



# KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

## SCRIPTURES

- Romans 3:1-20
- Psalms 51:4; 14:1-6; 53:1-5
- Psalms 5:4-10; 140:1-5
- Psalms 10:1-7; 36:1-6
- Ecclesiastes 7:15-20
- Isaiah 59:1-8

## WRONGTHINK & THOUGHTCRIMES

- Yahoracles
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- Thoughtcrimes
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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

## 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. “*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

(2) Matthew Henry (extrapolation), an 18<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 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

(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.

(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. *“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

(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

(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

(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. "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

## WRONGTHINK

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

#### A. 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. **\*"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
3. **"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

(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

(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

(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

(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

## THOUGHTCRIMES

### 3. Y’shua—the thoughtcrime chief offender...

#### A. 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

- (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 prophesy 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

(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

(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) "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

(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

(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

(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

(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

(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
2. “...*We know that we all have knowledge. **Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.***” I Corinthians 8:1 NKJV
3. “*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

(4) 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. 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

## B. 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
4. **\*"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. <sup>(1)</sup>"**Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"**; <sup>(2)</sup>"**The poison of asps is under their lips**";" Romans 3:13 NKJV
2. Not at all! (Psalms 5:9; Psalms 140:3)
  - a) <sup>(1)</sup>"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) <sup>(2)</sup>"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} <sup>(3)</sup>**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

(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

- b) "*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. <sup>(4)</sup>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

- b) <sup>(4)</sup> 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
- (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.”
    - b) *“**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

## 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

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

(1) 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. “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. "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
3. "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

(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

(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. "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

### 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) 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

(3) Works of Law

(a) Will save no one!

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) “Therefore **by the deeds [works] of the law no flesh** will be justified.” (Romans 3:20)