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SEED:

“But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world? For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner?” Romans 3:5-7 NKJV

FRUIT:

“Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.” Romans 3:19 NKJV

NARRATIVE FOR TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: ROMANS 3:1-20

Last week in [Circumcision Reimagined](#) (Romans 2:17-29)...

God's laws have leapt off the scrolls and into the hearts of the Gentiles. They have become spiritually awakened to God's ways and they are living accordingly. Now we can turn our attention back to the Jews who claim they find their solid foundation in God's laws; they say they are anchored to His commands. The mere fact that they have been guided by and held strict adherence to the law, in their own minds, is a form of open praise to Yahweh. They revel in the idea that they know the will of the Father because of this, and they outwardly align with what is superior, by claiming their standards are derived from God's laws.

Naturally, they feel confident they should be in a leadership position, directing the path of those who were not raised with God's laws, and as such had lived in darkness, like spiritually blind people who need a burst of bright light to open their eyes. They would consider these souls like silly lost children and would take on the roles of teacher and mentor to them, but would start at the most rudimentary level. They believe that knowing God's law has given them a brand of wisdom and insight into the most important truths.

However, there is a scathing rebuke of such presumptive leaders if they are not walking their talk, not living in submission to the very commands they claim are so vital. In other words, do you

practice what you preach? Do you follow your own advice? It is clear that God's law speaks harshly against things like theft, adulterous behavior, and idolatry. But worse than all of those, in a sense, is hypocrisy. It's bad enough to simply be disobedient, but it's altogether an abomination to brag about your obedience, while behind the scenes you are a complete wretch. It's the worst type of stain against God's reputation, especially when those raised without the knowledge of God's laws are watching. There is literally nothing more shameful, disgraceful, or blasphemous to God.

Think about circumcision as the perfect object lesson. Jews strictly adhere to the practice of circumcision. It's a sign of their covenant with God. And it's obviously beneficial if you take it seriously, meaning you do it because it is an outward act of obedience. But, if you are just going to violate God's other commands all over the place, what good is it? You might as well be uncircumcised because in God's eyes your physical circumcision has become irrelevant. And quite the opposite is also true. A man raised without God's commands, who comes to love and obey His instructions by faith, who begins to live in obedience to God organically, he is literally viewed by God as if he is circumcised! And quite frankly, it would reverse the roles; he would become the one evaluating the behavior of those raised under the strict guidelines of the law, who habitually transgress it.

We can summarize this entire upside-down situation like this: physical circumcision, which has become synonymous with being a Jew, is not what truly makes someone a Jew. It's only a particular sign and that gets completely negated if you live an otherwise disobedient lifestyle. Conversely, and regardless of your "original heritage", if you have become empowered by God and you live a life of obedience and submission to Him, it is considered by God that you are indeed circumcised, but not outwardly in the flesh. Instead, it is your inner man, your heart that is circumcised unto the Lord. It's all about the Holy Spirit first, not a list of commands. Obedience to God's commands has become a natural consequence of God's grace; it is inspired and empowered by the Almighty Himself. At that point, what man thinks is irrelevant because God is the One who will acknowledge your standing in His eyes.

This week in Romans 3:1-20... Paul, however, wants to be clear that he is not saying that those who've been instructed by the law and practice physical circumcision, now have no advantage because the only thing that truly matters is the circumcision of the heart. He made His point clear; bragging about your knowledge of the law, while acting contrary to your boasting, is a big problem. Yet, why is being raised a Jew and being circumcised according to God's commands still immensely beneficial? Certainly because it was through the Jews that God's Word was preserved for mankind.

Even if you isolate faithless Jewish men, who give both God and Judaism a bad wrap, that can't ever negate who God is, what He promises, nor the value of His law. It is man who is at fault in those cases, as God is true to His Word every time. And trust me; those who attempt to place the blame on God for man's flaws will come to see that His Word always proves perfect.

And if you begin to twist how God's trustworthiness and perfection is more accentuated because of your bad behavior, and even start to believe that God should be thankful for your rebellious nature, rather than punish you for it, you'd be as wrong as anyone could ever be. Besides, if that is how it works, then God would never be capable of holding anyone accountable for their sins, and yet He does! And if it really worked like that you could just lie all you want because your lies would magnify God's honesty! People this deceived would just sit around twiddling their thumbs wondering why God is punishing their every transgression. They are so whacked they might even form support groups to help potentiate their wickedness, just so God's goodness would be highlighted. Guaranteed, they will face God's wrath for their behavior.

And if we switch gears for a moment, shifting our focus back on the Jewish people, don't for a moment think their wrong thinking is better than those I just described. It's not! Everyone has been charged and found guilty of sin, no matter what their heritage! And

if you are having trouble believing it works like that, let me paint you a picture using a barrage of Old Testament Scripture references.

You ready? “No humans are righteous; no humans understand; no humans seek God; all humans run from God and are no good on their own. Death and poison pour forth from their mouths and their words are used to lie, manipulate, damn others, and showcase their bitterness and unforgiveness. They are ever involved in harmful activities with the intention to destroy lives and make others miserable. They could not care less about order and harmony. None of them shows any reverence for God.” Is that enough proof that everyone has been charged and found guilty?

You see, that is why the law exists. Every one of these guilty creatures can be found guilty only because when God’s commands are violated, His law condemns those at fault. This should quiet any arguments from any people from any background—everyone is guilty before God! And let me make something else perfectly clear. Evaluating a list of commands and checking them off in an attempt to be right in God’s eyes will not work either! The law defines what God demands and breaking the law defines sin, and everyone sins. But, there is a way to be found innocent; you must have a Savior who empowers you to obey God and who covers for your shortcomings when you don’t!

“Think in Bible.” *DJH*

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S MESSAGE:

At times, the very language we speak contains no single word to best describe the ideas coming forth so, as a necessity, new words are birthed into our language. Here are a few words that have been added in the past and some brand new words, hot off the press. You might find them a bit amusing, yet, they are very serious because they address grave issues. Ultimately, it is the meaning, the high concepts we are after to help open your mind.

We begin with thoughtcrimes. In the dystopian novel “Nineteen Eighty-Four” (1949), by George Orwell, a thoughtcrime describes a person’s politically unorthodox thoughts, beliefs, and doubts—ideas that contradict the tenets and dominant ideology of the ruling elite. A thoughtcrime describes the theological practice of “disbelief” or, in other words, the rejection of current orthodoxy and ideology!

Y’shua Himself would have been accused of thoughtcrimes every time He said, “You’ve heard that it was said to those of old, but I say to you... ‘You murder each time you have rage; you commit adultery each time your wandering eyes lust after a woman; you lie each time you look for a loophole to break a promise; you are guilty each time you just can’t let go of your desire for revenge.’ Y’shua rejected the current orthodoxy and said, ‘Love your enemies and bless those who persecute you.’” Y’shua was the chief offender;

He committed thoughtcrimes regularly and consistently exposed wrongthink, especially the orthodoxy of the ruling religious class.

Wrongthink is a close cousin of thoughtcrime. Think of it as the opposite side of the coin. It is when a belief or opinion is identified that should be condemned as socially, ideologically, politically, morally, theologically, or spiritually unacceptable. It specifically points to a skewed way of thinking that would lead to some very bad choices. Paul spent much time exposing wrongthink in an attempt to correct erroneous reasoning. This is a perfect example; “If my wickedness ultimately accentuates God’s virtue, I can be as wicked as I’d like. It will just make God look that much better!” That is quintessential wrongthink. Now, here are a few new words hot off the press:

[Yahoracles] the oracles of God; Divine revelation recorded by man and preserved in writing.

[Foulthink] a stinking thinking brand of wrongthink with thoughts that are so badly infected that they have become putrid, wicked, immoral, disgusting, revolting, repulsive, repugnant, detestable, awful, dreadful, horrible, hideous, appalling, atrocious, vile, and abominable.

[Quotefest] a feast of biblical references used to explicate a doctrinal statement, with the intent to analyze and develop an idea or principle in detail, in order to reveal its deepest meaning.

[Underlaw] *the requisite condemnation for sins for which there is no remedy.*

And now that we have our new vocabulary, let's dive in. What advantage has the Jew? Much in every way!

YAHORACLES

1. The Oracles of God (Romans 3:1-2)

A. Yahoracles

(1) The oracles of God; Divine revelation recorded by man and preserved in writing.

(a) Trusted with Divine Revelation

1. **“What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed **the oracles of God.**”** Romans 3:1-2 NKJV

2. What advantage has the Jew, those of the circumcision?

a) Romans, arguably the most theologically dense book in the Bible; written to establish and expound on the truths of the Christian faith, to explain what happens and what is available when one comes to Christ, used by scholars throughout

history to identify and develop Christian doctrine
—was written by a Jew.

b) Yahweh picked a Jewish Torah scholar to write it!
Why? All of these Scriptures flowed seamlessly
from Paul's pen (mouth) as he composed this part
of his letter, as an example.

1) Psalms 51:4; Psalms 14:1-3; Psalms 53:1-3;
Ecclesiastes 7:20; Psalms 5:9; Psalms 140:3;
Psalms 10:7; Isaiah 59:7-8; and Psalms 36:1

c) Could have an untrained pagan, raised outside of
the faith of Israel done that? Of course not. Paul
was able to call on his training to inform Christian
theology.

d) Y'shua this technique like this...

1) *"Therefore **every scribe instructed concerning
the kingdom of heaven** is like a householder
who brings out of his treasure **things new and
old.**"* Matthew 13:52 NKJV

e) Here, Paul wants to be clear that he is not saying
that those who've been instructed by the law and
practice physical circumcision, now have no
advantage because the only thing that truly matters
is the circumcision of the heart.

- f) He made His previous point clear; bragging about your knowledge of the law, while acting contrary to your boasting, is a big problem.
- g) Yet, why is being raised a Jew and being circumcised according to God's commands still immensely beneficial? Certainly because it was through the Jews that God's Word was preserved for mankind.
- h) Paul concludes that the advantage of being a Jew is only an advantage in as far as Yahweh can use you for a specific task, but makes you no better than anyone else.

(2) Matthew Henry (extrapolation), an 18th century Christian biblical scholar / commentary

- (a) We saw in our last teaching [Circumcision Reimagined](#), the importance of being instructed from the law
 - 1. "Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being **instructed out of the law,**" Romans 2:17-18 NKJV
 - 2. Matthew Henry says it perfectly ~circa 1710
 - a) *"The general scope and design of it is to **magnify the Law, and make it honourable**; to set forth **the***

*excellency and usefulness of divine revelation, and **to recommend it to us**, not only for the entertainment, but **for the government, of ourselves**, by the psalmist's [King David] own example, who speaks by experience of **the benefit of it**, and of the **good impressions made upon him by it**, for which he praises God, and earnestly prays, from first to last, **for the continuance of God's grace with him, to direct and quicken him in the way of his duty.**"*

- b) *"There are **ten different words** by which **divine revelation** is called in this psalm, and they are synonymous, **each of them expressive of the whole compass of it** (both that which tells us **what God expects from us and that which tells us that we may expect from Him**)[HIS WILL] and of the system of religion which is founded upon it and guided by it."*
- c) *"The great esteem and affection David had for the word of God is the more admirable considering **how little he had of it**, in comparison with what we have, no more perhaps in writing than the first *books of Moses [Deut. 17:18-20] , which were*

*but the dawning of this day, **which may shame us** who enjoy the full discoveries of divine revelation and yet are **so cold towards it.***"

B. Oracles in Action

(1) In addition to "instructed by," we have "trusted with!"

(a) The Oracles of God

1. "Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, **being instructed out of the law.**" Romans 2:17-18 NKJV
2. "**What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way!** Chiefly because to them were **committed the oracles of God.**" Romans 3:1-2 NKJV
3. The Advantage—much in every way!
 - a) Rest: confident and secure in God's ways.
 - b) Boast: in Yahweh as your God.
 - c) Know: the will of God.
 - d) Approve: the superior way of life.

(2) The Oracle became flesh...

(a) Y'shua is the incarnate Oracle (Word) of God

1. "In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was God. He was in the beginning with God." John 1:1-2 NKJV
2. "**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14 NKJV

(b) Why?

1. "**All things were made through Him**, and **without Him nothing was made that was made**. In Him was **life**, and the life was the **light** of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." John 1:3-5 NKJV
2. Everything that was created was created through Him.

a) He is the word, the life, and the light!

(3) Preach the Word...

(a) If you are going to preach—preach God's Word.

1. "If anyone speaks, **let him speak as the oracles of God**. If anyone ministers, **let him do it as with the ability which God supplies**," I Peter 4:11a NKJV

(b) Why?

1. “that **in all things God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.” I Peter 4:11b
2. So, God get’s the glory and not man!
 - a) Could it be said any better than by Christ Himself?
 - 1) *“Jesus answered them and said, **“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. **He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory;** but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.”* John 7:16-18 NKJV

(4) The Word is alive...

(a) The Word pierces the heart.

1. “Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, **lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.** For **the word** of God is **living and powerful**, and **sharper than any two-edged sword**, **piercing** even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** And there is **no creature**

hidden from His sight, but **all things are naked and open** to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:11-13 NKJV

2. All disobedience will be exposed.
 - a) Every deep secret and hidden intention will be revealed by the Word.
 - b) No one can hide; everyone will be completely vulnerable to God’s assessment as if they are standing before Him without any clothes.

(b) Why?

1. “For **there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.**

Therefore whatever you have **spoken in the dark** will be **heard in the light**, and what you have **spoken in the ear in inner rooms** will be **proclaimed on the housetops.**” Luke 12:2-3 NKJV

2. There is nothing covered that will not be revealed!
 - a) The light (Word) exposes all darkness.

(c) What disobedience was being exposed in Hebrews?

1. “**For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”**”; and again in this place: “They shall not enter My rest.” Since therefore it remains

that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: **"Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts."** For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. **There remains** therefore a rest for the people of God. **For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His."**

Hebrews 4:4-10 NKJV

2. Violating Sabbath

- a) **It says this somewhere...** *"And God rested on the seventh day from all His works."*
- b) **So...** *"If you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."*
- c) **Because...** *"He who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His."*
- d) **How did God rest?** *On the seventh day!*

(5) The Word prepares the bride...

- (a) Wash her with the Word.

1. “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and **cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,**” Ephesians 5:25-26 NKJV

(b) Why?

1. “that He might **present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle** or any such thing, but that **she should be holy and without blemish.**”

Ephesians 5:27 NKJV

2. The perfect bride

- a) Holy and without a single blemish.
- b) Prepared for her marriage in her spotless wedding garment.

- 1) *“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for **the marriage of the Lamb has come**, and His wife has made herself ready.” **And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright,** for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”* Revelation 19:7-8 NKJV

(6) The Word brings forth fruit...

(a) Mediate of the Word

1. “Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor

sits in the seat of the scornful; **But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.**" Psalms 1:1-2 NKJV

(b) Why?

1. **"He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper."** Psalms 1:3 NKJV
2. The Word will water your life...
 - a) And your life will be a prosperous garden planted in fertile soil that bears much fruit!

WRONGTHINK

2. Skewed Reality (Romans 3:3-9)

A. Wrongthink and Foulthink

(1) Wrongthink:

- (a) When a belief or opinion is identified that should be condemned as socially, ideologically, politically, or morally unacceptable. It specifically points to a skewed way of thinking that leads to some very bad choices.

(2) Foulthink:

- (a) A stinking thinking brand of wrongthink with thoughts that are so badly infected that they have become putrid,

wicked, immoral, disgusting, revolting, repulsive, repugnant, detestable, awful, dreadful, horrible, hideous, appalling, atrocious, vile, and abominable.

B. Paul EXPOSED Wrongthink

(1) Wrongthink #1

(a) Unbelief can negate God's faithfulness.

1. "For what if some did not believe? **Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?**

***Certainly not!** Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: ***"That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."** Romans 3:3-4 NKJV

2. Not true!

- a) Even if you isolate faithless Jewish men, who give both God and Judaism a bad wrap, that can't ever negate who God is, what He promises, nor the value of His law.
- b) It is man who is at fault in those cases, as God is true to His Word every time. And trust me; those who attempt to place the blame on God for man's flaws will come to see that His Word always proves perfect. Man sins against God; God does

not sin against man! We have no business judging God. Yet, He is totally justified in judging us.

a) **“Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— **That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.**”* Psalms 51:4 NKJV

c) God is not a man that He can lie

a) *“**“God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”*** Numbers 23:19 NKJV

d) *Certainly Not?

1) Ten times a leading question is asked in Romans for a dramatic effect to make a point and then Paul answers it for us with an emphatic,

“Certainly not!” The first is in Romans 3:3-4.

2) Rom. 3:3-5, 31; 6:1, 15; 7:7, 13; 9:14; 11:1, 11

3) Correction: Page 22 of the sermons notes for [Paul’s Magnum Opus](#). There are ten times, not nine, in Romans where Paul answers his own question with, **“Certainly not!”**

(2) Wrongthink #2

(a) Our obvious unrighteousness highlights God's righteousness (which is a good thing), so it would not be fair for God to punish us for being unrighteous!

1. "But **if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God**, what shall we say? **Is God unjust who inflicts wrath?** (I speak as a man.)

*Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?" Romans 3:5-6 NKJV

2. Man's propensity to sin only accentuates the righteousness of Yahweh, so maybe that's good.

a) If you begin to twist how God's trustworthiness and perfection is more accentuated because of your bad behavior, and even start to believe that God should be thankful for your rebellious nature, rather than punish you for it, you'd be as wrong as anyone could ever be.

b) If that is how it works, then God would never be capable of holding anyone accountable for their sins, and yet He does!

c) You could just lie all you want because your lies would magnify God's honesty!

d) The more wicked you'd become the more of God's goodness would be highlighted.

1) ***“Certainly not!”** number 2 of 10!

(3) Wrongthink #3

(a) The fact that I am a liar elevates God status as a God of truth, so I should not suffer the consequences of my sin.

1. “For **if the truth of God has increased through my lie** to His glory, **why am I also still judged as a sinner?**”

Romans 3:7 NKJV

2. My sin serves to prove God’s truth; so why not sin?

a) It would be wrong for God to punish me for something that ultimately elevated His status.

(4) Wrongthink #4

(a) My wickedness accentuates God’s virtue, so I can be as wicked as I’d like. It just makes God look good!

1. “And why not say, **“Let us do evil that good may come”?**—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. **Their condemnation is just.**”

Romans 3:8 NKJV

2. God’s Virtue

a) It seems Paul has been accused of advocating such heresy. He vehemently opposes such!

b) To those who do promote such heresy... guaranteed, they will face God’s wrath for their behavior.

(5) Wrongthink #5

(a) We Jews are better than these pagans who believe Wrongthink #s 1-4!

1. “What then? Are **we** better than **they**? Not at all. For we have **previously charged** both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.” Romans 3:9 NKJV
2. Switch gears for a moment. Shifting your focus back onto the Jewish people.
 - a) Don’t for a moment think their wrong thinking is better than those Paul just described. It’s not!
 - b) Everyone has been charged and found guilty of sin, no matter what their heritage!
 - c) And if you are having trouble believing it works like that, Paul paints a picture using a barrage of Old Testament Scripture references. (We will see those a bit later in **Section 4: Quotefest**)
 - d) No one is better than anyone else. We all need God’s help and it is the Law that tells us so.
 - e) And in the end Paul concludes that the advantage is only an advantage in as far as Yahweh can use you for a specific task, but makes you no better than anyone else. All people are bound under sin and are deserving of punishment.

THOUGHTCRIMES

3. Y'shua—the thoughtcrime chief offender...

A. Thoughtcrimes

- (1) A person's politically unorthodox thoughts, beliefs, and doubts—ideas that contradict the tenets and dominant ideology of the ruling elite. A thoughtcrime describes the theological practice of “disbelief” or, in other words, the rejection of current orthodoxy and ideology! It is a close cousin of wrongthink, the opposite side of the coin

B. Y'shua's Thoughtcrimes!

- (1) Challenges to current orthodoxy!
 - (a) Picking grains on the Sabbath...
 1. “Now it happened that He **went through the grainfields on the Sabbath**; and as they went His **disciples began to pluck the heads of grain**. And the Pharisees said to Him, “**Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?**” But He said to them, “**Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry**, he and those with him: how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and **ate the showbread**, which is not **lawful to eat except for the priests**, and also gave some to those who were with him?” And He said to

them, **“The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”**” Mark 2:23-28 NKJV

2. Thoughtcrimes:

a) The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

b) The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.

(b) Eating with dirty hands...

1. “Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. Now when **they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault.** For the **Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way,**

holding the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace, **they do not eat unless they wash.** And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, **“Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?”** He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah

prophecy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, **Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**' For **laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men** —the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." He said to them, "**All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.** For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"—' (that is, a gift to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do." When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: **There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the**

things that defile a man. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!" Mark 7:1-16 NKJV

2. Thoughtcrimes:

- a) Laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men!
- b) All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition!
- c) There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man!

(c) Giving: the rich and the poor...

- 1. "Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in **two mites [small copper coin], which make a quadrans** [the smallest Romans coin possible, a fraction of a *denarius]. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that **this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.**" Mark 12:41-44 NKJV

2. Thoughtcrime:

a) The rich give out of their abundance, but she gave out of her poverty, which is so much more.

1) *denarius: the standard Roman silver coin; the daily wage for laborers and regular legionaries

(d) The Pharisee and the Tax Collector...

1. "Also He spoke this parable to **some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous**, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, **one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector**. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, **I thank You that I am not like other men**—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the **tax collector, standing afar off**, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, '**God, be merciful to me a sinner!**' I tell you, **this man went down to his house justified** rather than the other; for **everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**" Luke 18:9-14 NKJV

2. Thoughtcrime:

- a) Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

(2) “You’ve heard it said, but I tell you” series... (Mat. 5:21-48)

(a) Murder

1. ““You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘**You shall not murder**, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ **But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.** And **whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council.** But **whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.**” Matthew 5:21-22 NKJV

2. Thoughtcrime:

- a) You murder each time you have rage!

(b) Adultery

1. ““You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘**You shall not commit adultery.**’ But I say to you that **whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery** with her in his heart.”

Matthew 5:27-28 NKJV

2. Thoughtcrime:

- a) You commit adultery each time your wandering eyes lust after a woman.

(c) Lying

1. ""Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, **'You shall not swear falsely,** but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' But I say to you, **do not swear [falsely] at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne;**" Matthew 5:33-34 NKJV
2. Thoughtcrime:
 - a) You lie each time you look for a loophole to break a promise.

(d) Revenge

1. ""You have heard that it was said, **'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'** But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But **whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.**" Matthew 5:38-39 NKJV
2. Thoughtcrime:
 - a) You are guilty each time you just can't let go of your desire for revenge.

(e) Enemies

1. ""You have heard that it was said, **'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'** But I say to you, **love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those**

who spitefully use you and persecute you,” Matthew 5:43-44 NKJV

2. Thoughtcrime:

a) Love your enemies and bless those who persecute you.

(3) Are the Jews coming to Jesus better than the Gentiles coming to Jesus?

(a) We already told you that all humans face the same charges and have been found guilty, no matter what their heritage. We began to reveal this last week in [Circumcision Reimagined](#).

1. “You who make your boast in the law, **do you dishonor God through breaking the law?**” Romans 2:23 NKJV

(b) And we confirmed it this week...

1. “As it is written: “**There is none righteous, no, not one...**” Romans 3:10-12 NKJV

(c) And we will continue next week...

1. “for **all have sinned and fall short** of the glory of God...” Romans 3:23-24 NKJV

(4) We are all guilty is the same way, but certainly there are advantages to being a Jew, and as you have seen,

disadvantages as well. (The responsibility to be leaders and the temptation to be hypocrites.)

- (a) Paul, a Jew, was brought up on the Oracles of God, the Word, the Scriptures.
- (b) And no doubt they were misunderstood and misapplied over the centuries.
- (c) Even Paul used them to become self-righteous, living for the law without love and grace.
- (d) Knowledge can make someone feel superior; love doesn't do that.

1) “...We know that we all have knowledge. **Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.**” I Corinthians 8:1 NKJV

- (e) Even the very scriptures he is about to reference have a common theme, the evil that dwells in a man!
- (f) So, what advantage does the Jew have who has studied the oracles of God? Just ask Paul's spiritual son, Timothy.

1) “*But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, which are **able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable for doctrine, for***

reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:14-17 NKJV

- (g) But this edge is only profitable when mixed with humility to follow the Holy Spirit’s leading in obeying it.
- (h) Paul understood the difference, certainly having lived on both sides—the law without grace and now the law with grace. Both Jews and Gentiles rejected Yahweh, all will be judged by His perfect standards, and all need His grace.
- (5) This is how you begin to remedy your Wrongthink and stop accusing Y’shua of Thoughtcrimes...
 - (a) Renew your mind!
 - 1. “And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2 NKJV
 - (b) Take every thought captive to Christ!
 - 1. “...**bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.” II Corinthians 10:5-6 NKJV

QUOTEFEEST

4. Proof! (Romans 3:10-18)

A. Quotefest:

- (1) A feast of biblical references used to explicate a doctrinal statement, with the intent to analyze and develop an idea or principle in detail, in order to reveal its deepest meaning.
 - (a) [explicate] to analyze and develop (an idea or principle) in detail; analyze (a literary work) in order to reveal its meaning.
- (2) All the proof you need...
 - (a) It is a rabbinic style of teaching to refer to the Scriptures and expect the student to know the context or search the context. Many times the the fullness of what is meant is mixed into the scriptures AROUND the direct reference.
 - (b) Here Paul strings together seven Old Testament references in nine verses—doing what we should all be doing as teachers—preaching and teaching the Word (oracles) of God: let the scriptures define the scriptures

B. He's about to use the Scriptures to prove...

- (1) The following is Wrongthink
 - (a) Wrongthink #5

1. "What then? Are **we** better than **they**? Not at all. For we have **previously charged** both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin." Romans 3:9 NKJV

C. Are we better than they? Not at all!

(1) Let the proof begin!

(a) Are **we** better than **they**?

1. "As it is written: "**There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.**"
- Romans 3:10-12 NKJV
2. Not at all! (Psalms 14:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:20) Psalms 53:1-4 is almost identical to Psalms 14:1-4. **The key variation is between Psalms 53:5 and Psalms 14:5-6.*
- a) "**The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one. Have all the workers of**

iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call on the Lord? {*5-6}
There they are in great fear, For God is with the generation of the righteous. You shame the counsel of the poor, But the Lord is his refuge." Psalms 14:1-6 NKJV

- b) **"The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none who does good. God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. Every one of them has turned aside; They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.** Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call upon God? {*5}
There they are in great fear Where no fear was, For God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you; You have put them to shame, Because God has despised them." Psalms 53:1-5 NKJV

3. "I have seen everything in my days of vanity: There is a just man who perishes in his righteousness, And there is a wicked man who prolongs life in his

wickedness. Do not be overly righteous, Nor be overly wise: Why should you destroy yourself? Do not be overly wicked, Nor be foolish: Why should you die before your time? It is good that you grasp this, And also not remove your hand from the other; For he who fears God will escape them all. Wisdom strengthens the wise More than ten rulers of the city. **For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin.”** Ecclesiastes 7:15-20 NKJV

- 1) The Psalms add details about the fate of all those who have run from God, and that is everyone! They are fools who really believe there is no God!
- 2) Ecclesiastes confirms that there is not a just man on earth who does good. Everyone sins. But, the lead up fills in some background! Everything man seeks is in vain! *They are unrighteous because they believe they can be righteous on their own! The only way to escape this corruption is to fear God!
- 3) Bonus: ***“But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;**

**We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like
the wind, Have taken us away.”** Isaiah 64:6
NKJV

(b) Are **we** better than **they**?

1. ⁽¹⁾“**Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues
they have practiced deceit**”; ⁽²⁾“**The poison of asps is
under their lips**”;” Romans 3:13 NKJV

2. Not at all! (Psalms 5:9; Psalms 140:3)

a) ⁽¹⁾“For You are not a God who takes pleasure in
wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The
boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all
workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who
speak falsehood; The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty
and deceitful man. But as for me, I will come into
Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear
of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.
Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of
my enemies; Make Your way straight before my
face. {9} **For there is no faithfulness in their
mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their
throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their
tongue.** Pronounce them guilty. O God! Let them
fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the

multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You.” Psalms 5:4-10 NKJV

- b) ⁽²⁾“Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, Who plan evil things in their hearts; They continually gather together for war. {3}

⁽³⁾**They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps is under their lips. Selah** Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, Who have purposed to make my steps stumble. The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set traps for me. Selah” Psalms 140:1-5 NKJV

- 1) Psalms 5 and 140 add details regarding how the Lord feels about, the penalties for, and protection against those whose *“throat is an open tomb; tongues have practiced deceit; lips are like poison.”*
- 2) ⁽³⁾Sounds like the Pharisees: *“Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?”* Matthew 23:33 NKJV

(c) Are **we** better than **they**?

1. ""Whose **mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.**""

Romans 3:14 NKJV

2. Not at all! (Psalms 10:7)

a) "Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide in times of trouble? The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised. For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces the Lord. The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts. His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them. He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity." {7} **His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.**" Psalms 10:1-7 NKJV

- 1) Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness?

The wicked, those who never think about God!

- 2) James was also very descriptive of those who had sin on their tongue.

- 3) "***And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity.***

The tongue is so set among our members that it

*defiles the whole body, and **sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.***"

James 3:6 NKJV

(d) Are **we** better than **they**?

1. ""Their **feet are swift to shed blood; Destruction and misery** are in their ways; And the way of **peace they have not known.**"" Romans 3:15-17 NKJV

2. Not at all! (Isaiah 59:7-8)

a) "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. ⁽⁴⁾But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, And from that which is crushed a viper breaks out. Their webs will not become garments, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their

works are works of iniquity, And the act of violence is in their hands. {7-8 } **Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.**" Isaiah 59:1-8 NKJV

- 1) Again we see vivid details added that describe the nature of these wicked people and the methods of their evil plotting!
- 2) God hides His face from such and their sins separate them from God.
- 3) ⁽⁴⁾ Sounds like the word of Y'shua! *"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; **depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**'"*
Matthew 7:23 NKJV
- 4) Pause here and read all of Isaiah 59-60 and Psalm 37 if you want to see more details on the fate of the wicked.

(e) Are **we** better than **they**?

1. “There is **no fear of God before their eyes.**” Romans 3:18 NKJV
2. Not at all! (Psalms 36:1)
 - a) “An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: **There is no fear of God before his eyes.** For he flatters himself in his own eyes, When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates. The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit; He has ceased to be wise and to do good. He devises wickedness on his bed; He sets himself in a way that is not good; He does not abhor evil. Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O Lord, You preserve man and beast.” Psalms 36:1-6 NKJV
 - 1) The fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10). The lack of fear for God leads to so many bad places!
 - 2) Worst is when the wicked man flatters himself in the midst of his debauchery! God’s judgments run deep against such foes.

3) David's oracles which became the oracles of God; it's where we began: "***What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.***" Romans 3:1-2 NKJV

(f) Are **we** better than **they**?

1. *There is none righteous, no, not one!* Romans 3:10a

a) No humans are righteous; no humans understand; no humans seek God; all humans run from God and are no good on their own. Death and poison pour forth from their mouths and their words are used to lie, manipulate, damn others, and showcase their bitterness and unforgiveness. They are ever involved in harmful activities with the intention to destroy lives and make others miserable. They could not care less about order and harmony. None of them shows any reverence for God." Is that enough proof that everyone has been charged and found guilty? Is that enough proof that **we** are no better than **they**?

UNDERLAW

5. Defining what it mean to be Under the Law (Romans 3:19-20)

A. Under the Law

(1) Underlaw:

(a) the requisite condemnation for sins for which there is no remedy.

1. “Now we know that **whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**” Romans 3:19 NKJV

2. You see, that is why the law exists.

a) Every one of these guilty creatures can be found guilty only because when God’s commands are violated, His law condemns those at fault. This should quiet any arguments from any people from any background—everyone is guilty before God!

B. What does it mean to be “under the law?”

(1) Necessary perspective when you read the following passages:

(a) Sin is lawlessness (I John 3:4). Under the law means there is a requisite condemnation for sins for which there is no remedy.

1. A penalty for sin is forthcoming for two reasons.

- a) One: sin is inevitable.
 - b) Two: there is no remedy.
 - 2. Perspective: Christians are not under the law.
 - a) They have a remedy for sin!
 - 3. Exception: In areas Christians lack repentance.
 - a) They will be judged according to the law.
 - b) But not unto death!
- (2) Under the Law Apologetics
- (a) Born Under the Law
1. “Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, **when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.** But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, **born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law,** that we might receive the adoption as sons.”
Galatians 4:1-5 NKJV
 2. Under the Law: you sin, you die!
 - a) Y’shua was born under the law so He had to die because of sin.

- b) But, He did not sin, so why did He die? He died because He took the penalty for our sins.
- c) He redeemed us, who were under the law (we sin, we die) without Him.
- d) “Tell me, you **who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?**” Galatians 4:21 NKJV

(b) A Yoke of Bondage

- 1. “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and **do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.** Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to **every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.** You have become estranged from Christ, you who **attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.**” Galatians 5:1-4 NKJV
- 2. Don’t get entangled again! What would that look like?
 - a) You depend on your own obedience to law for eternal life!
 - b) If you attempt to be justified by obeying the law, you are under the law (you sin, you die).

- c) That is the opposite of grace by which you are empowered to obey God and covered by the blood of Y'shua when you fall short!
- d) *"Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body**, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. **For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.**"* Romans 6:12-14 NKJV
- e) Sin shall not be able to kill you (not under the law) because you have a remedy for sin (grace)!
- f) *"What then? **Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!**"* Romans 6:15 NKJV

(c) Is the law sin?

1. **"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law.** For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." But sin, taking opportunity by the

commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. **For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.** And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. **For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good."** Romans 7:7-12 NKJV

2. Does grace negate the law? Of course not.
 - a) The law still exists and is in full effect. Yes, even for Christians.
 - b) Why? You would not even know what sin is without it. Lawlessness defines sin.
 - c) There is no sin if there is no law, but with law there is sin, and with transgression of the law there is death.
 - d) So, the law will kill you (you are under the law) if you have no remedy.
 - e) Y'shua is the remedy, so without the law you would not need Y'shua! And that is what makes the law **holy and just and good!**
- (d) Has then what is good become death to me?

1. **“Has then what is good become death to me?**

Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was **producing death in me through what is good**, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. **For we know that the law is spiritual**, but I am carnal, sold under sin.” Romans 7:13-14 NKJV

2. Does the good law now only represent death?

a) No! It produces a certain death sentence without a savior and eternal life with a savior.

b) And the makes the law spiritual.

(e) All things to all people!

1. “For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, **that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ)**, that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I

do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you." I Corinthians 9:19-23 NKJV

2. You cannot prove that anyone needs a savior if there is no sin.
 - a) Sin is not defined by your awareness of it!
 - b) The law defines sin, whether or not you know what it is or that it does.
 - c) It still recons you a sinner because of it.
 - d) The only difference is the approach you take to make someone aware of their sin.
 - e) We learned that earlier in Romans: *"For as many as have sinned **without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law**"* Romans 2:12 NKJV
3. And that is our final destination today!
 - a) *For by the law is the knowledge of sin!*

C. Deeds of the Law

- (1) By the law is the knowledge of sin!
 - (a) Checklists don't work!
 1. "Therefore **by the deeds of the law no flesh** will be justified in His sight, for **by the law is the knowledge of sin.**" Romans 3:20 NKJV
 2. And Paul makes something else perfectly clear...

- a) Evaluating a list of commands and checking them off in an attempt to be right in God's eyes will not work either!
 - b) The law defines what God demands and breaking the law defines sin, and everyone sins.
 - c) But, there is a way to be found innocent; you must have a Savior who empowers you to obey God and who covers for your shortcomings when you don't!
 - d) Knowing the Law is only profitable when mixed with humility to follow the Holy Spirit's leading in obeying it.
 - e) "Deeds" of the Law means legalism as opposed to "Doers" of the Law means faith-based obedience.
- (b) Then we see this phrase "deeds (works) of law" and that by them no flesh will be justified.
1. Here is that interesting twist on Paul's words in Romans 2:13 that we covered earlier:
- a) *"for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified."*
 - b) Obviously, there is a necessary contrast between "doers of the Law" and "deeds (works) of the Law." We see this also in Galatians chapters 2 and 3.

- c) It is important to keep this difference in mind in order to properly understand Christian doctrine (theology).
- d) “Doers” means faith-based obedience; “Deeds” means legalism.
- e) Both, ironically, might look the same on paper. Yet, one produces obedience empowered by grace and inspired by the love, reverence, and appreciation for Yahweh; the other produces obedience to fulfill a heartless checklist of do’s and don’ts.
- f) But rest assured, what Paul is NOT saying is that faith is the OPPOSITE of keeping the Law. He puts the exclamation on that truth in the last verse of this very chapter, *“Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”*

(2) Doing the Law and Works of Law (refer to [Vernacular](#) for full teaching)

(a) Not the hearers, but the doers!

1. “(for **not the hearers of the law** are just in the sight of God, **but the doers of the law** will be justified;”

Romans 2:13 NKJV

2. Vernacular

- a) Doing the Law: faith-based obedience empowered by grace. It is NOT the same as...
- b) Works or deeds of the law: obedience which is empowered by self-righteousness and self-determination.

(3) Works of Law

(a) Will save no one!

1. One of the great misunderstandings of Paul's deep writing style in Romans.

- a) *"for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but **the doers of the law** will be justified."* (Romans 2:13) *"Therefore **by the deeds [works] of the law no flesh** will be justified."* (Romans 3:20)
- b) "Doer of the law" refers to faith-based-obedience empowered by grace.
- c) Works or deeds of the law is empowered by self-righteousness and self-determination; it's more concerned with checking off a to-do-list of commandments.
- d) Doing God's commands is a "living" type of obedience. It is empowered and attainable only by God's grace.

- e) Working God's commands, as if they are a list of deeds to be accomplished is a "dead" type of obedience, empowered by self-determination.
 - f) Work's of law is no better than disobedience; it's actually a brand of wrongthink!
- (b) Wrongthink & Thoughtcrimes
- a) Thoughtcrime: faith-based obedience empowered by grace is the only type obedience that can save you!
 - b) Wrongthink: obedience which is empowered by self-righteousness and self-determination can save you!

Summary: YAHORACLES

1. The Oracles of God (Romans 3:1-2)

A. Yahoracles

- (1) The oracles of God; Divine revelation recorded by man and preserved in writing.
 - (a) Trusted with Divine Revelation
 - 1. What advantage has the Jew, those of the circumcision?
 - a) Romans, arguably the most theologically dense book in the Bible; written to establish and

expound on the truths of the Christian faith, to explain what happens and what is available when one comes to Christ, used by scholars throughout history to identify and develop Christian doctrine —was written by a Jew.

- b) Yahweh picked a Jewish Torah scholar to write it! Why? All of these Scriptures flowed seamlessly from Paul's pen (mouth) as he composed this part of his letter, as an example.
 - 1) Psalms 51:4; Psalms 14:1-3; Psalms 53:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Psalms 5:9; Psalms 140:3; Psalms 10:7; Isaiah 59:7-8; and Psalms 36:1
- c) Could have an untrained pagan, raised outside of the faith of Israel done that? Of course not. Paul was able to call on his training to inform Christian theology.
- d) Y'shua this technique like this... *Every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven brings out of his treasure things new and old.*
- e) Here, Paul wants to be clear that he is not saying that those who've been instructed by the law and practice physical circumcision, now have no

advantage because the only thing that truly matters is the circumcision of the heart.

- f) He made His previous point clear; bragging about your knowledge of the law, while acting contrary to your boasting, is a big problem.
- g) Yet, why is being raised a Jew and being circumcised according to God's commands still immensely beneficial? Certainly because it was through the Jews that God's Word was preserved for mankind.
- h) Paul concludes that the advantage of being a Jew is only an advantage in as far as Yahweh can use you for a specific task, but makes you no better than anyone else.

(2) Matthew Henry (extrapolation), an 18th century Christian biblical scholar / commentary

(a) We saw in our last teaching [Circumcision Reimagined](#), the importance of being instructed from the law

1. Matthew Henry says it perfectly ~circa 1710

- a) *“The general scope and design of it is to **magnify the Law**, and **make it honourable**; to set forth **the excellency and usefulness of divine revelation**, and **to recommend it to us**, not only for the*

entertainment, but **for the government, of ourselves**, by the psalmist's [King David] own example, who speaks by experience of **the benefit of it**, and of the **good impressions made upon him by it**, for which he praises God, and earnestly prays, from first to last, **for the continuance of God's grace with him, to direct and quicken him in the way of his duty.**"

- b) "There are **ten different words** by which **divine revelation** is called in this psalm, and they are synonymous, **each of them expressive of the whole compass of it** (both that which tells us **what God expects from us and that which tells us that we may expect from Him**)[HIS WILL] and of the system of religion which is founded upon it and guided by it."
- c) "The great esteem and affection David had for the word of God is the more admirable considering **how little he had of it**, in comparison with what we have, no more perhaps in writing than the first *books of Moses [Deut. 17:18-20] , which were but the dawning of this day, **which may shame us**

*who enjoy the full discoveries of divine revelation
and yet are **so cold towards it.***

B. Oracles in Action

(1) In addition to “instructed by,” we have “trusted with!”

(a) The Oracles of God

1. The Advantage—much in every way!

a) Rest: confident and secure in God’s ways.

b) Boast: in Yahweh as your God.

c) Know: the will of God.

d) Approve: the superior way of life.

(2) The Oracle became flesh...

(a) Y’shua is the incarnate Oracle (Word) of God. Why?

1. Everything that was created was created through
Him.

a) He is the word, the life, and the light!

(3) Preach the Word...

(a) If you are going to preach—preach God’s Word. Why?

1. So, God get’s the glory and not man!

a) Could it be said any better than by Christ Himself?

*My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. He
who speaks from himself seeks his own glory.*

(4) The Word is alive...

(a) The Word pierces the heart.

1. All disobedience will be exposed.
 - a) Every deep secret and hidden intention will be revealed by the Word.
 - b) No one can hide; everyone will be completely vulnerable to God's assessment as if they are standing before Him without any clothes.

(b) Why?

1. There is nothing covered that will not be revealed!

- a) The light (Word) exposes all darkness.

(c) What disobedience was being exposed in Hebrews?

1. Violating Sabbath

- a) **It says this somewhere...** *"And God rested on the seventh day from all His works."*

- b) **So...** *"If you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."*

- c) **Because...** *"He who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His."*

- d) **How did God rest?** *On the seventh day!*

(5) The Word prepares the bride...

- (a) Wash her with the Word. Why?

1. The perfect bride

- a) Holy and without a single blemish.

- b) Prepared for her marriage in her spotless wedding garment.
- (6) The Word brings forth fruit...
 - (a) Mediate of the Word. Why?
 - 1. The Word will water your life...
 - a) And your life will be a prosperous garden planted in fertile soil that bears much fruit!

Summary: WRONGTHINK

2. Skewed Reality (Romans 3:3-9)

A. Wrongthink and Foulthink

(1) Wrongthink:

- (a) When a belief or opinion is identified that should be condemned as socially, ideologically, politically, or morally unacceptable. It specifically points to a skewed way of thinking that leads to some very bad choices.

(2) Foulthink:

- (a) A stinking thinking brand of wrongthink with thoughts that are so badly infected that they have become putrid, wicked, immoral, disgusting, revolting, repulsive, repugnant, detestable, awful, dreadful, horrible, hideous, appalling, atrocious, vile, and abominable.

B. Paul EXPOSED Wrongthink

(1) Wrongthink #1

(a) Unbelief can negate God's faithfulness.

1. Not true!

- a) Even if you isolate faithless Jewish men, who give both God and Judaism a bad wrap, that can't ever negate who God is, what He promises, nor the value of His law.
- b) It is man who is at fault in those cases, as God is true to His Word every time. And trust me; those who attempt to place the blame on God for man's flaws will come to see that His Word always proves perfect. Man sins against God; God does not sin against man! We have no business judging God. Yet, He is totally justified in judging us.
- c) God is not a man that He can lie.
- d) *Certainly Not?
 - 1) Ten times a leading question is asked in Romans for a dramatic effect to make a point and then Paul answers it for us with an emphatic, **"Certainly not!"** The first is in Romans 3:3-4.
 - 2) Rom. 3:3-5, 31; 6:1, 15; 7:7, 13; 9:14; 11:1, 11
 - 3) Correction: Page 22 of the sermons notes for [Paul's Magnum Opus](#). There are ten times, not

nine, in Romans where Paul answers his own question with, **“Certainly not!”**

(2) Wrongthink #2

(a) Our obvious unrighteousness highlights God’s righteousness (which is a good thing), so it would not be fair for God to punish us for being unrighteous!

1. Man’s propensity to sin only accentuates the righteousness of Yahweh, so maybe that’s good.

a) If you begin to twist how God’s trustworthiness and perfection is more accentuated because of your bad behavior, and even start to believe that God should be thankful for your rebellious nature, rather than punish you for it, you’d be as wrong as anyone could ever be.

b) If that is how it works, then God would never be capable of holding anyone accountable for their sins, and yet He does!

c) You could just lie all you want because your lies would magnify God’s honesty!

d) The more wicked you’d become the more of God’s goodness would be highlighted.

1) ***“Certainly not!”** number 2 of 10!

(3) Wrongthink #3

(a) The fact that I am a liar elevates God status as a God of truth, so I should not suffer the consequences of my sin.

1. My sin serves to prove God's truth; so why not sin?

a) It would be wrong for God to punish me for something that ultimately elevated His status.

(4) Wrongthink #4

(a) My wickedness accentuates God's virtue, so I can be as wicked as I'd like. It just makes God look good!

1. God's Virtue

a) It seems Paul has been accused of advocating such heresy. He vehemently opposes such!

b) To those who do promote such heresy... guaranteed, they will face God's wrath for their behavior.

(5) Wrongthink #5

(a) We Jews are better than these pagans who believe Wrongthink #s 1-4!

1. Switch gears for a moment. Shifting your focus back onto the Jewish people.

a) Don't for a moment think their wrong thinking is better than those Paul just described. It's not!

b) Everyone has been charged and found guilty of sin, no matter what their heritage!

- c) And if you are having trouble believing it works like that, Paul paints a picture using a barrage of Old Testament Scripture references. (We will see those a bit later in **Section 4: Quotefest**)
- d) No one is better than anyone else. We all need God's help and it is the Law that tells us so.
- e) And in the end Paul concludes that the advantage is only an advantage in as far as Yahweh can use you for a specific task, but makes you no better than anyone else. All people are bound under sin and are deserving of punishment.

Summary: THOUGHTCRIMES

3. Y'shua—the thoughtcrime chief offender...

A. Thoughtcrimes

- (1) A person's politically unorthodox thoughts, beliefs, and doubts—ideas that contradict the tenets and dominant ideology of the ruling elite. A thoughtcrime describes the theological practice of “disbelief” or, in other words, the rejection of current orthodoxy and ideology! It is a close cousin of wrongthink, the opposite side of the coin

B. Y'shua's Thoughtcrimes!

- (1) Challenges to current orthodoxy!

(a) Picking grains on the Sabbath...

1. Thoughtcrimes:

- a) The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.
- b) The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.

(b) Eating with dirty hands...

1. Thoughtcrimes:

- a) Laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men!
- b) All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition!
- c) There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man!

(c) Giving: the rich and the poor...

1. Thoughtcrime:

- a) The rich give out of their abundance, but she gave out of her poverty, which is so much more.
 - 1) *denarius: the standard Roman silver coin; the daily wage for laborers and regular legionaries

(d) The Pharisee and the Tax Collector...

1. Thoughtcrime:

- a) Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

(2) “You’ve heard it said, but I tell you” series... (Mat. 5:21-48)

(a) Murder

1. Thoughtcrime:

- a) You murder each time you have rage!

(b) Adultery

1. Thoughtcrime:

- a) You commit adultery each time your wandering eyes lust after a woman.

(c) Lying

1. Thoughtcrime:

- a) You lie each time you look for a loophole to break a promise.

(d) Revenge

1. Thoughtcrime:

- a) You are guilty each time you just can’t let go of your desire for revenge.

(e) Enemies

1. Thoughtcrime:

- a) Love your enemies and bless those who persecute you.

- (3) Are the Jews coming to Jesus better than the Gentiles coming to Jesus?
- (a) We already told you that all humans face the same charges and have been found guilty, no matter what their heritage. We began to reveal this last week in [Circumcision Reimagined](#).
 - 1. Do you dishonor God through breaking the law?
 - (b) And we confirmed it this week...
 - 1. There is none righteous, no, not one..."
 - (c) And we will continue next week...
 - 1. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- (4) We are all guilty in the same way, but certainly there are advantages to being a Jew, and as you have seen, disadvantages as well. (The responsibility to be leaders and the temptation to be hypocrites.)
- (a) Paul, a Jew, was brought up on the Oracles of God, the Word, the Scriptures.
 - (b) And no doubt they were misunderstood and misapplied over the centuries.
 - (c) Even Paul used them to become self-righteous, living for the law without love and grace.
 - (d) Knowledge can make someone feel superior; love doesn't do that.

- (e) Even the very scriptures he is about to reference have a common theme, the evil that dwells in a man!
 - (f) So, what advantage does the Jew have who has studied the oracles of God? Just ask Paul's spiritual son, Timothy.
 - (g) But this edge is only profitable when mixed with humility to follow the Holy Spirit's leading in obeying it.
 - (h) Paul understood the difference, certainly having lived on both sides—the law without grace and now the law with grace. Both Jews and Gentiles rejected Yahweh, all will be judged by His perfect standards, and all need His grace.
- (5) This is how you begin to remedy your Wrongthink and stop accusing Y'shua of Thoughtcrimes...
- (a) Renew your mind!
 - (b) Take every thought captive to Christ!

Summary: QUOTEFEST

4. Proof! (Romans 3:10-18)

A. Quotefest:

- (1) A feast of biblical references used to explicate a doctrinal statement, with the intent to analyze and develop an idea or principle in detail, in order to reveal its deepest meaning.

- (a) [explicate] to analyze and develop (an idea or principle) in detail; analyze (a literary work) in order to reveal its meaning.
- (2) All the proof you need...
 - (a) It is a rabbinic style of teaching to refer to the Scriptures and expect the student to know the context or search the context. Many times the the fullness of what is meant is mixed into the scriptures AROUND the direct reference.
 - (b) Here Paul strings together seven Old Testament references in nine verses—doing what we should all be doing as teachers—preaching and teaching the Word (oracles) of God: let the scriptures define the scriptures

B. He's about to use the Scriptures to prove...

- (1) The following is Wrongthink
 - (a) Wrongthink #5
 - 1. Are **we** better than **they**?

C. Are we better than they? Not at all!

- (1) Let the proof begin!
 - (a) Are **we** better than **they**?
 - 1. Not at all! (Psalms 14:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:20) Psalms 53:1-4 is almost identical to Psalms 14:1-4. **The key variation is between Psalms 53:5 and Psalms 14:5-6.*

- a) The Psalms add details about the fate of all those who have run from God, and that is everyone! They are fools who really believe there is no God!
 - b) Ecclesiastes confirms that there is not a just man on earth who does good. Everyone sins. But, the lead up fills in some background! Everything man seeks is in vain! *They are unrighteous because they believe they can be righteous on their own! The only way to escape this corruption is to fear God!
 - c) Bonus: ***“But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.”** Isaiah 64:6 NKJV
- (b) Are **we** better than **they**?
- 1. Not at all! (Psalms 5:9; Psalms 140:3)
 - a) Psalms 5 and 140 add details regarding how the Lord feels about, the penalties for, and protection against those whose *“throat is an open tomb; tongues have practiced deceit; lips are like poison.”*
 - b) Sounds like the Pharisees: *“Serpents, brood of vipers!”*

(c) Are **we** better than **they**?

1. ““Whose **mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.**””

Romans 3:14 NKJV

2. Not at all! (Psalms 10:7)

a) Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness? The wicked, those who never think about God!

b) James was also very descriptive of those who had sin on their tongue.

(d) Are **we** better than **they**?

1. Not at all! (Isaiah 59:7-8)

a) Again we see vivid details added that describe the nature of these wicked people and the methods of their evil plotting!

b) God hides His face from such and their sins separate them from God.

c) Sounds like the word of Y'shua! *“Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”*

1) Pause here and read all of Isaiah 59-60 and Psalm 37 if you want to see more details on the fate of the wicked.

(e) Are **we** better than **they**?

1. Not at all! (Psalms 36:1)

- a) The fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10). The lack of fear for God leads to so many bad places!
 - b) Worst is when the wicked man flatters himself in the midst of his debauchery! God's judgments run deep against such foes.
 - c) David's oracles became the oracles of God; it's where we began: *Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.*
- (f) Are **we** better than **they**?
1. *There is none righteous, no, not one!* Romans 3:10a
 - a) No humans are righteous; no humans understand; no humans seek God; all humans run from God and are no good on their own. Death and poison pour forth from their mouths and their words are used to lie, manipulate, damn others, and showcase their bitterness and unforgiveness. They are ever involved in harmful activities with the intention to destroy lives and make others miserable. They could not care less about order and harmony. None of them shows any reverence for God." Is that enough proof that everyone has

been charged and found guilty? Is that enough proof that **we** are no better than **they**?

Summary: UNDERLAW

5. Defining what it mean to be Under the Law (Romans 3:19-20)

A. Under the Law

(1) Underlaw:

(a) The requisite condemnation for sins for which there is no remedy.

1. You see, that is why the law exists.

a) Every one of these guilty creatures can be found guilty only because when God's commands are violated, His law condemns those at fault. This should quiet any arguments from any people from any background—everyone is guilty before God!

B. What does it mean to be “under the law?”

(1) Necessary perspective when you read the following passages:

(a) Sin is lawlessness (I John 3:4). Under the law means there is a requisite condemnation for sins for which there is no remedy.

1. A penalty for sin is forthcoming for two reasons.

a) One: sin is inevitable.

- b) Two: there is no remedy.
- 2. Perspective: Christians are not under the law.
 - a) They have a remedy for sin!
- 3. Exception: In areas Christians lack repentance.
 - a) They will be judged according to the law.
 - b) But not unto death!

(2) Under the Law Apologetics

(a) Born Under the Law

- 1. Under the Law: you sin, you die!
 - a) Y'shua was born under the law so He had to die because of sin.
 - b) But, He did not sin, so why did He die? He died because He took the penalty for our sins.
 - c) He redeemed us, who were under the law (we sin, we die) without Him.

(b) A Yoke of Bondage

- 1. Don't get entangled again! What would that look like?
 - a) You depend on your own obedience to law for eternal life!
 - b) If you attempt to be justified by obeying the law, you are under the law (you sin, you die).

- c) That is the opposite of grace by which you are empowered to obey God and covered by the blood of Y'shua when you fall short!
- d) Sin shall not be able to kill you (not under the law) because you have a remedy for sin (grace)!

(c) Is the law sin?

1. Does grace negate the law? Of course not.

- a) The law still exists and is in full effect. Yes, even for Christians.
- b) Why? You would not even know what sin is without it. Lawlessness defines sin.
- c) There is no sin if there is no law, but with law there is sin, and with transgression of the law there is death.
- d) So, the law will kill you (you are under the law) if you have no remedy.
- e) Y'shua is the remedy, so without the law you would not need Y'shua! And that is what makes the law **holy and just and good!**

(d) Has then what is good become death to me?

1. Does the good law now only represent death?

- a) No! It produces a certain death sentence without a savior and eternal life with a savior.

- b) And the makes the law spiritual.
- (e) All things to all people!
 - 1. You cannot prove that anyone needs a savior if there is no sin.
 - a) Sin is not defined by your awareness of it!
 - b) The law defines sin, whether or not you know what it is or that it does.
 - c) It still recons you a sinner because of it.
 - d) The only difference is the approach you take to make someone aware of their sin.
 - e) We learned that earlier in Romans: *“For as many as have sinned **without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law**”*
 - 2. And that is our final destination today!
 - a) *For by the law is the knowledge of sin!*

C. Deeds of the Law

- (1) By the law is the knowledge of sin!
 - (a) Checklists don't work!
 - 1. And Paul makes something else perfectly clear...
 - a) Evaluating a list of commands and checking them off in an attempt to be right in God's eyes will not work either!

- b) The law defines what God demands and breaking the law defines sin, and everyone sins.
 - c) But, there is a way to be found innocent; you must have a Savior who empowers you to obey God and who covers for your shortcomings when you don't!
 - d) Knowing the Law is only profitable when mixed with humility to follow the Holy Spirit's leading in obeying it.
 - e) "Deeds" of the Law means legalism as opposed to "Doers" of the Law means faith-based obedience.
- (b) Then we see this phrase "deeds (works) of law" and that by them no flesh will be justified.
1. Here is that interesting twist on Paul's words in Romans 2:13 that we covered earlier:
- a) *"for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified."*
 - b) Obviously, there is a necessary contrast between "doers of the Law" and "deeds (works) of the Law." We see this also in Galatians chapters 2 and 3.
 - c) It is important to keep this difference in mind in order to properly understand Christian doctrine (theology).

- d) “Doers” means faith-based obedience; “Deeds” means legalism.
- e) Both, ironically, might look the same on paper. Yet, one produces obedience empowered by grace and inspired by the love, reverence, and appreciation for Yahweh; the other produces obedience to fulfill a heartless checklist of do’s and don’ts.
- f) But rest assured, what Paul is NOT saying is that faith is the OPPOSITE of keeping the Law. He puts the exclamation on that truth in the last verse of this very chapter, *“Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”*

(2) Doing the Law and Works of Law (refer to [Vernacular](#) for full teaching)

(a) Not the hearers, but the doers!

1. Vernacular

- a) Doing the Law: faith-based obedience empowered by grace. It is NOT the same as...
- b) Works or deeds of the law: obedience which is empowered by self-righteousness and self-determination.

(3) Works of Law

(a) Will save no one!

1. One of the great misunderstandings of Paul's deep writing style in Romans.

- a) "Doer of the law" refers to faith-based-obedience empowered by grace.
- b) Works or deeds of the law is empowered by self-righteousness and self-determination; it's more concerned with checking off a to-do-list of commandments.
- c) Doing God's commands is a "living" type of obedience. It is empowered and attainable only by God's grace.
- d) Working God's commands, as if they are a list of deeds to be accomplished is a "dead" type of obedience, empowered by self-determination.
- e) Work's of law is no better than disobedience; it's actually a brand of wrongthink!

(b) Wrongthink & Thoughtcrimes

- a) Thoughtcrime: faith-based obedience empowered by grace is the only type obedience that can save you!

- b) Wrongthink: obedience which is empowered by self-righteousness and self-determination can save you!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Romans 3:1-2 speaks of the advantage a Jew has when coming to the faith in Y'shua.

- A. What is his advantage?
- B. What are the oracles of God?
- C. Use the following passages to help your answer. (Matthew 13:52; Romans 2:17-18; John 1:1-2, 14; I Peter 4:11; Hebrews 4:11-13; Ephesians 5:25-27; Psalms 1:1-3)

2. Wrongthink: When a belief or opinion is identified that should be condemned as socially, ideologically, politically, or morally unacceptable. It specifically points to a skewed way of thinking that leads to some very bad choices.

- A. Demonstrate the five examples of wrongthink in Romans 3:3-9.

3. Thoughtcrimes: A person's politically unorthodox thoughts, beliefs, and doubts—ideas that contradict the tenets and dominant ideology of the ruling elite. A thoughtcrime describes the theological practice of "disbelief" or, in other words, the

rejection of current orthodoxy and ideology! It is a close cousin of wrongthink, the opposite side of the coin.

A. Identify each thoughtcrime Y'shua could have been accused of in each of the following passages. (The number of thoughtcrimes in each is in parentheses.)

- 1) Mark 2:23-28 (2)
- 2) Mark 7:1-16 (3)
- 3) Mark 12:41-44 (1)
- 4) Luke 18:9-14 (1)

B. Describe the one thoughtcrime in each of the "You've heard it said, but I tell you" series... (Mat. 5:21-48)

- 1) Matthew 5:21-22
- 2) Matthew 5:27-28
- 3) Matthew 5:33-34
- 4) Matthew 5:38-39
- 5) Matthew 5:43-44

4. You can remedy your Wrongthink and stop accusing Y'shua of Thoughtcrimes.

A. Use Romans 12:2 and II Corinthians 10:5-6 describe how.

5. Quotefest: A feast of biblical references used to explicate a doctrinal statement, with the intent to analyze and develop an idea or principle in detail, in order to reveal its deepest meaning.

- A. Isolate and name each Old Testament verse to which Paul is referring in Romans 3:10-18.
- 6. Underlaw:** the requisite condemnation for sins for which there is no remedy. Read: What does it mean to be “under the law?” (pages 46-52)
- A. Explain each of the following passages using your new understanding. (Galatians 4:1-5; 5:1-4; Romans 6:12-15; 7:7-14; I Corinthians 9:19-23.)