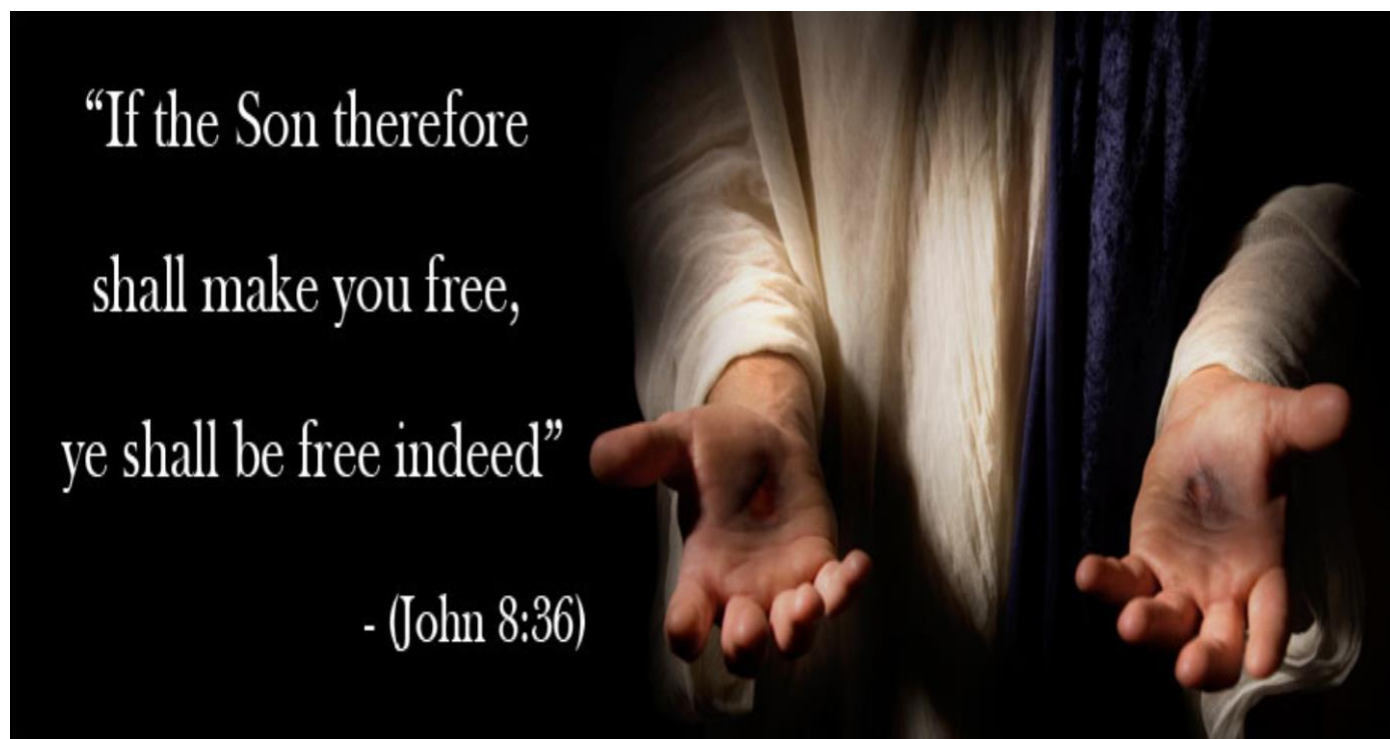


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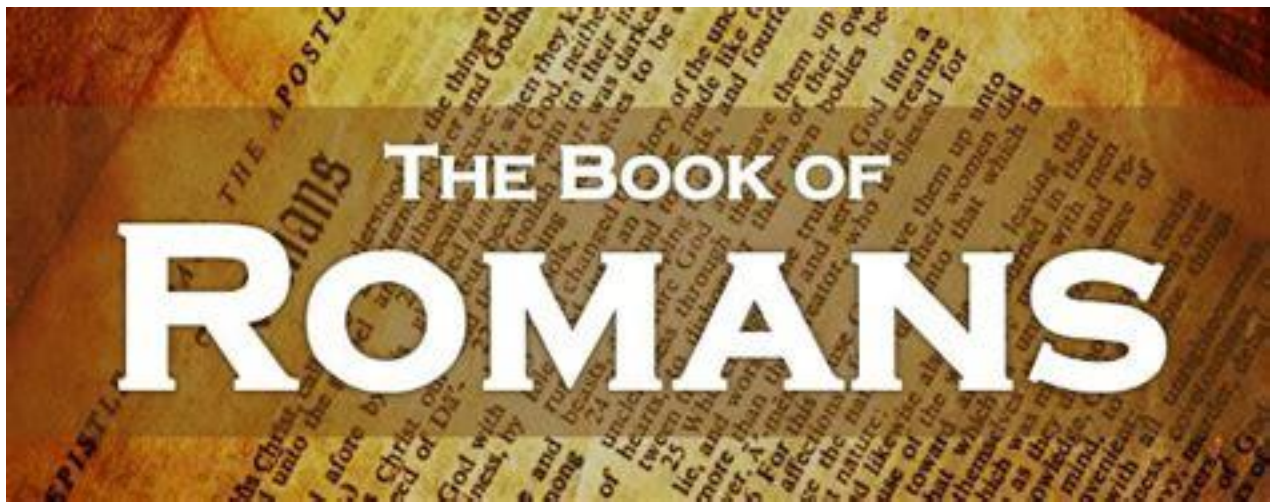
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Thoughts on Romans

2:13 *For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.*

The plight of the Jewish people is a recurring theme in Paul's epistle to the Romans. After all, he was: "an Israelite, a seed of Abraham of the tribe of Benjamin" ([Romans 11:1](#)); "circumcised the eighth day, a "Hebrew of the Hebrews" ([Ephesians 3:5](#)); and a "Pharisee, a son of Pharisees" ([Acts 23:6](#)). No doubt he took great pride in such ancestral personalities as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Samuel, David, Solomon, and the true prophets in Israel during Old Testament times.

Before his amazing salvation experience, he gloried in certain truths of the Old Testament, but he was also heavily influenced by the doctrines of the Pharisees of his day. They were proud of their lengthy prayers, their education, their man-made rules, and their high position.

Paul was a part of all of this, but when he got saved his perspectives changed radically. He realized that justification is by faith ([Romans 5:1](#)) and that the law of Moses was helpful in exposing man's sin but could not ever save a soul ([I Timothy 1:8-10](#)).

In so many ways the Apostle had a heart to reach his Jewish brethren according to the flesh, but he knew that they were being badly misled by the religious leaders of his day.

The law of Moses was read in the synagogue, but there was no actual virtue in merely listening. The virtue is in doing, based on saving faith produced by God in the heart of a believer. Consider the contrast by James between "hearers" and "doers" of the Gospel ([James 1:22-25](#)).

To put it simply, one is not saved by doing good works, but he will, by God's grace, want to do good works because he is saved.

This verse expresses these sentiments very clearly: "For not the hearers of the law are just before God."

Later in this verse Paul mentions the idea of justification. The Greek verb "to justify" is *δικαίω*. This verb explains one of the most amazing ramifications of one's salvation.

It is actually a declaration by God the Father that a true believer is 100% holy!

It would be a wonderful thing if the Father would declare us "not guilty," but Jesus paid for our sin with His sinless blood and then imputed His righteousness to those who believe! It's totally by grace through faith! We did not deserve any of this, but this is a very important element of the Gospel.

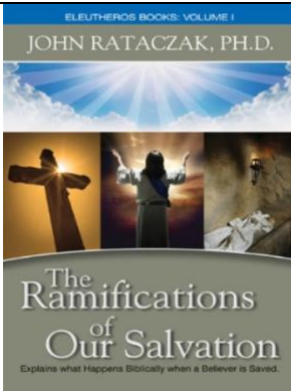
God tells us that heaven is a place "wherein dwelleth righteousness" ([II Peter 3:18](#)). God will not allow ANY sin in heaven, and that is why believers are declared absolutely holy (*δικαίω*)! In fact, there will not even be the possibility of sin in heaven! Praise God!

The Jews of Paul's day did not understand these things. Unfortunately, today's religions still do not appreciate this. In fact, they despise the truth, invent perverted ideas, and mislead billions of people for whom Christ died.

May people who have accepted Jesus as Savior present the truth to both Jew and Gentile: true righteousness is a gift of God that works in us to do good works because of the salvation we have in Him. We cannot save ourselves, but we can (and should) serve the One Who saved us!

We will continue these thoughts on Romans in next month's newsletter.

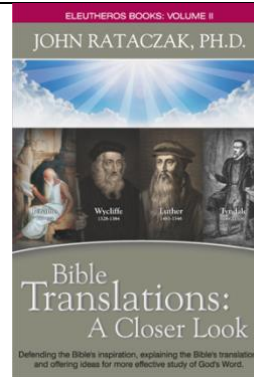
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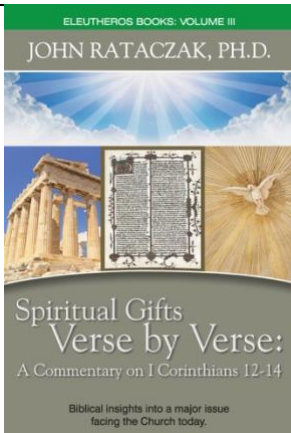
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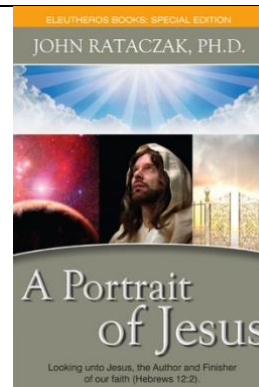
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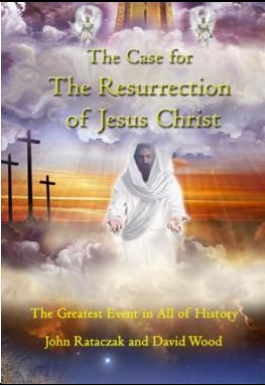
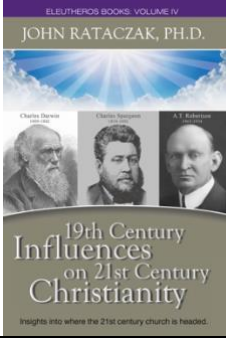
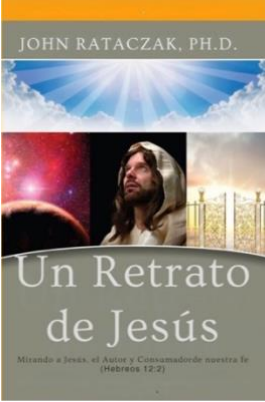


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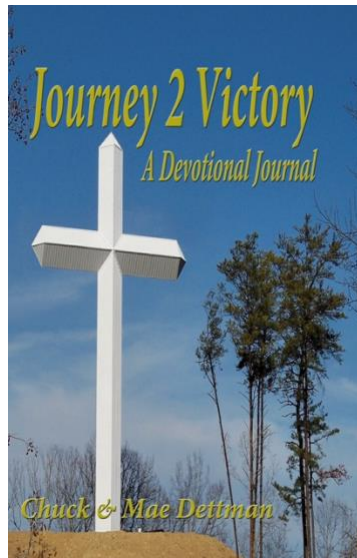
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