

Paul, His Life and Teachings

Romans

Lesson 23

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Remember
Luther?

What do we know of the church in Rome?





Romans were among
the Jews in Jerusalem
at Pentecost that
heard and responded
to the gospel
message

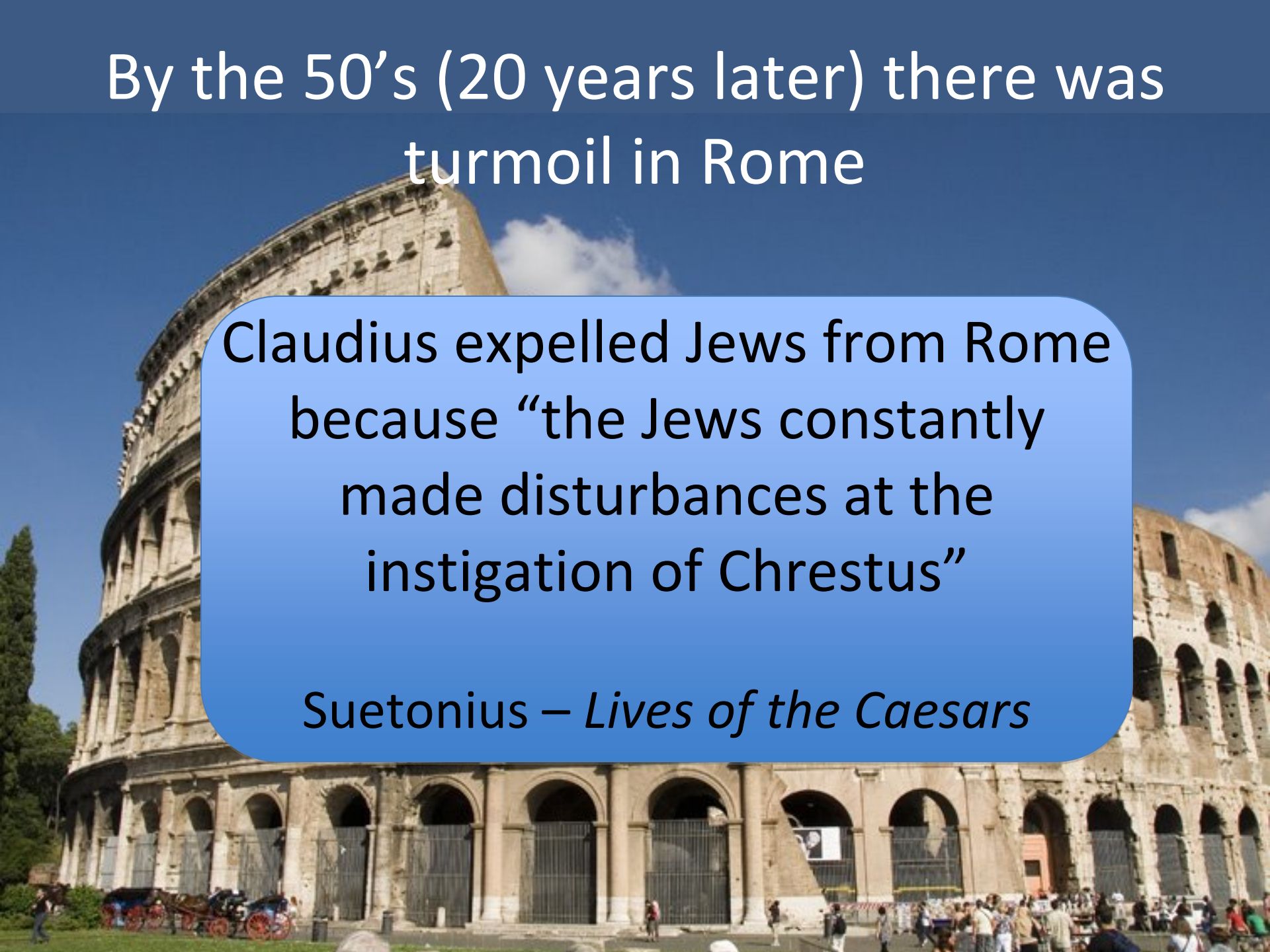
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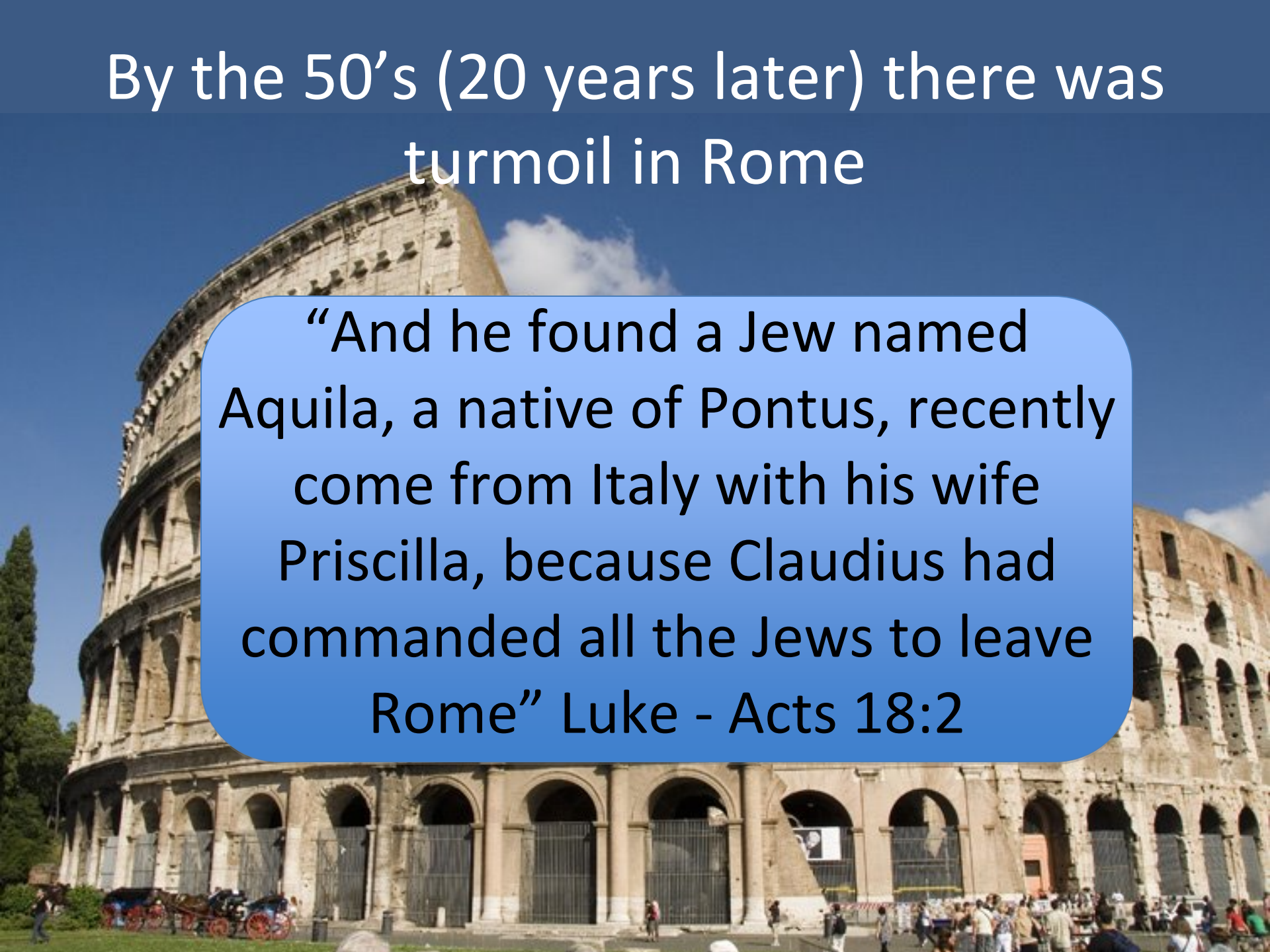
Claudius expelled Jews from Rome
because “the Jews constantly
made disturbances at the
instigation of Chrestus”

Suetonius – *Lives of the Caesars*



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“And he found a Jew named
Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently
come from Italy with his wife
Priscilla, because Claudius had
commanded all the Jews to leave
Rome” Luke - Acts 18:2



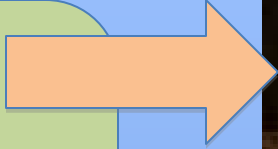
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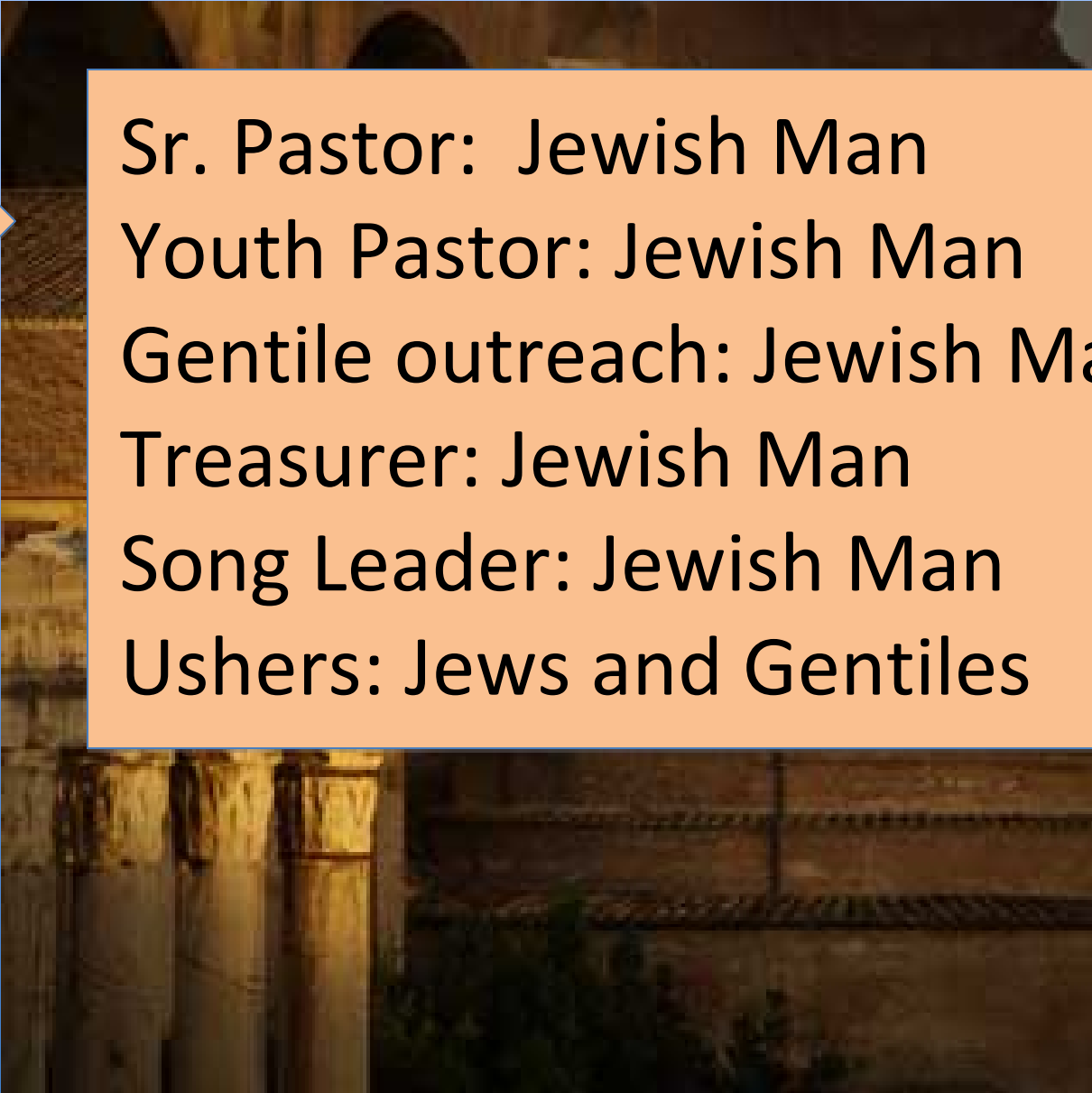
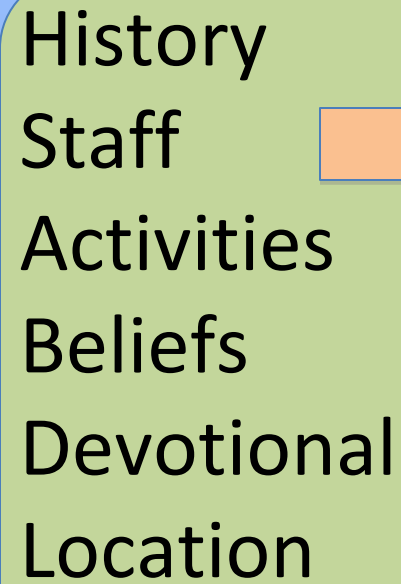
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We were started by Jews who heard the story of the Jewish Messiah and his resurrection in Jerusalem. This message was brought back to the Jewish community and has even been shared to some Gentiles

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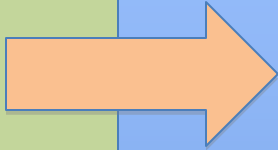
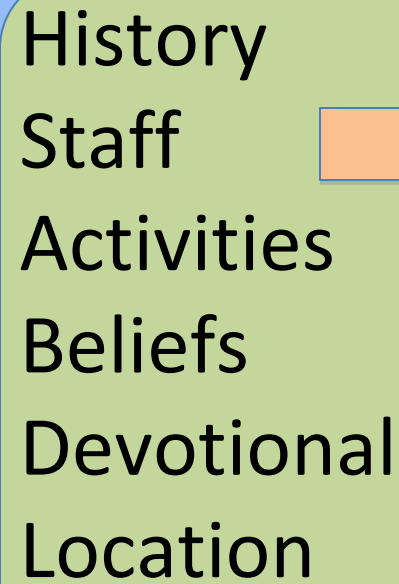
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Treasurer: Jewish Man
Song Leader: Jewish Man
Ushers: Jews and Gentiles

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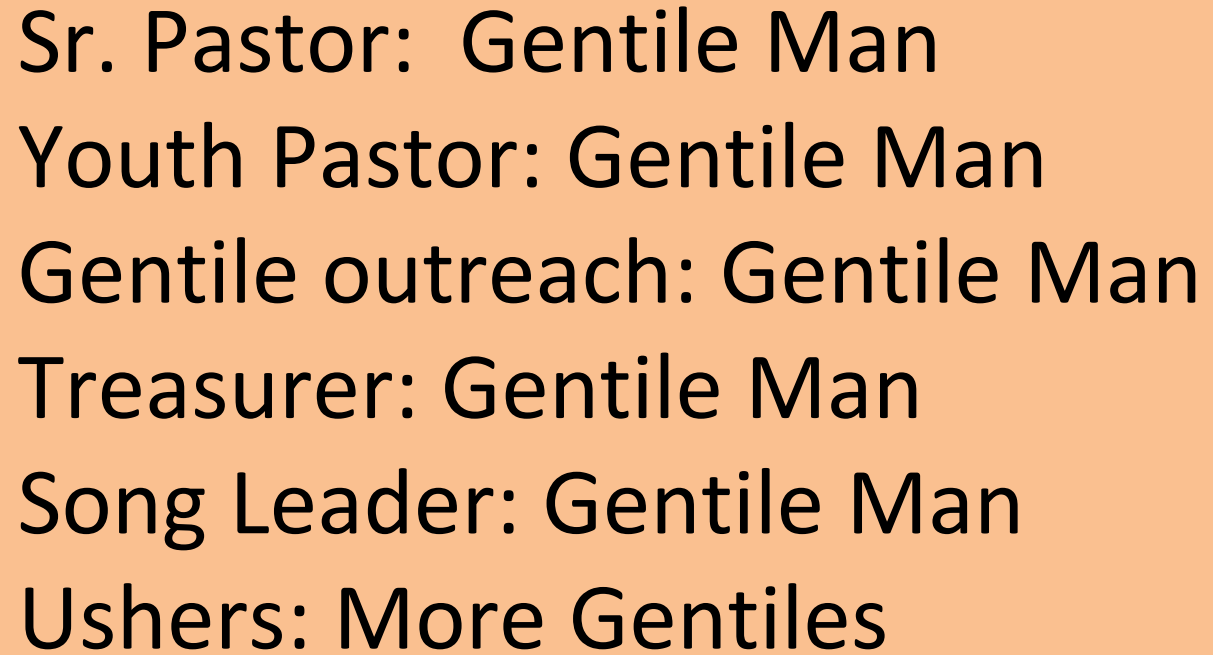
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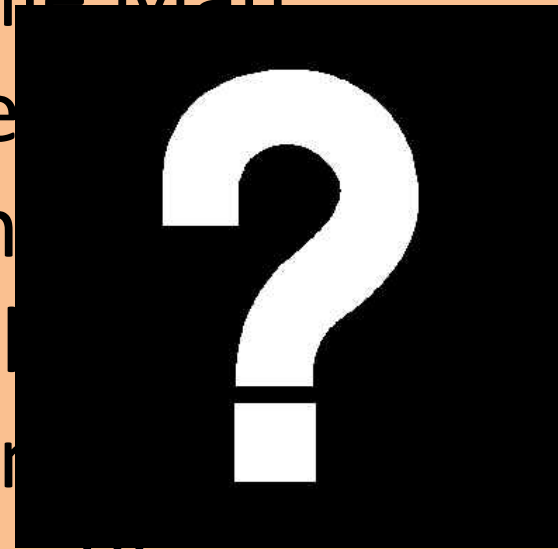
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What happened when the Jews returned
several years later?

Into this situation Paul writes Romans



Paul – an apostle of the gospel truth that brings *all* nations to faith and obedience



“I am not ashamed of the *gospel*...

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“I am not ashamed of the *gospel*...



for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes”



We have a
major
problem!



God's
principles of
judgment are
simple: Be
perfect and
everything is
okay!



Jews are no better off. They may have the truth, but look how they behave!

Differences

Similarities



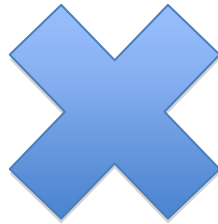
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Show me someone righteous!



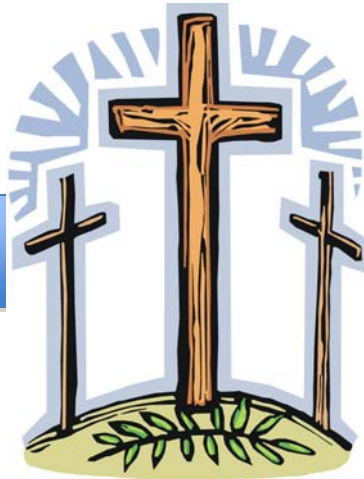
“But now the righteousness of God
has been manifested apart from the
law...

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law...



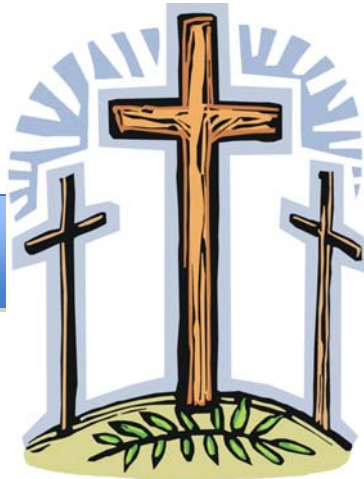
the righteousness of God through faith in
Jesus Christ for *all* who believe”

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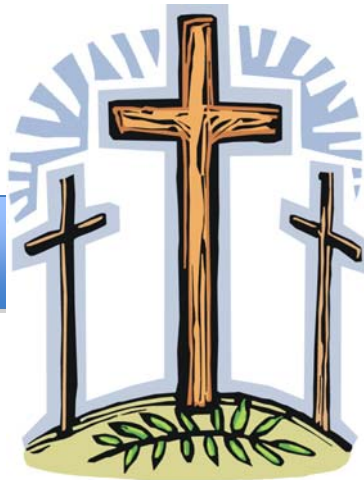
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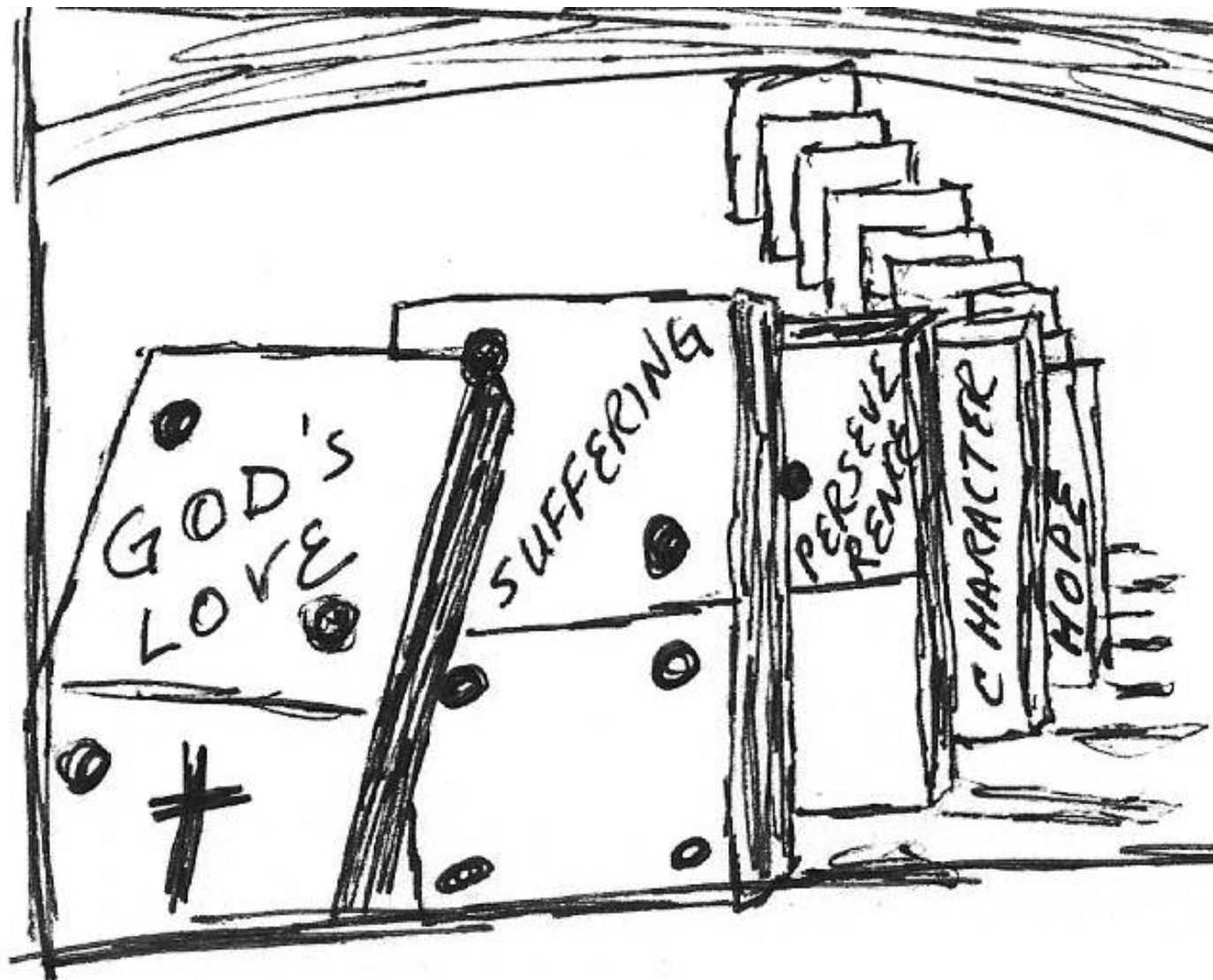


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BEFORE the law
or circumcision!

God's faithfulness brings our peace



“God shows his love for us in that ...



while we were still sinners, Christ died
for us”

ADAM



ADAM



~~SIN~~

ADAM



SIN



DEATH

ADAM



SIN



DEATH

JESUS



ADAM



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~~RIGHTEOUSNESS~~

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RIGHTEOUSNESS



LIFE

So we kick our shoes off and go
sinning?



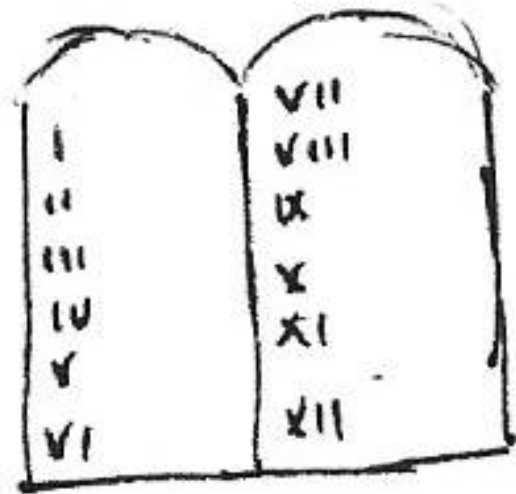
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You have died to
sin; Do not live
bound to it any
longer

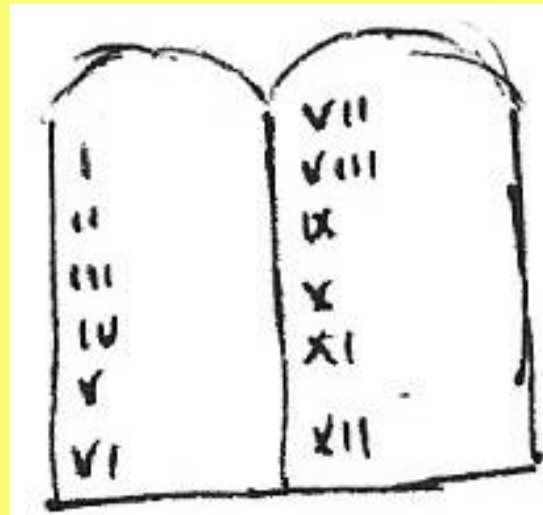
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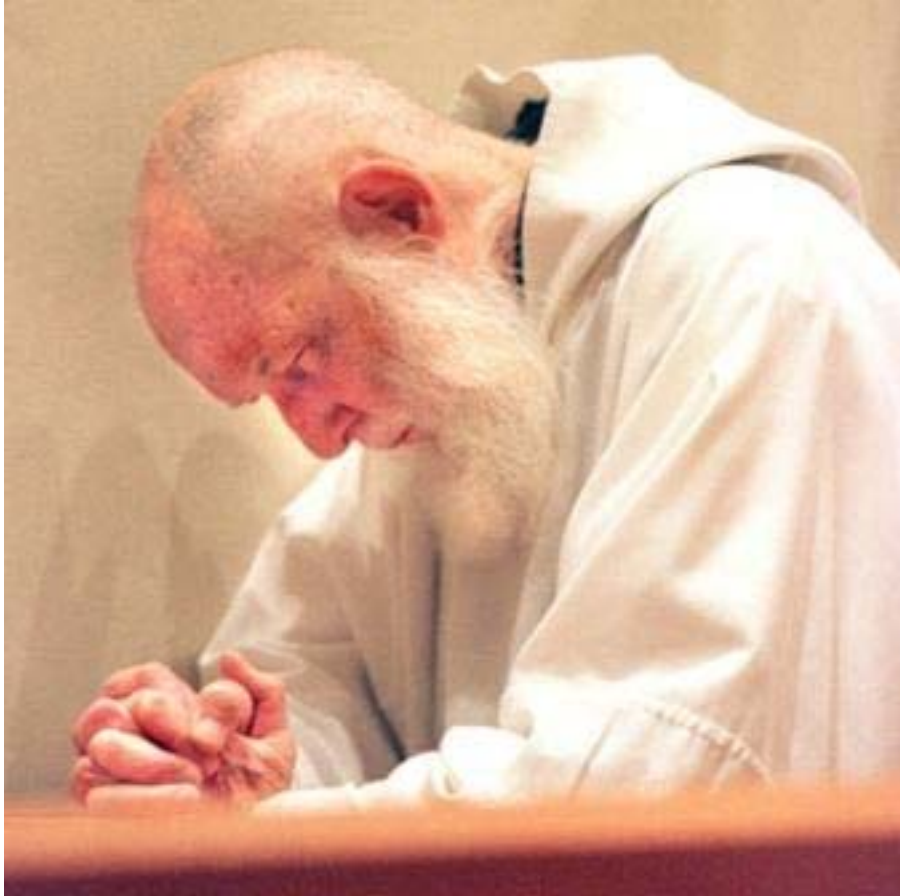
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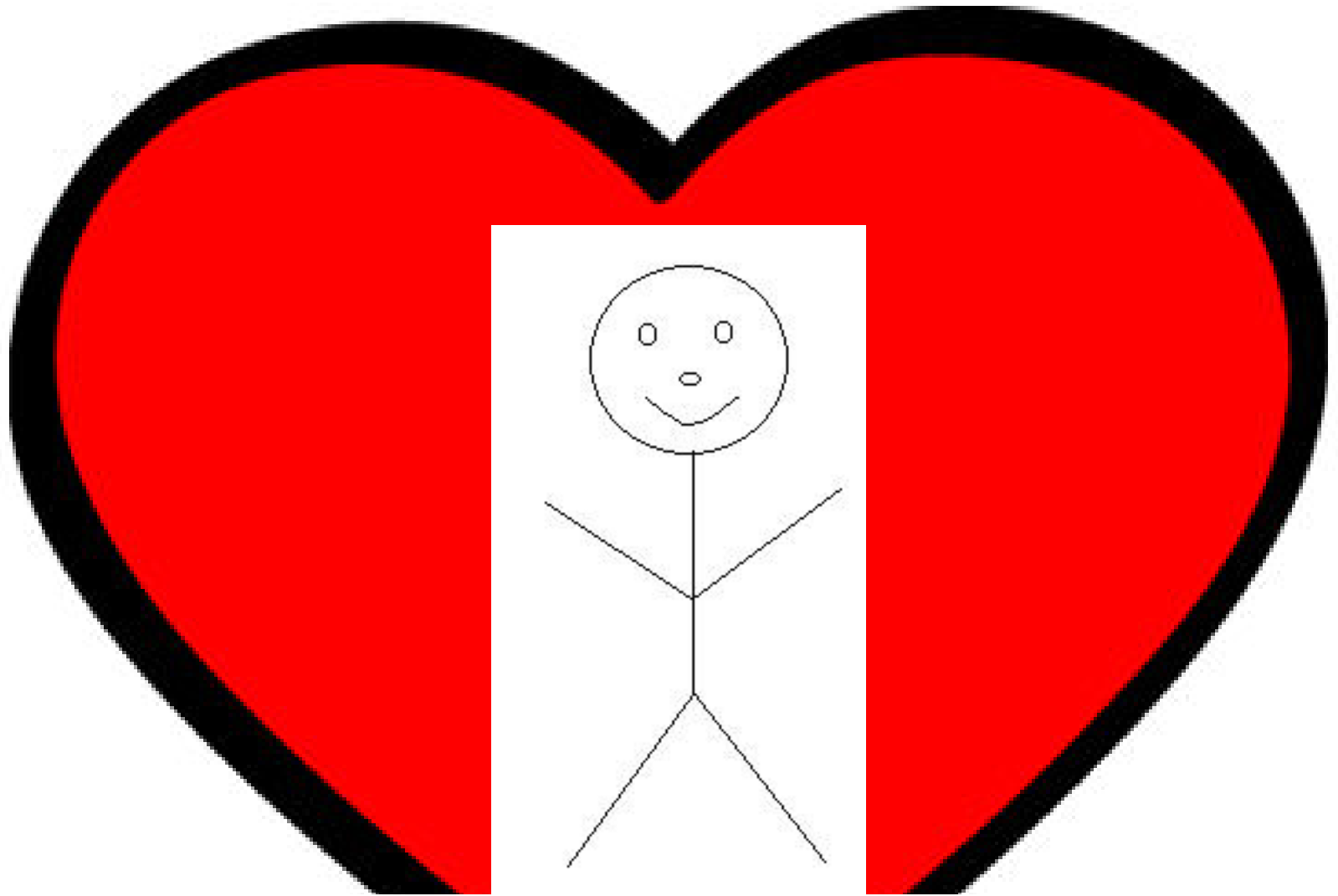
This does leave
a fight raging



The Law of the
Spirit of life in
Christ set us
free from the
law of sin and
death



Even in our
prayers we have
God's help



Nothing can separate us from God's love

The absence of full Jewish belief does not show God failed



God always chose, it was never good
genes or good deeds



Don't say God was unfair!





God is not
finished with the
Jews or grafting
into his tree of
life!

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice



Be transformed by the renewing of
your mind



Some practical teaching (life with a renewing mind!)



Don't think too highly
of yourself. You are
who God made you;
and he made everyone
else too!

Have genuine love; hate evil



Do not be overcome by evil but
overcome evil with good





Pray for
governing
officials and
pay your
taxes!

Owe your neighbor only love



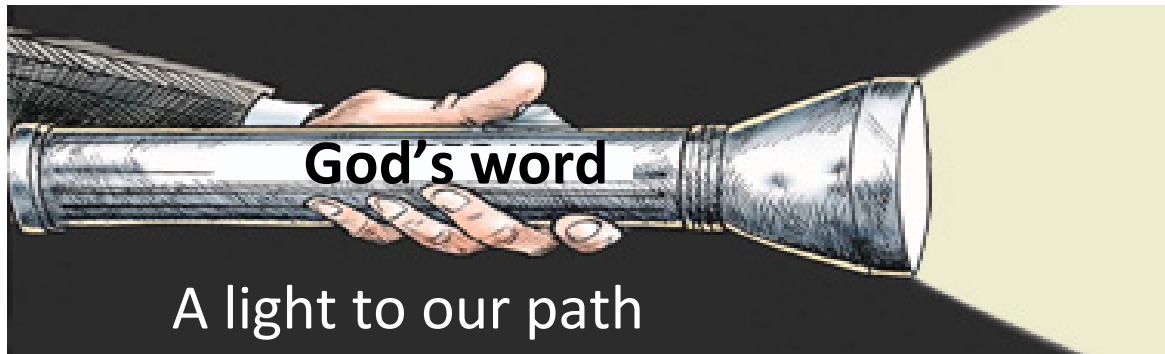
Love the weaker brother



Personal and *SUBTLE* notes



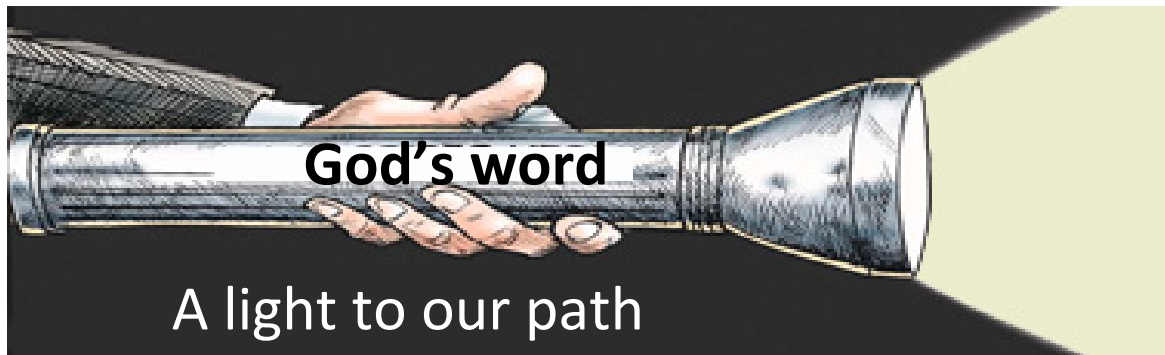
I'm taking the
money from the
Greeks to the
Jews in
Jerusalem



Points for Home

The gospel is “the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (1:16)

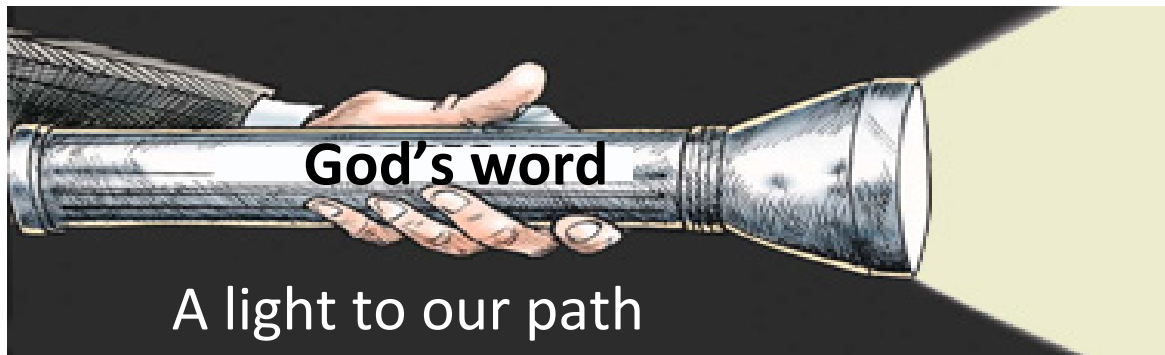




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“But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known” (3:21)





Points for Home

“Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God” (12:1)

