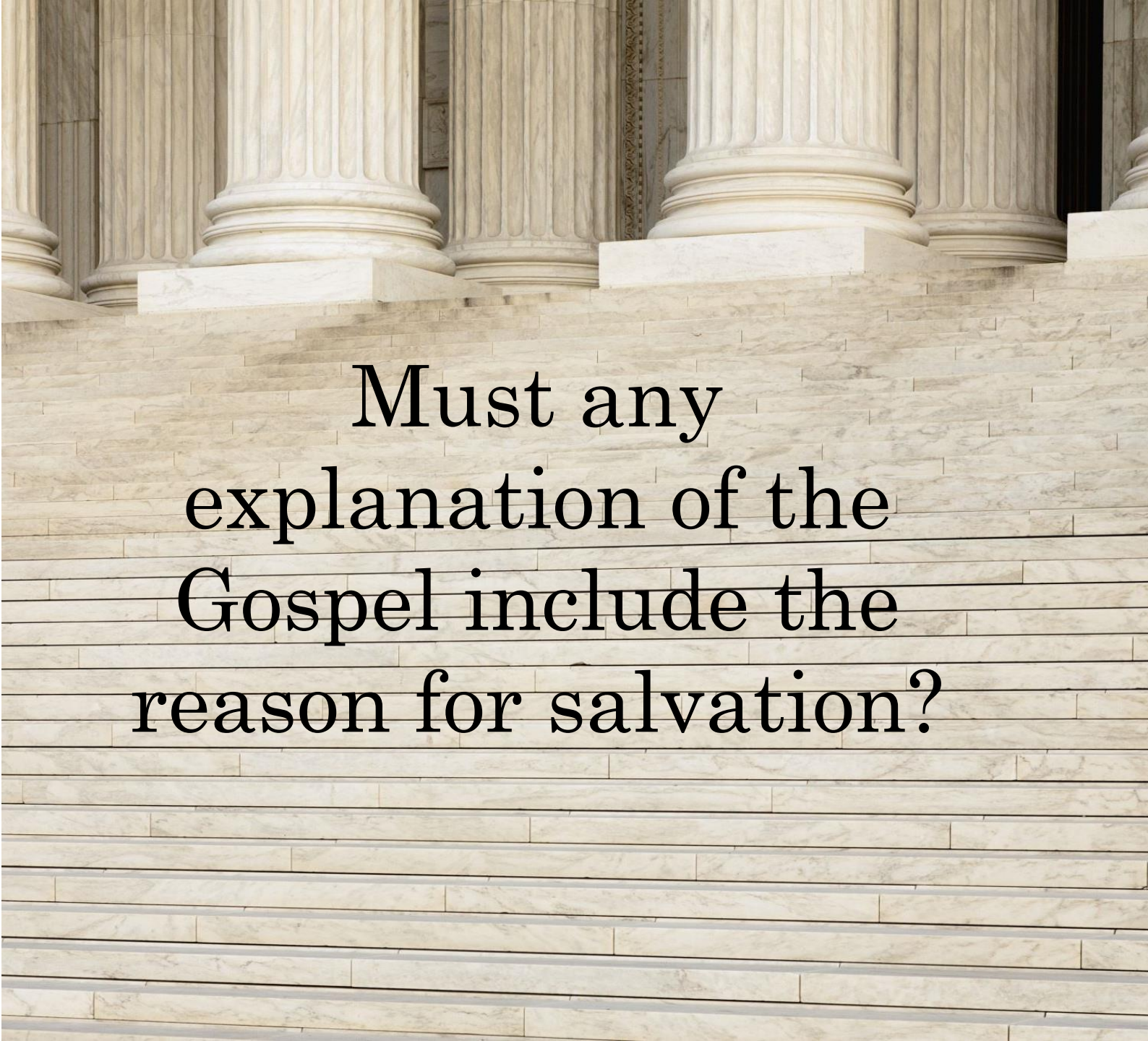
(as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say),

"Let us do evil that good may come "?
Their condemnation is just.



Conclusion – No excuses allowed

1. Religious knowledge of the law will not save you 2:17-14
2. Religious ceremony will not save you 2:25-29
3. Religious agreement will not save you (theology) 3:1-9
4. There is no exception to the judgment



Must any
explanation of the
Gospel include the
reason for salvation?

Roman Road

- Romans 1:20-21 – God as the creator of all
- Romans 3:23 – All are sinners
- Romans 5:8 – Christ died for you
- Romans 6:23 – Repentance of our sins
- Romans 10:9-10 – Confess
- Romans 10:13 - Call upon Him
- Romans 11:36 – Commitment

Next Week Romans 3:9-31

- Read it this week at least three times Just 13 verses
- Introspection: Ask yourself if you have or are now judgmental. Look into every corner of your life and call them out. Make it a prayer to GOD to help you be different.