THE CASE OF THE JEW.

(Romans 2:17-3:8)

Because of his position and privileges, the Jew considered himself exempt from God’s wrath. Was he?

1. THE SUPERIORITY OF THE JEW (2:17-20)

Rom. 2:17 “Behold, thou art called a Jew.”………..good heredity

Rom. 2:17 “and restest in the law” ………………...legality

Rom.2:17 “and makest thou boast of God” ………..religiousness

Rom. 2:18 “and knowest His will” …………………enlightenment

Rom. 2:18 “and approves the… excellent” ………...culture

Rom. 2:18 “being instructed out of the law”………..Knowledge

Rom. 2:19-20 “and art… a guide… a light” …………leadership

Rom. 2:20 “instructor…. teacher” ……………………service

NOTE: None of these fine qualities, nor all of them together, saved the Jew. Nor can they save us. Rom. 2:1; 3:9.

1. THE FAILURE OF THE JEW. (2:21-24)

Rom. 2:21-22: They knew but did not keep God’s law.

Rom. 2:23: They themselves thereby dishonored God.

Rom. 2:24: They caused others to blaspheme God. (Do we?)

NOTE: Failure in ourselves causes failure in others. NO one lives to himself; each life is an influence, good or bad.

1. THE CONSEQUENCE FOR THE JEW. (2:21-24)

Rom.2:25-27: A circumcised, law-breaking Jew, compared with an uncircumcised, righteous Gentile, is condemned.

Rom. 2:28-29: A true Jew must be one in spirit and flesh. See Phil. 3:4-7; Rom. 9:6-8.

NOTE: Circumcision was a seal of faith- righteousness (4:11). A seal without the thing it certifies is of no value at all. Reality is necessary. Our profession of Christ must be joined to an actual possession of Christ. Rev. 3:1; II Tim. 3:5.

1. THE QUESTIONS OF THE JEW. (3:1-8).

Rom. 3:1. IS THERE ANY ADVANTAGE, THEN, IN BEING A JEW?

ANSWER: rom. 3:2, Yes, chiefly, they have the Word of God.

Is it better to be without a guide or with one?

Rom. 3:3. SINCE SOME DISBELIEVE, ARE GOD’S PROMISES CANCELLED?

ANSWER: Rom. 3:4. No, God still is faithful. God will keep his Word whether men believe it or not.

Rom. 3:5. AS GOD IS GLORIFIED THRU SIN, WHY PUNISH SINNERS?

ANSWER: Rom. 3:6-8. If God brings good out of evil, that is to His praise, but still does not justify the evil.

1. SALVATION FOR THE JEW.

Can a Jew be saved at all? Rom. 1:16. How? I Cor. 15:1-4.

Where does the law come in? Rom. 10:4.

Is the Jew then in the same position as a Gentile? Rom. 3:9; 10:12-13

NEXT LESSON: ROMANS 3:9-31. Who are accused? What is the charge? How is it proved? What defense is made? Why?