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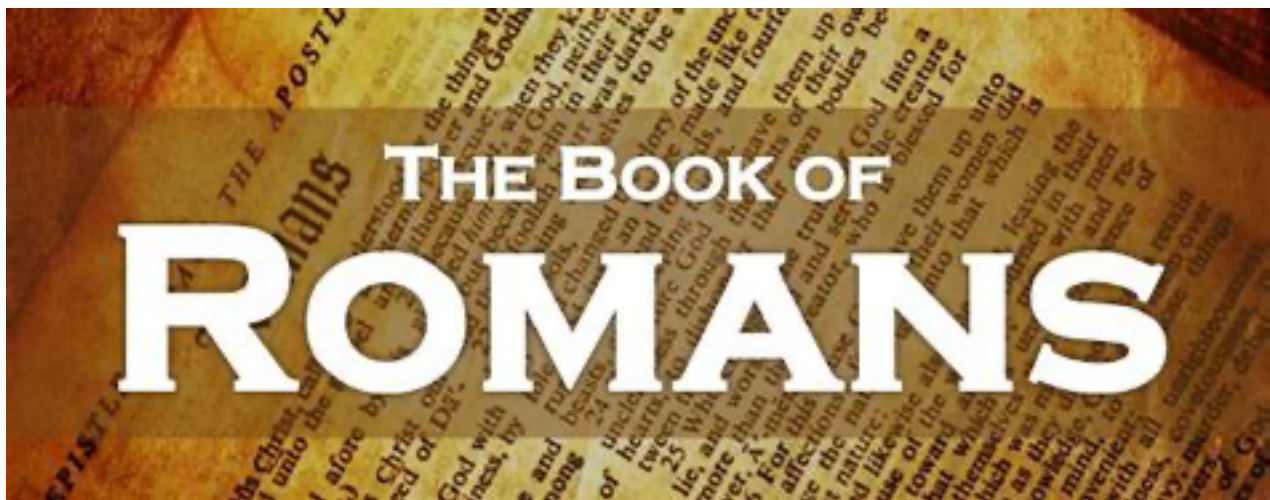
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Thoughts on Romans

[2:5](#) *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.*

In verse 4 of this chapter the Apostle offers a rebuking question about man in his naturally unsaved state: *Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance...?*

In the second half of verse 4 Paul offers an explanation as to WHY unregenerate souls react so poorly to God's goodness and forbearance: *not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.*

Thus, a major reason for man's condemnation is IGNORANCE. This is explained in more detail by the Apostle in his first epistle to the Corinthians: *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: **neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*** ([2:14](#)).

Here in [Romans 2:5](#) Paul emphasizes even more of man's hopelessness: *a hard and impenitent heart*. The word "hard" is from a Greek word σκληρότης (sklayrotays). This same word is found in the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament) in a passage that describes the hardness of the hearts of the Jewish people from the time of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob until the time of Moses ([Deuteronomy 9:27](#); see also [Matthew 25:24](#); [Acts 26:14](#); [James 3:4](#); [Jude 15](#)).

The Apostle goes on to describe another aspect of man's heart: it is *impenitent*. This word is the exact opposite of a repenting spirit. The Greek noun for "repentance" is μετάνοια (metanoia) and means "a change of mind, a change of attitude" which ultimately leads to a change of direction in someone's life). Unsaved individuals naturally will not and cannot change their minds about our Savior, His death, and His resurrection!

Notice the word "treasurest" in this verse. The verb is in the present tense in the original, indicating that this is a continual condition in man's heart. This verb is also in the indicative mood, indicating that the *treasuring unto thyself* of this unrepentant attitude is a fact. "Unto thyself" is an emphatic way to make the point!

Thus, man's wrath against God is a hopeless condition apart from God's grace! Man stores up an unrepentant attitude throughout his life on this earth; God's goodness leads to repentance! What a contrast!

What are the consequences for those who remain ignorant, hard, and unrepentant?

Paul answers this by writing about "the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God." It is clear that God's wrath, based on His holiness and hatred of sin, will surely result in a righteous judgment:

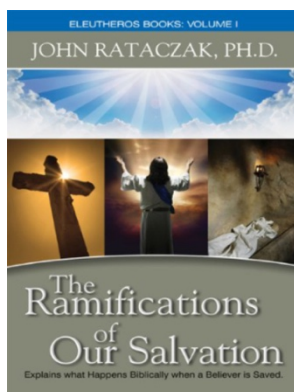
And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books,

according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were written in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire ([Revelation 20:11-15](#)).

May God's people understand the needs of all the unsaved people in this world and present the good news of the Gospel that saves souls!

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

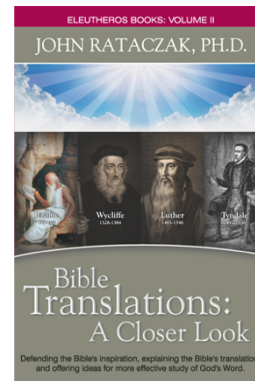
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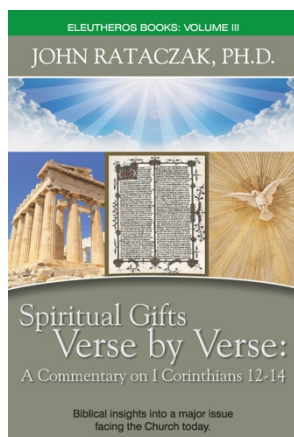
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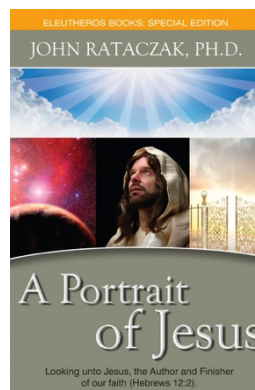
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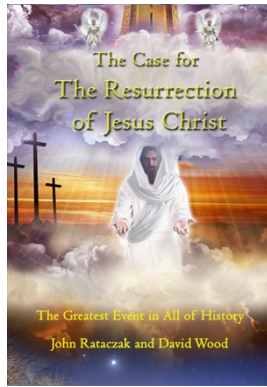


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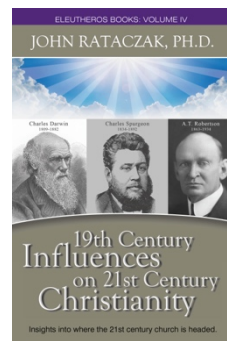
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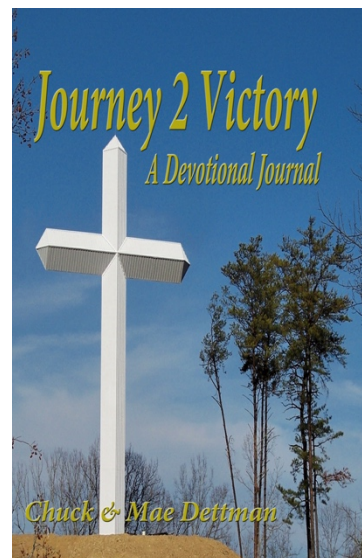
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