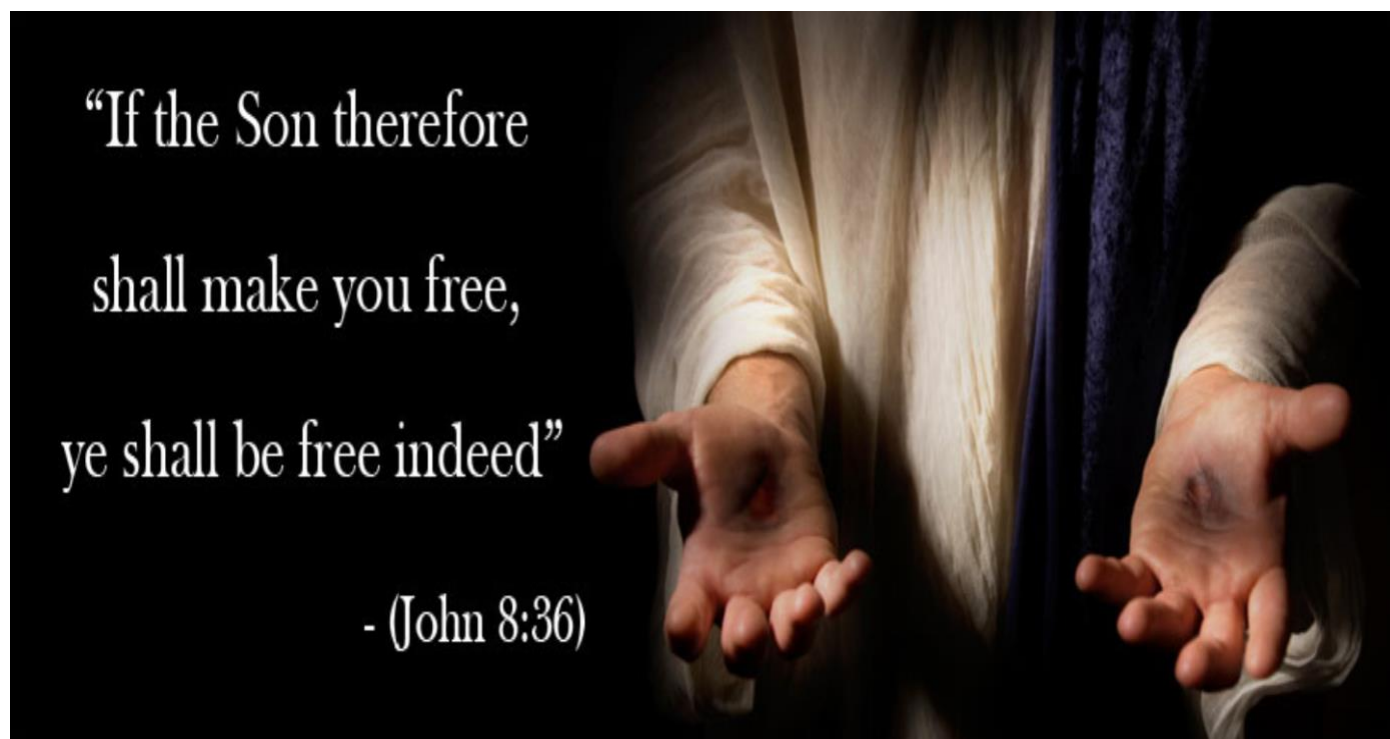


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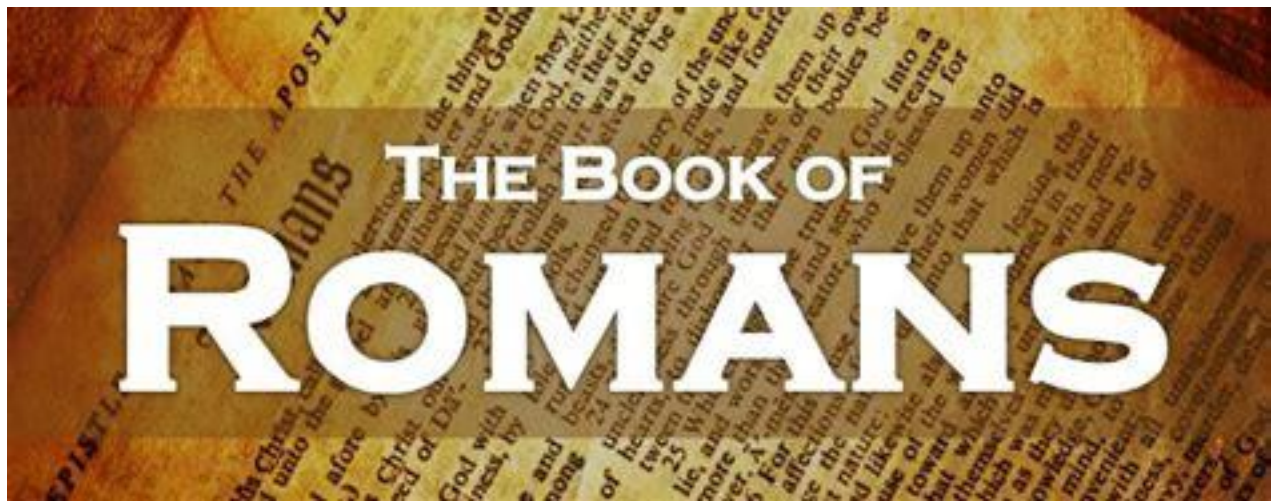
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Thoughts on Romans

2:19 *And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness.*

Earlier in this chapter the Apostle Paul describes the spiritual condition of both the Jews and the Gentiles. He declares that "there is no respect of persons with God" ([2:11](#)); and "God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ..." ([2:16](#)).

Here he explains the obvious arrogance of most Jews. “Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the Law, and makest thy boast to God, and knowest His will and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the Law” ([2:17-18](#)).

From a purely religious standpoint, the Jews of Paul’s day could correctly speak about their amazing history. This would include Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Samuel, David, and the prophets and priests of many centuries.

Paul himself was a well-trained Jew and formerly felt perfectly justified in persecuting Christians who were once Jews. He was aware of the arrogance among his own people, having been influenced so heavily before he was born again.

After serving our Savior for a number of years, he made it clear that arrogance had no place in his life: he declared he was “less than the least of all saints” (Ephesians 3:8).

Here in [Romans 2:19](#) Paul is pleading with the Jews, whom he dearly loved, to realize that their *confidence* and ability to be *a guide to the blind*, along with being *a light of them which are in darkness*, is totally misguided and is causing “the name of God to be blasphemed among the Gentiles” ([Romans 2:24](#)).

To put it simply, arrogance causes one to be an offense to others and an offense to God, even though it seems to have some worldly justification.

Ultimately arrogance damns a soul to hell, and this was a great concern of the Apostle!

Paul had to deal with the arrogance and worldliness of the Gentiles in Corinth, and wrote the following to them: “For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that which I give thanks? Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God” ([I Corinthians 10: 30-32](#)).

The only One Who can be a guide to the blind and a light of them which are in darkness is our Savior!

May those who truly know Him ask for God’s help to avoid arrogance for the benefit of reaching the lost with the glorious Gospel of Christ and for the glory of God!

May we give ALL the glory to Jesus! Perhaps this great hymn will inspire us to do just that!

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

Edward Perronet, adopted by John Rippon

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, Ye ransomed from the fall.

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

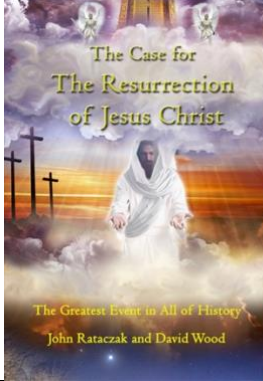
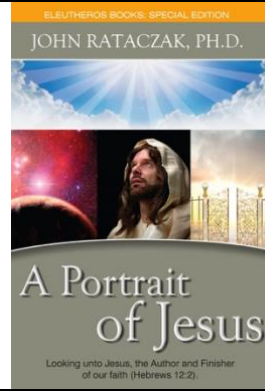
*Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
 To Him all majesty ascribes, and crown Him Lord of all!
 O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,
 We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!*

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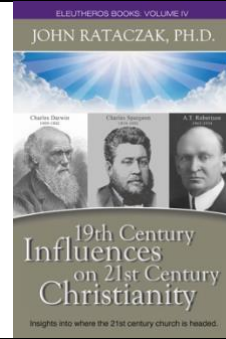
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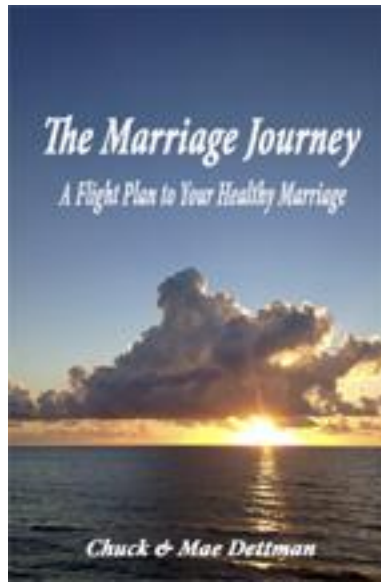
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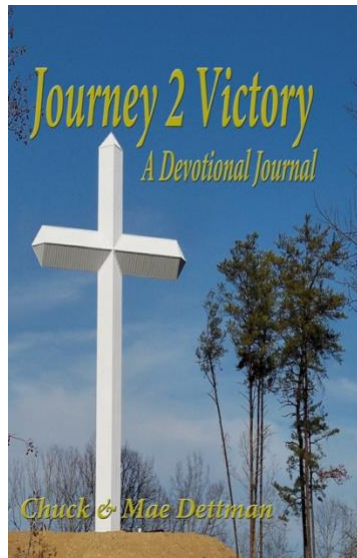
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