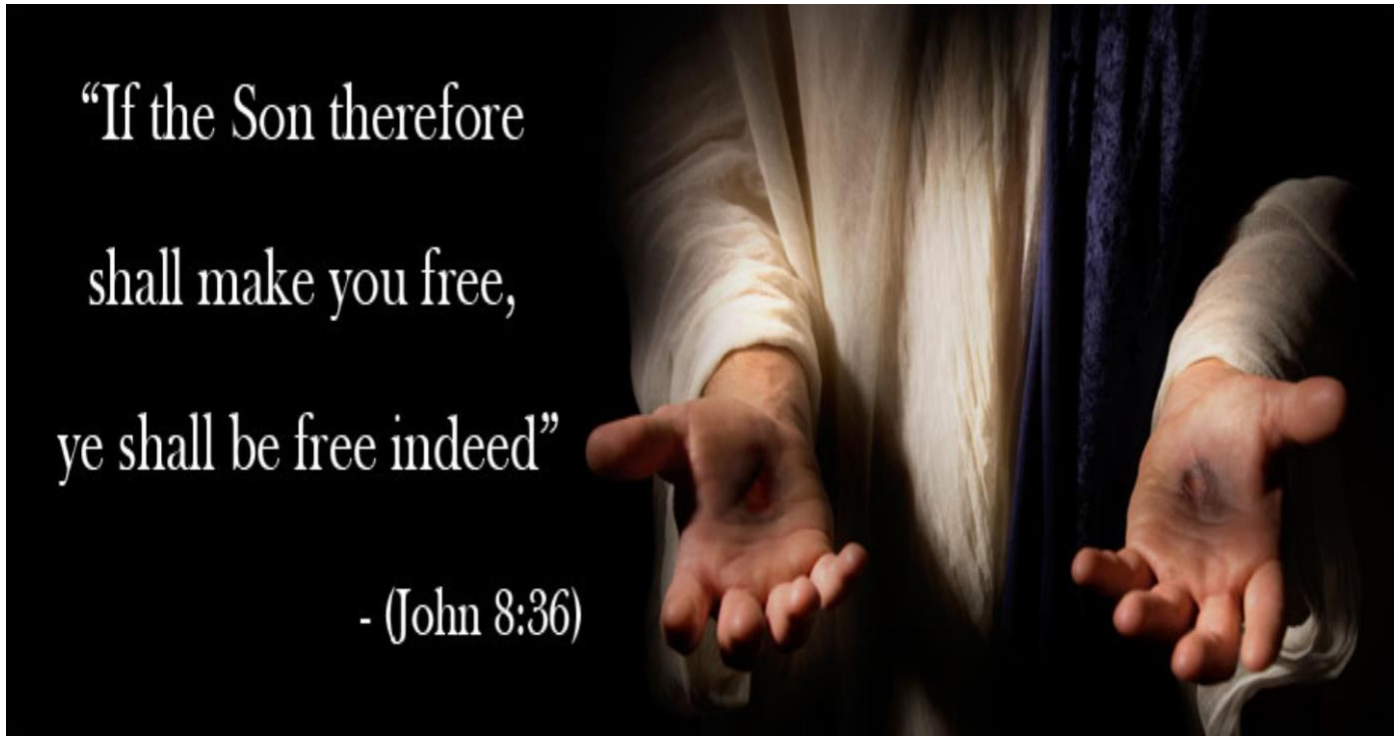


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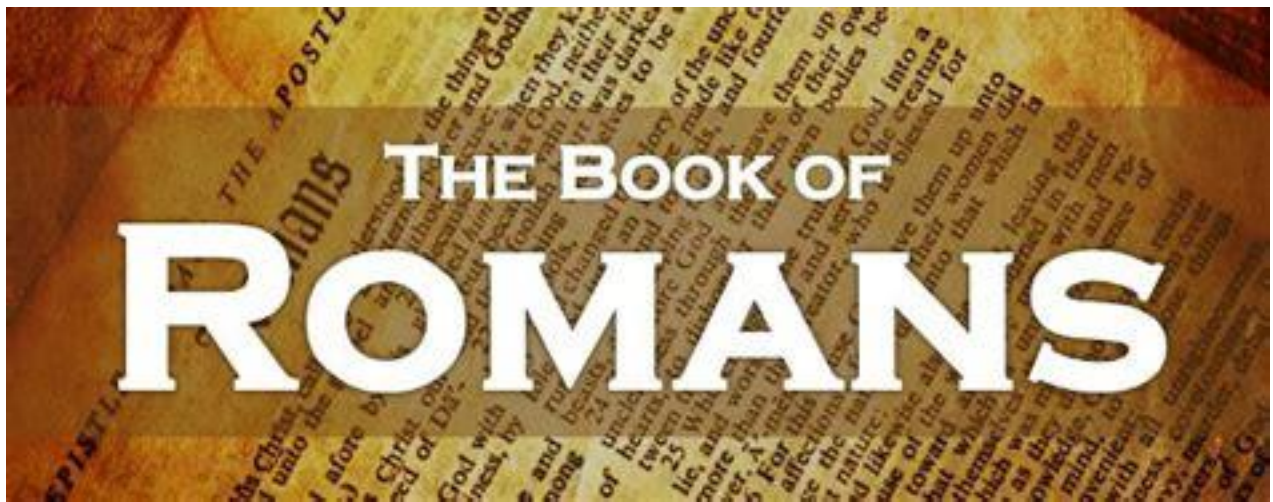
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Thoughts on Romans

2:14 *For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, not having the law, are a law unto themselves.*

Earlier Paul declared “there is no respect of persons with God” (2:11). Salvation and its blessings are available to both Jews and Gentiles (2:10).

Continuing these thoughts, the Apostle points out that Gentiles sometimes do what is right. According to A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament*, IV, pp.336-337, “*The Gentiles are without the*

Mosaic law, but not without some knowledge of God in conscience, and when they do right "they are a law to themselves." This is an obvious reply to the Jewish critic."

In the first century church there were many issues between Jews and Gentiles, and Paul had to deal with them occasionally in his epistles to the churches. There were Jews who perverted the Gospel in the Galatian churches; and the Apostles had to deal with concerns about whether Gentile believers were required to observe all the requirements about the Sabbath, holy days, sacrifices, etc. outlined in the Pentateuch of Moses. Check out [Acts 15:1-12](#).

There also was considerable arrogance on the part of many Jews. After all, the entire Old Testament was written by Jews and Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Samuel, David, and the Old Testament prophets were Jewish as well. And, of course, our Lord and His disciples were Jews!

The tendency was for the Jews to think that Gentiles were not as worthy as they were.

Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is actually rebuking this Jewish attitude by suggesting that there were Gentiles who actually were obedient to the law even though they had never been exposed to it!

Jewish history is replete with examples of their idol worship, intermarriage with people from ungodly religions, and mistreatment of the poor.

By the time Jesus came to this earth, He had to deal with the arrogance, hatred, hypocrisy, and perverted ideas of the religious leaders in Israel.

Simply knowing the law in some insufficient way does not produce good in the lives of people, whether they are Jewish or not!

The Gentiles also have a problem.

In the Apostle's Day they had their own ideas, not God's. They were "a law unto themselves." Sometimes they did what was right, even in some ways surpassing the outward righteousness of a number of Jews, but they were also in desperate need of the Gospel!

This is why, of course, Paul labored so fervently to present the Gospel to both Jews and Gentiles ([1 Corinthians 9:19-23](#)).

What relevance does this have for today's believers?

We who know Jesus as our Savior need to understand that the world around us is full of people who come from different backgrounds and have different outlooks, but without Jesus they are lost!

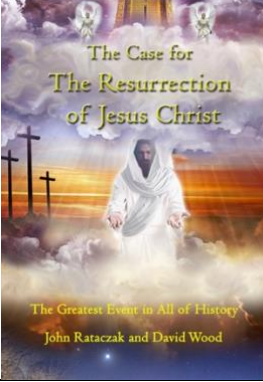
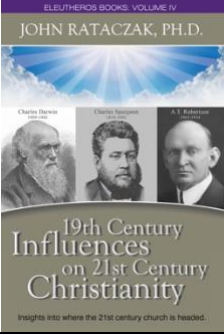
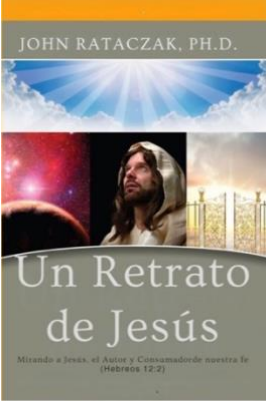
Depending on religion does not save! Jesus alone can do that!

May this become the passion of believers all over the world today!

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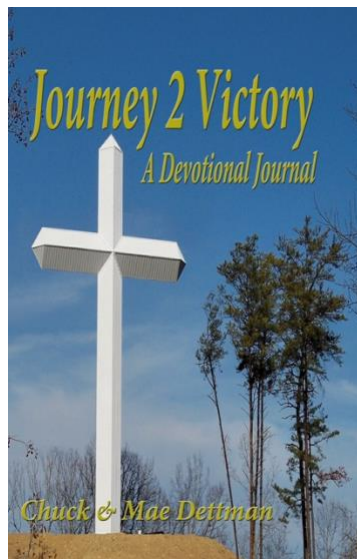
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