

Sin and Condemnation: The World's need to get right with God

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[Romans 1:18-3:20](#)

(Continuation from 07/02/17)

E. The Arguments of the Religionist (Jew) Against a Heart Religion, [Romans 3:1-8](#)

1. What profit is there in being a religionist—in being circumcised or baptized (v.1-2)?
2. Does unbelief void God's promises—make God a liar (v.3-4)?
3. Is God unjust if He takes vengeance (v.5-8)?

DEEPER STUDY #1

[John 4:22 \(NASB\)](#)

²²“You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.”

[Genesis 12:1-4 \(NASB\)](#)

¹“Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you;

² And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;

³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.’

⁴ So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.”

(John 4:22) Israel— God's Plan— History— Jews: why did Jesus Christ come to the Jewish nation and come to earth as a Jew? Very simply stated, the Jews were God's special people. They had been born by a special act of God. It all started long, long ago. God had wanted four things.

1. He wanted a people who would love Him supremely and give Him their first loyalty. (Cp. [Genesis 17:7](#); [Isaiah 43:10](#).)

[Genesis 17:7 \(NASB\)](#)

⁷“I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.”

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Isaiah 43:10 (NASB)

¹⁰“You are My witnesses,” declares the LORD, ‘And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me.’”

2. He wanted a people who would witness to all other nations that He and He alone was the one true and living God. (Cp. [Genesis 12:3](#); [Genesis 22:18](#); [Acts 13:26, 47](#).)

Genesis 12:3 (NASB)

³“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

Genesis 22:18 (NASB)

¹⁸“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Acts 13:26 (NASB)

²⁶“Brethren, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.”

Acts 13:47 (NASB)

⁴⁷“For so the Lord has commanded us, ‘I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.’”

3. He wanted a people through whom He could send the promised Seed, the Savior and Messiah, Jesus Christ, to all men everywhere. (Cp. [Genesis 3:15](#); [Genesis 17:7](#); [Genesis 22:18](#); [Galatians 3:16](#); [John 4:22](#).)

Genesis 3:15 (NASB)

¹⁵“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

Genesis 17:7 (NASB)

⁷“I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.”

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¹⁸“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Galatians 3:16 (NASB)

¹⁶“Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, ‘And to your seed,’ that is, Christ.”

John 4:22 (NASB)

²²“You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.”

4. He wanted a people through whom He could send His written Word, the Holy Bible, and preserve it for all generations. ([Romans 9:4-5](#); [1 Peter 2:10-12](#).)

Romans 9:4-5 (NASB)

⁴“Who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the *temple* service and the promises,

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⁵ whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.”

1 Peter 2:10-12 (NASB)

¹⁰ “For you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

In searching the earth for such a people, God could find none (cp. [Romans 1:18-32](#)).

Romans 1:18-32 (NASB)

¹⁸ “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

²⁸ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,

³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.”