

Romans 2  
17-24

# Psalm 46:10

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- Lesson
- #1 Something is wrong vs 24
  - #2 We all need preaching vs 17-24
  - #3 No perfect religion

Contextual stuff:  
- The times Paul was living in  
- Jesus preached the gospel  
- Jesus preached to Samaritans  
- Jesus / Cornelius

#4 Does this apply to us?

- We are not Jews?

- We are the religion of the status quo / contemporary religion.

#5 This was an accusation for the Jews, a conviction.

- But its a stern warning for the Christians.

- Rest in the Law

- Boast at God

- Know his will

- Approve the more excellent things

- Be instructed out of the Law.

- Guide the blind

- Be a light to them in darkness

- Instruct the foolish

- Teach the babies

- You think you're doing this, but your not.

- I think more than anything, people are looking for something real.

- A real God, that brings real salvation, real results.

~~But~~ if any may be in Christ, ~~but~~ old things have passed away; BEHOLD all things have become new.

- That's what people want to Behold a real God that that makes ALL things new.

- Paul was a preacher.

- ~~He told Timothy,~~

- The Old Seasoned Veteran of the Gospel told Young Timothy, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine..." (II Tim. 4:2)

- Reprove - reprimand, reprove, scold, chastise, chide  
upbraid,

disapprove, condemn, to scold or correct,  
to express disapproval.

- Rebuke - to turn back or keep down

- exhort -

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- That's a hard thing to have to do. People don't take real kindly to correction. But that's the job of the preacher.

- If you think about it, that's what getting saved is all about.

- When I got saved, the Holy Ghost showed me that I had it ALL wrong. The bible says ->

"The judgments of the LORD are ALL together righteous..."

- That makes him ALL RIGHT. -- If your lost and you meet God who's all right, you find that you're all wrong.

- I think that's the basis of preaching: That man has got it all wrong, but God provided a way that can make things right...

- Love covereth a MULTITUDE of sin... Only the Love of God could turn that which was wrong in to that which is right...

- "Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them as white as snow." Isaiah

- "Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me..." "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

The Gospel make right what man has made wrong...  
And there was plenty wrong in these days that Paul preached...  
Plenty of reason to reprove, rebuke, & exhort...

- Recall the days of Jesus... These were the days of the Pharisees & Sadducees...

- You look at the trial of Jesus and you can see the mutual corruption between religion & state or government... in that together they crucified and innocent man.

- When Jesus came into Jerusalem, riding a donkey, his triumphant entry. Even though some greeted him, "Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the LORD!" And they spread out palm leaves before his feet to welcome him into Jerusalem / there was something wrong...

- The very 1<sup>st</sup> place that Jesus went was not the local restaurant, or rest stop. He didn't visit anybody.
- No, 1<sup>st</sup> stop, the Temple of God: Math 21:12
- Jesus went straight to the heart of Jerusalem, the heart of the problem. [Read Math 21:12]
- These people were not here to make a sacrifice, but they had come to make a profit.
- This points to or shows us the condition of Jerusalem when Jesus came to town.
- What would Jesus do? If he came into town today.
- Luke 13:34 [Read it]
- There's something wrong in Zion.
- How is it that Jerusalem ~~the city of~~ the heart of Israel, the Jewish people, the apple of God's eye. A people so blessed & so near to God be so blind and so wrong?

- There's some lessons in all this.
- Paul was the epitome of what Jesus wept about over Jerusalem.
- Paul was zealous about his religion, so much that he persecuted Christians. Paul was the ~~antagonist~~ <sup>backbone</sup> ~~mid~~ & heart <sup>behind</sup> the voice that called "crucify him crucify him!"

- When Paul got saved on that Damascus Road, ~~and~~ I believe he came to realize some things...

(Galatians 1:16) ~~Read 1:13-16~~ Read 1:13-16

- Paul conferred not with man, but with God
- Holy Spirit  $\rightarrow$  lead us in all truth
- I believe Paul learned a few things and we see this in this letter to the Romans:

- They say that Paul brought the gospel to the Gentiles and he did, but he sure had the Spirit of Christ in him, in that he ~~wasn't~~ confronted his own people, the Jews...

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."

- Paul said, "Behold, men art called a Jew..."

- Paul is saying, "I know all about it!"

"Been there, Done That..."

- I knew what I'm talking about (I)

- rested in the Law

- made up boast of God

- was instructed out of the Law

- Thought I was a guide of the blind

- a light of them which are in darkness

- instructor of the foolish

- But I met the <sup>Lord</sup> Jesus Christ and I found out that it was that was the fool and I was blind and in darkness...

- Paul was not just giving a book report, he was giving his ~~own~~ an autobiography.

- Therefore which teachest another, ~~do~~ teachest thou not thyself?

#1 Everybody needs preaching.

- I enjoy preaching, but I need preaching too.

- I think it's amazing how many different people come to church w/ different needs & different problems.

- Yet one message is preached and somehow God meets the needs of everybody here w/ that 1 message.

- Loaves & Fishes - God can take what's brought in humbly & sincerely & multiply it to meet the need. Amazing.

- But the pertinent lesson, is that so many need that bread. Everybody needs to eat.

- Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth ~~from~~ <sup>out of</sup> the mouth of God.

- Man needs the word of God. No man is above the word of God. - When I come to church I want to hear the preaching, I need to hear the preaching, I need encouragement, I need words - I need help - and I get it in the preaching.

- Everybody needs preaching. Man will only live as seed as he's preached to.

- Even Paul said, I didn't know sin until the law spelled it out for me...
- A lot of times ~~were~~ it spelled out several times...
- I was telling the kids - I know  $2+2=4$  because I was told  $2+2=4$  over & over until it was etched in my brick skull that  $2+2=4$ ...
- Sometimes, the things of God can be that way too... Peter said that he thought it was good to put you in remembrance...
- Peter said that he thought a Review would be good...
- We go over these things over & over and by the Spirit of God the things of God would be written in our hearts...
- Everybody needs preaching... particularly preachers...
  - I like the rotation
  - Sit back & just take in the WOG
  - Read (21+22)
  - Do you practice what you preach? Jesus said, "Physician, heal thyself."
- Everybody needs preaching...

#7 No perfect religion...

FE The Jews could go bad... any sect, denomination, creed, branch, whatever can go bad...

- The Jews religion was ordained of God. The law ~~was~~ etched with the finger of God on tablets of stone. Spoke one one one with Abraham, Moses. He gave them the law, he gave them the feasts, he gave them the tabernacle, he gave the Land. He gave them everything, and they still went bad. What makes you think that your religion won't go bad...?
- Yeah, but we preach the bible! Yeah they all preach the bible.
- Yeah, but we preach that Jesus is the only way! Yeah well they all preach Jesus.
- vs 21-22. There's thieves and adulterers in every religion.
- Now we're baptists of course. This is a baptist church. I believe our way is the right way → Salvation by grace plus nothing minus nothing. Don't think a whole slew of doctrine that goes along with it.
- Most that call themselves Christian have most, some, or part of our doctrine, & visa versa.
  - Someone asked a preacher, Are only baptist going to heaven? Preacher said, "No, it's not just going to Baptist going to heaven, but when we get there, there will only be baptists in heaven."



- Every person in heaven will be in there by the shed blood of Jesus Christ & nothing else...
- In this country, the Methodist & Presbyterian, pulpits used to flame with righteousness... the Congregationalist flourished. The Separatist & Baptist come out of all that... But all have gone out or flicked out... These Meth. Pres. & By churches all over the place... but if you look at our country, it's obvious their power & influence was all but dummelled...
- There's failure, fault, & folly, that has come out of all of them...
- Remember, God said, "I looked down from heaven to see if any understood <sup>but did</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>seek God</sup> ~~that~~ have all turned aside. They have all together become filthy; there is none good, nor not one..."

- So what are we doing here? ←

- Matthew 8: 5-13 (Zacch)

- It's not religion that make it to the table, it's faith...

\* Even though there's this world of religion we must live in, there is a way to God... and people do find God...

Religion is an outline, it's a help, it will bring a horse to water, but it can't make him drink...

- How does this apply to us today?

- Work not Jews, Were not Abundant of Israel  
No, but there are some things in common

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