

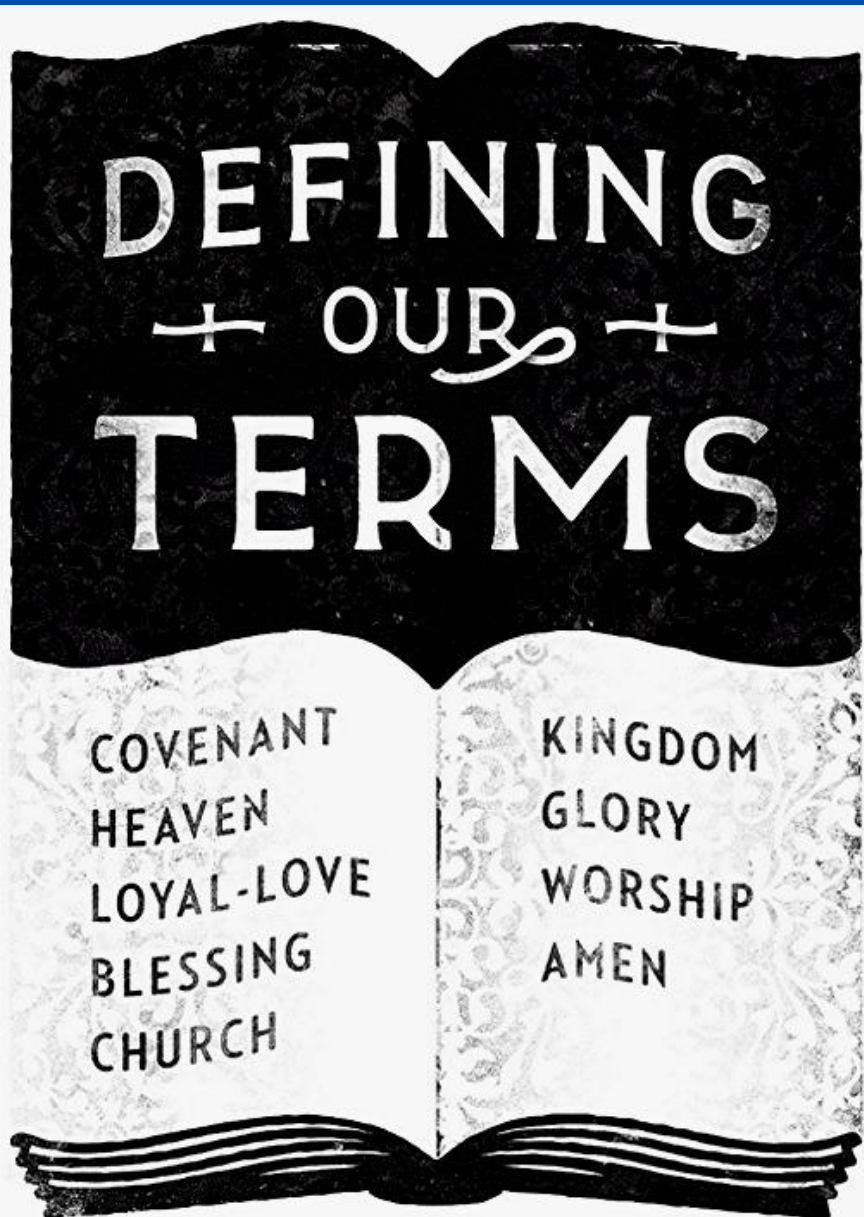
THE BIBLE IS A HEBREW WORK



THE ISAIAH SCROLL

- Paul is speaking to Jewish and gentile Believers in Rome
- Some sections of Romans more aimed at Jews, others more aimed at gentiles
- The gentile Believers needed the help of Jewish Believers to explain much of what Paul wrote
- Modern gentile Christians typically shun the help of Jews to understand words and expressions in the Bible
- We need to take the time to learn of ancient Hebrew culture and their religion to get a complete understanding of the Bible

ROMANS CHAPTER 5



- Chapter 4 was a Midrash on Abraham
- Abraham the biological father of Jews, but also the spiritual father of gentile Believers
- Chapter 5 is a summation of Romans 1 – 4
- We need to define terms of Christianity that we use almost daily
- Currently the understanding of some of those terms is quite hazy

ROMANS 5:1

- “Peace” with God
- Peace typically means the end of hostilities
- Paul means not only the end of hostilities, but receiving well-being
- God is not a hostile God, but He is a just God
- “Through our Lord” more means: “Through the works and deeds of our Lord”

Shalom:

Well-Being

Completeness

Prosperity

Wholeness

Health

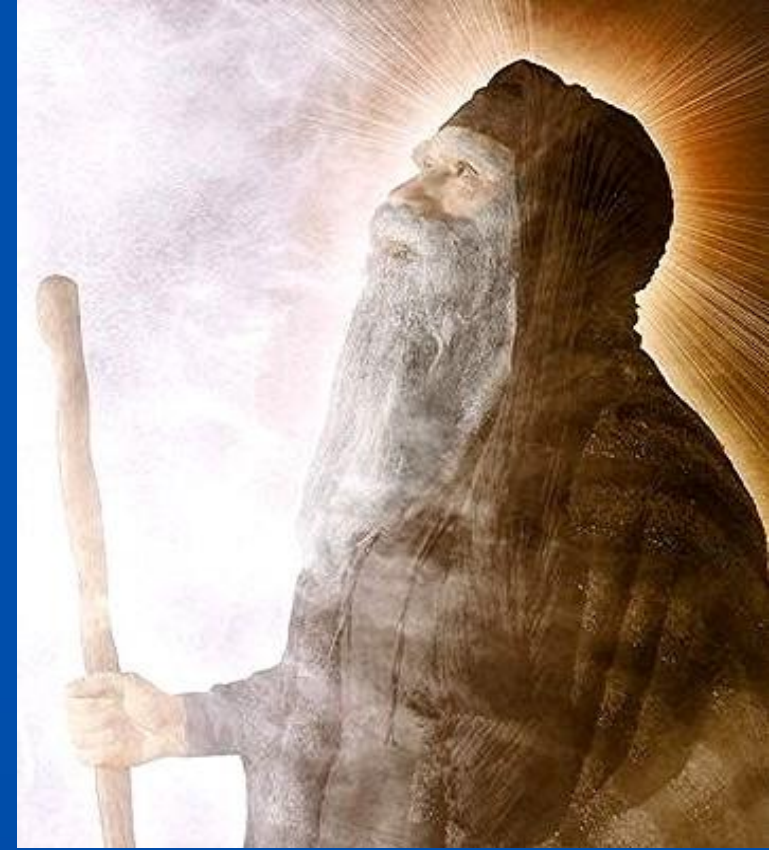
Safety

Harmony with God and others



ROMANS 5:2

- CJB “boast” is dubious
- ***Kauchaomai*** = rejoice, exult
- Sometimes translated as “glory”
- “Glory of God” Glory is in Greek ***doxa***
- God’s glory is not so much about His splendor
- Paul is saying that Believers look forward to divine illumination
- Moses received this illumination and he shone with light !
- God’s glory also speaks of the restoration of humanity to an even higher state than Adam’s



THE GLORY OF
GOD



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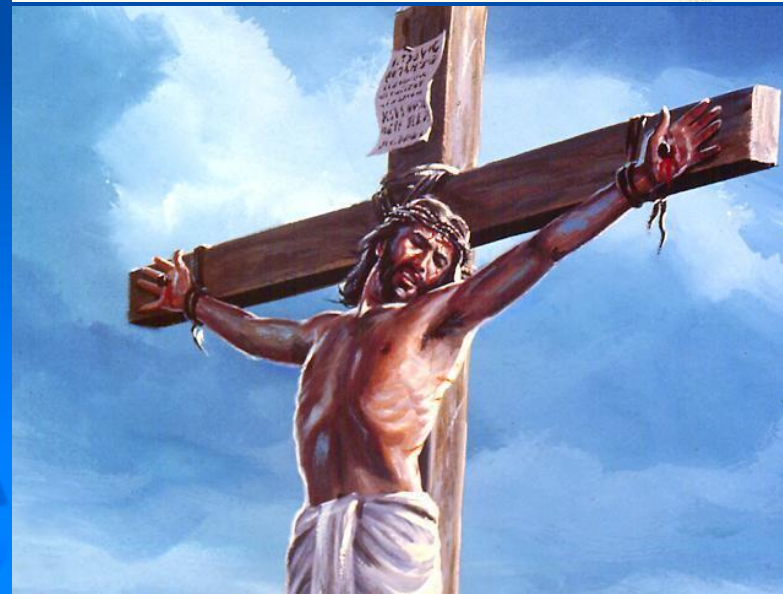
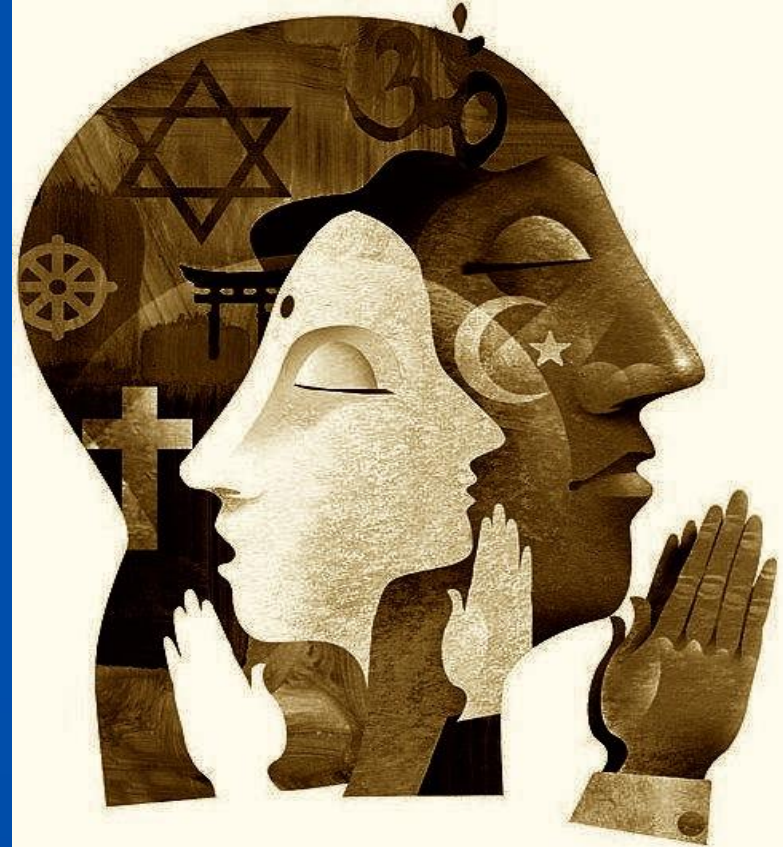
ROMANS 5:3

- Does tribulation REALLY produce hope?
- Job gave up hope and mischaracterized God
- Paul is speaking about what happens with Believers
- When Paul speaks of “hope”, he means resurrection from the dead
- Death is always a terrifying prospect to humans
- Pagans figured out their own “death cults”
- God solved this dilemma through Yeshua



BELIEF IS NOT ENOUGH

- Paul equates “we” and “ungodly”
- BEFORE Paul trusted Christ, he believed in God
- That still qualified Paul as “ungodly”
- Ungodly means that your behavior proves that you don't obey Him
- Luke 5:30 – 32
- By allowing His Son to die, God demonstrated a love unknown among humans





ORIGINAL SIN

- Vss. 12 -21 a conclusion of Ch.5: 1 – 11
- Judaism and Christianity vastly different on this issue
- The scope of Paul's comments is universal
- Paul used Abraham and now Adam to explain the Gospel
- Christ's faithfulness needed to counteract Adam's unfaithfulness
- Several versions of the doctrine of Original Sin
- Dr. David Stern's work will be relied on for our definitions



Original Sin

Guilt

- * All humans are condemned
- * Everyone deserves God's wrath
- * We are all born guilty

Pollution

- * Sinful state humans are born into
- * This state results in a sin nature
- * Sin nature results in humans as incapable of doing right and good

- Why “original”? 1) We all share Adam as our original root
- 2) Pollution and guilt are present at our origin...our birth
- 3) Pollution and guilt are the original root cause of our evil inclinations and our sinful deeds
- However not so “original” that it can be traced back to God. God did NOT put sin and evil in our DNA or breathe it into us

WHAT WAS “THE ORIGINAL SIN”?



- Adam ate the forbidden fruit
- In reality Adam's sin was rebellion against God
- Pride, unbelief, wanted to be on par with God
- Sin has 3 basic meanings:
 - 1) wrong actions and deeds
 - 2) sinful inclination to choose that which is morally wrong
 - 3) our sinful natures: DNA, spirit
- The original sin is spread by propagation of the human race
- Consequence of original sin is death: physical, spiritual, eternal

6 VERSIONS OF ORIGINAL SIN

➤ 1) Augustinian

➤ Born w/ original pollution and guilt. We participated in Adam's sin. We die because we participated

➤ 2) Mediate Imputation

➤ We have guilt because of Adam's pollution. We die because of our sinful nature

➤ 3) Federal

➤ Born with pollution but not guilt. Did not share in Adam's sin. Not born with sinful nature. Sin is imputed to us because Adam was our representative in the Garden of Eden

➤ 4) Uncondemnable vitiosity

➤ Pollution doesn't make us guilty. Not guilty of Adam's sin. Guilty due to our own sinful deeds. Death a natural end to life.

➤ 5) Arminian-Methodist

➤ Although born depraved, we can choose a different way. Guilty only when we do wrong deeds. Death not passed to us by Adam.

➤ 6) Pelagian

➤ Innocent at birth. We can obey God. We die due to our own sin.

ORIGINAL SIN



Why Jews Don't Believe In It.

- Jews believe their free will allows them to choose
- Judaism sees avoidance of sin a product of effort
- Humans created good and innocent
- Genesis 4:1 – 7 *“sin.....but you can rule over it..”*
- Fate is in each man's own hands
- Religious Jews, then, find no need for a Savior to pay for their sins