



- Romans chapter 1 mainly speaking to gentiles
- Book of Romans is a letter to BELIEVERS of Rome
- Paul's remarks are because he believed that these sins were happening in the congregations of Rome
- We all view the world through the lens of our culture
- In Paul's day homosexuality was rampant, and the average gentile thought nothing of it

ROMANS

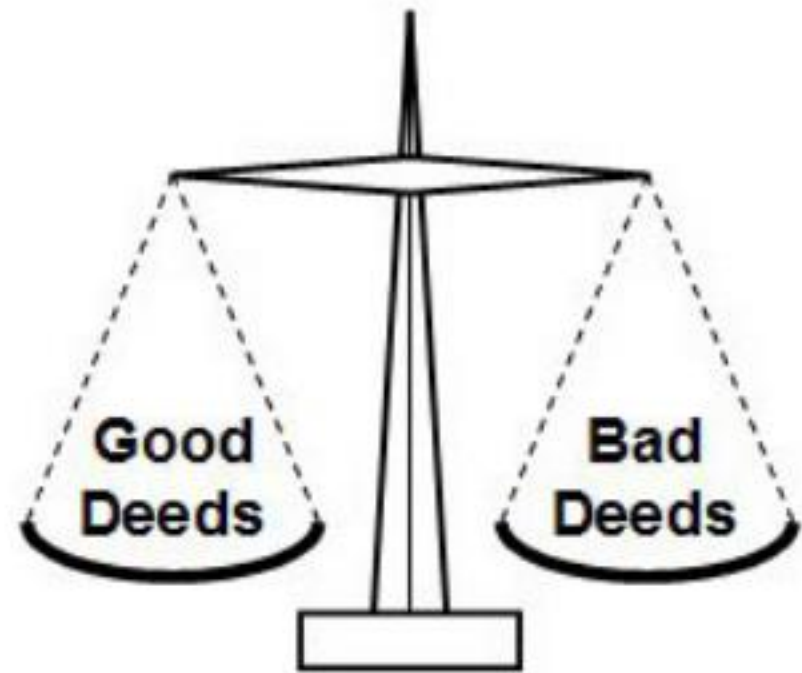
CHAPTER 2



- Paul is using Diatribe
- Bottom line: Paul says Jews sin, too, and don't get a pass because they are Jews
- Jews passing judgment on gentiles, also pass judgment on themselves
- Chapter 1 says gentiles have natural law, so they have no excuse to sin
- Also says Jews have the Torah, so they have no excuse to sin

WORKS & DEEDS

- Romans 2 is much about works and deeds
- God will use our works and deeds to judge us
- 1John 3:4 ***“Sin is violation of Torah (the Law)”***
- Sin is the same for Jew or gentile, and doesn't vary person to person
- The Natural Law is the Reader's Digest version of the Law of Moses



GOD IS JUDGE

- Will God punish a gentile, but not a Jew, for the same sin?
- Principle: God rewards good deeds and punishes bad deeds
- Doesn't change because we're saved!
- Vs. 4 repeats for Jews what Chapter 1:21 said to gentiles
- God's loving-kindness often withholds judgment in hopes the sinner will repent
- But....God doesn't overlook sin
- Jews at that time believed gentiles were inherently evil, and Jews were inherently good in God's eyes





FAITH

WHEN SALVATION IS A MIRAGE

- Psalm 62:11 – 13
- No safety from God when you refuse to repent
- Salvation can be a millstone around your neck if you go right on sinning
- Hebrews 10:26 – 27
- “Each person paid back according to their DEEDS”
- Romans 2:7
- Doing is a verb and it means tangible action!

FAITH WORKS

the grudge match of the ages!

- Is Paul contradicting himself?
- Eph. 2:8 – 9 *“Delivered by grace through trusting..”*
- Only 2 possible outcomes at Judgment: eternal life or God’s wrath
- Disobedience to the truth is what evokes God’s wrath
- Are Jews to be obedient to one thing, and Christians to another?
- Some in Christianity say that for a Believer to obey the Law of Moses is sin!!

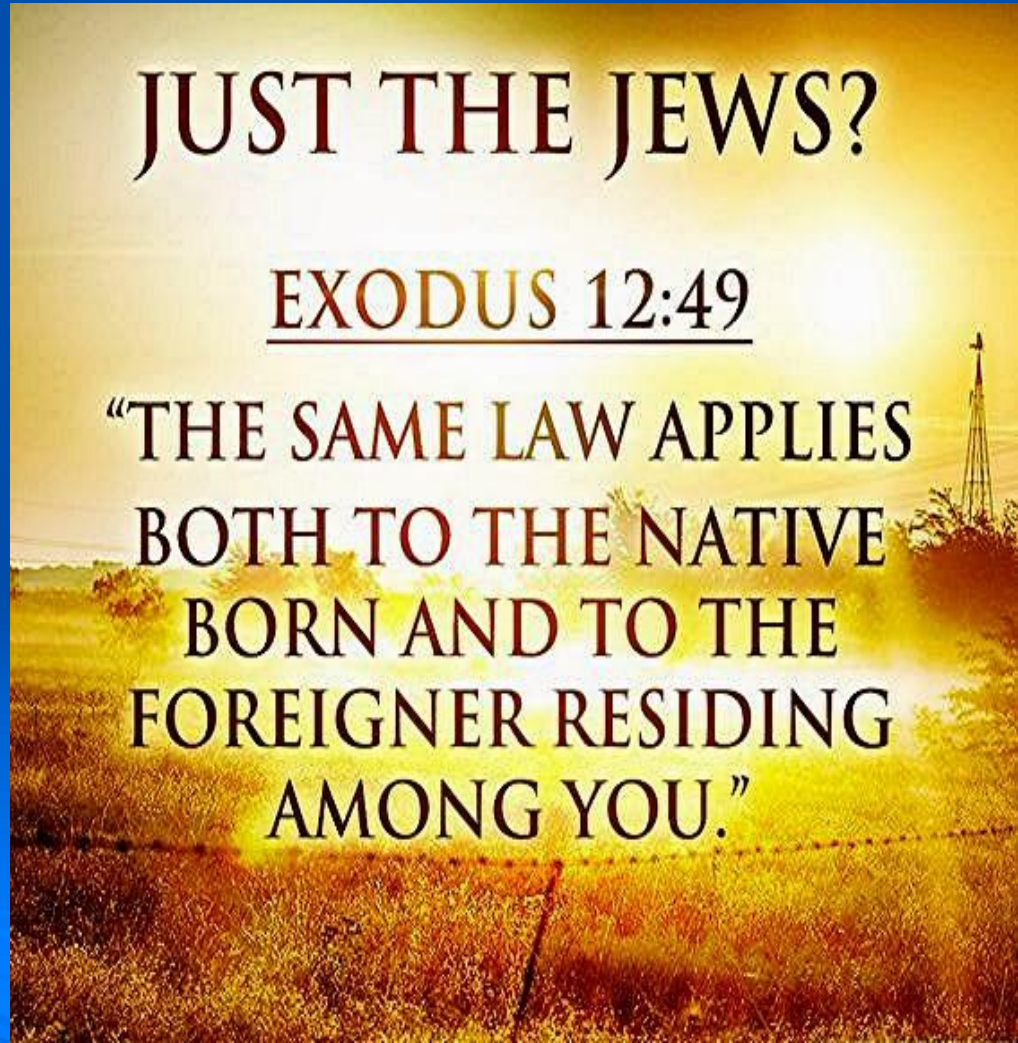
ONE LAW, ONE JUDGE, ONE LAW GIVER

- Sin has not been customized for each person
- Numbers 15:15 – 16
- James 4:12
- Disobedience for Jews and gentiles is disobedience to the same Law
- Gentiles and Jews held to the same standard

JUST THE JEWS?

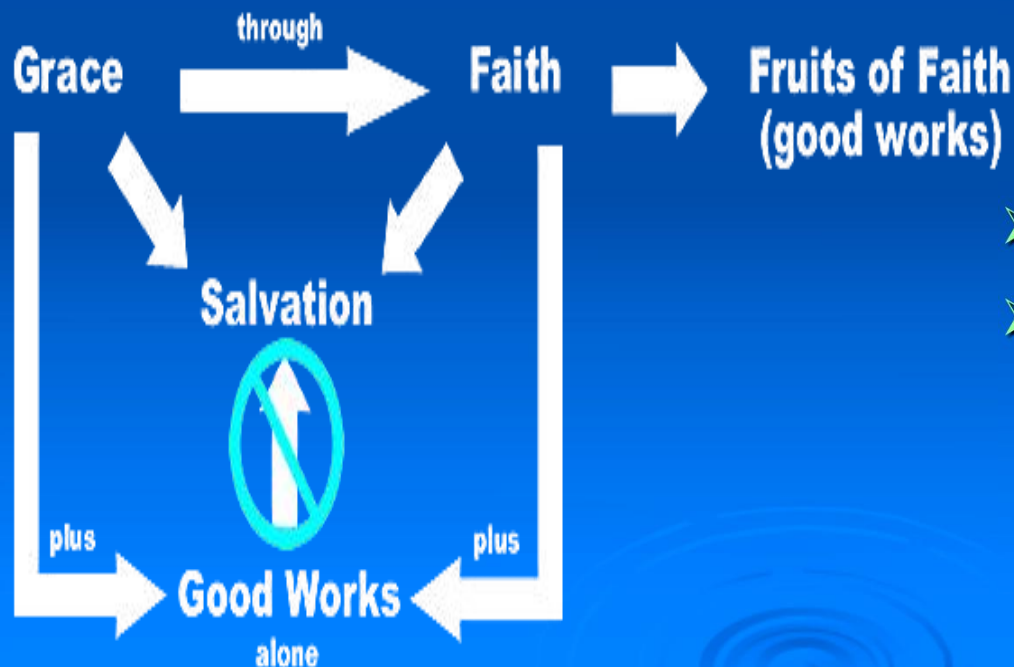
EXODUS 12:49

“THE SAME LAW APPLIES
BOTH TO THE NATIVE
BORN AND TO THE
FOREIGNER RESIDING
AMONG YOU.”



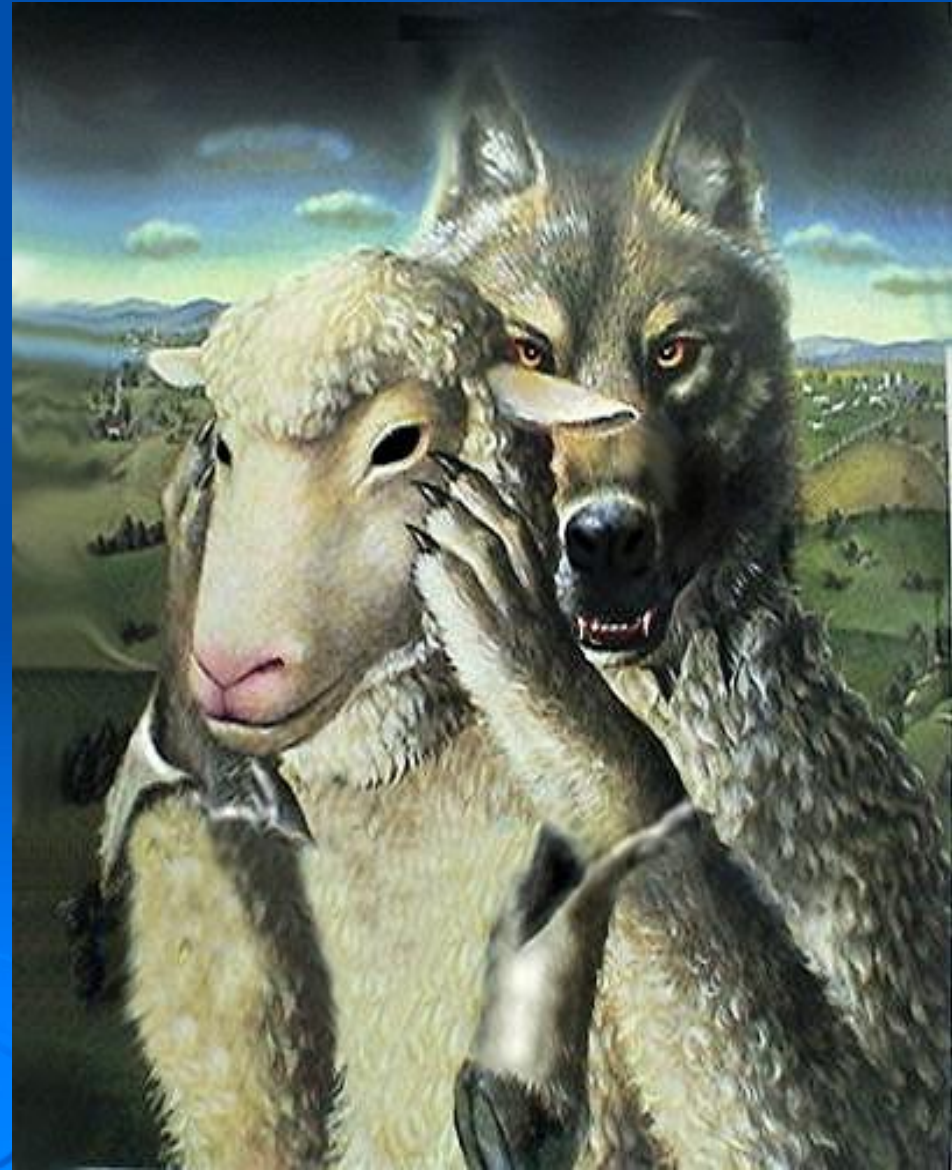


- Matt. 5: 17 – 19
- Paul is talking ONLY to Believers
- Salvation by grace makes us members of the Kingdom of Heaven
- Works and Deeds confirm our faith, and that will determine our level of status in the Kingdom
- 2Cor. 5:9 – 10
- EVERYONE will be judged by Messiah, based on what we DID while we were still alive



OUR WICKED DEEDS REVEAL WHO WE REALLY ARE

- Our current lives matter !!
- What we DO matters !!
- Vs. 13 “..*it is the doers of Torah (the Law) who will be made righteous...*”
- Paul talking primarily to Jews, so he affirms Torah is to still be observed
- Those “without” Torah mean gentiles
- Those “within” Torah are Jews



NATURAL LAW vs. LAW OF MOSES



- Law of Moses defines behavior, and lays out penalties for violation
- “Being themselves a Law” means, the Law is within them
- It is in their innate sense of right and wrong
- Jer.31:30 – 32
- Law of Moses is fully compatible with Natural Law



Written on their hearts