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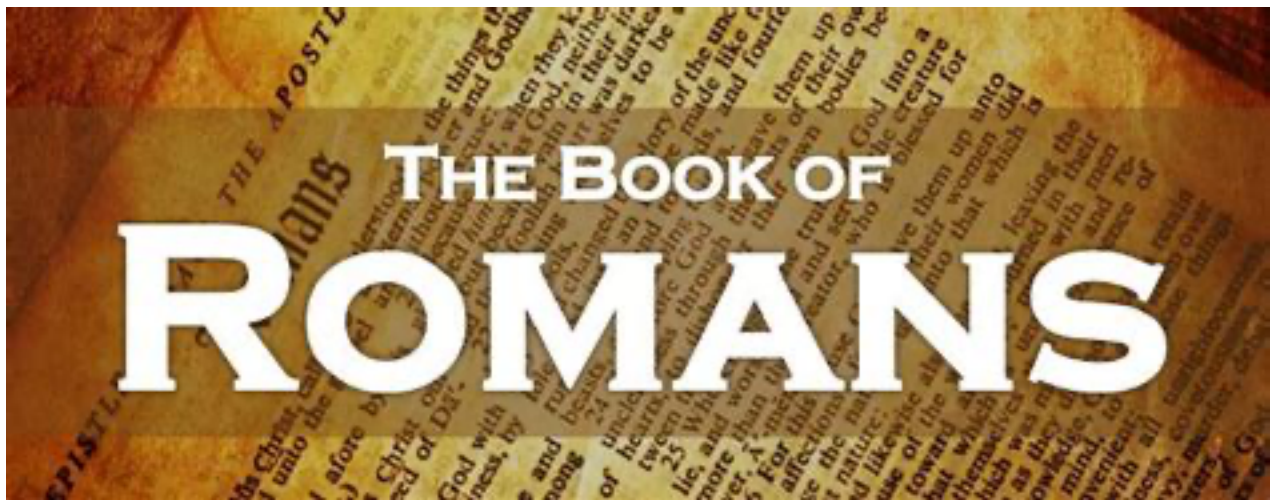
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### Thoughts on Romans

**2:9.** *Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile.*

In this verse the Apostle explains the ultimate result of unsaved man's hardness of heart ([2:5](#)) and God's indignation and wrath ([2:8](#)).

The two nouns in this verse are translated "tribulation" and "anguish." "Tribulation" is from the Greek noun [θλίψις](#) and "anguish" is from [στενοχωρία](#).

The distinction between these words is described in R.C. Trench, *Synonymns of the New Testament*, pp. 202-204. Here are some of his thoughts:

"When, according to the ancient law of England, those who willfully refused to plead guilty had heavy weights placed on their breasts, and were so pressed and crushed to death, this was literally [φλίψις](#)."

"The proper meaning of [στενοχωρία](#) is narrowness of room, confined space..., and ... the painfulness."

"The fitness of this image is attested by the frequency with which on the other hand a state of joy is expressed in the Psalms and elsewhere as a large room (πλατισμός, [Psalm cxvii. 5](#); [II Sam, xxii. 20](#); [Ecclus. Xlvii. 12](#); [Clement of Rome, 1 Ep.3](#))."

This describes an awful condition: crushing in a confined place!

This terrible condition is further described elsewhere in Scripture. All those whose names are not found written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire ([Revelation 20:15](#)). In Gehenna their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched ([Mark 9:48](#)), The smoke of the torment will go up forever ([Revelation 14:11](#)).

Perhaps the strongest single reference is [Matthew 25:46](#) where the eternity of the punishment of the wicked is set over against the eternity of the bliss of the saved.

What a contrast there is in the final state: an eternal punishment in the heat of hell in a painful, worm-filled environment which does not allow space to move vs. the promise of [John 8:36](#) (and numerous other verses)--*"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."*

Notice this punishment occurs upon "every soul of man that doeth evil." The evil is continual (the Greek verb here clearly indicates this!); therefore, the punishment is eternal.

Notice also that ethnic and/or religious background is irrelevant: "of the Jew first, and also of the Greek."

The conclusion should be obvious. Hell is an awful place and God's holiness will be vindicated by the punishment of the wicked.

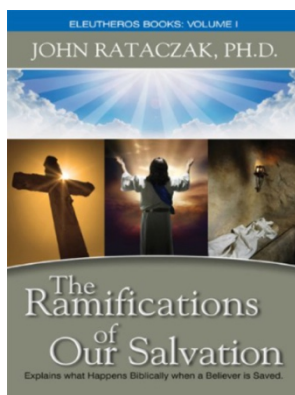
Of course, God wants His own to present the Gospel to every person so that the blessing of [2:10](#) is graciously given to those who believe!

May God help us to believe these things and then tell the world the glorious message that Jesus saves!

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

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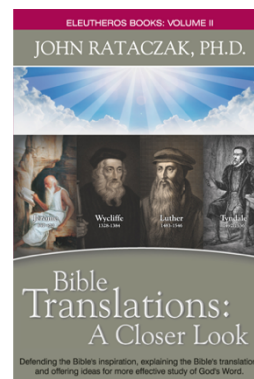
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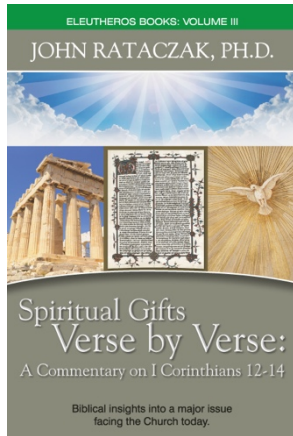


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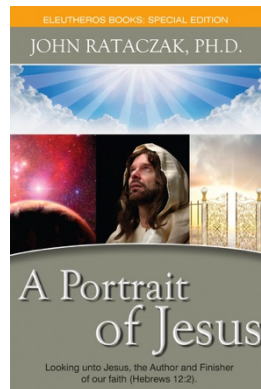
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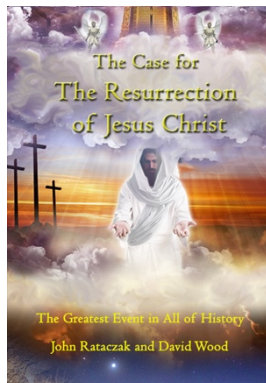


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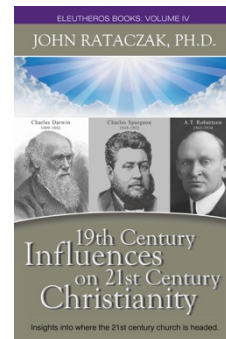
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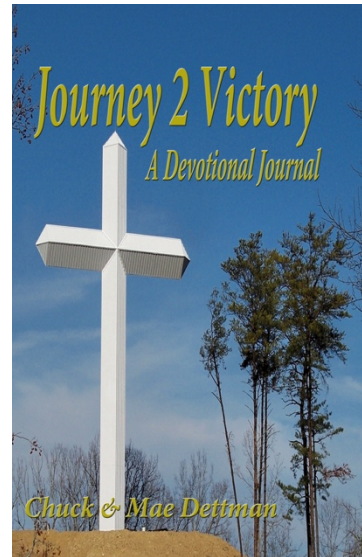
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