## NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

# ROMANS – PART TWO Bad News and Good News

Lesson 49

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Jews
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Gentiles/Jews



### Natural Questions



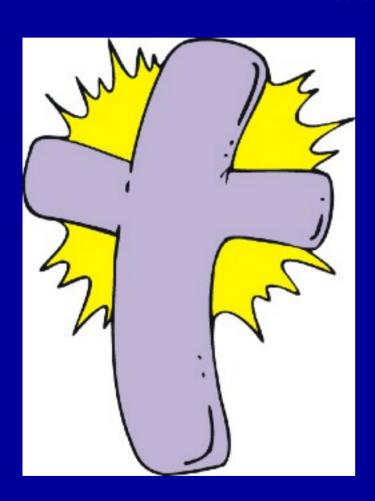
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## Reframing the Question

How Does Anyone Stand Right Before God?

Gentile?

Jew?

Gentiles (1:18-1:32)

#### No Excuse!

- 1. Evidence in Creation
- 2. Evidence in Us

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The Results

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#### God Gave Them Over

- "In Sinful Desires of Hearts to Sexual Impurity" (1:21)
- "To Shameful Lusts" (1:26)
- "To a Depraved Mind, To Do What Ought Not Be Done" (1:28)

### "What Ought Not Be Done"

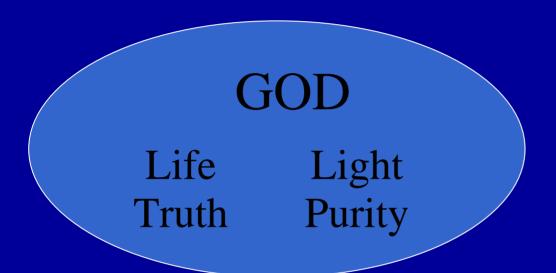
- Wickedness
- Evil
- Greed
- Depravity
- Envy
- Murder
- Strife

- Deceit
- Malice
- Gossips
- Slanders
- Hating God
- Insolence
- Arrogance

- Boasting
- Invent Evil
- Disobey
- Senseless
- Faithless
- Heartless
- Ruthless



#### Remember the Problem



Sin and Death



**DEATH!** 

## Jews Feeling Smug???

God's Principles of Judgment

Those Getting
Eternal Life

Those Getting Wrath

Those Who
Persistently Do
Good

Self-seeking, Reject Truth, Follow Evil "Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and brag about your relationship to God ... " (2:17)

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It's All SIN!

## Advantage to Being Jew?

Entrusted with the very words of God

#### The Bad News

Jews and Gentiles Share Status Before God

Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin (3:9)

#### Old Testament Text

There is <u>no one</u> righteous, not even one; there is <u>no one</u> who understands, <u>no one</u> who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is <u>no one</u> who does good, not even one.

#### Good News???

#### **DEATH!**

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#### Points for Home

- No Matter Who --- We Are Sinners Before God
- God Alone is the Judge of His Eternity
- God Will Not Change
- We Need God to Give Us Righteousness