

The Advantage of Being Jewish, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 3.

B. The Jews repeatedly accused Paul of being a heretic. (Matthew 21:28, Acts 26, 6)

C. The Jews could not stand any attack on their Abrahamic security, so they launched an attack on Christian leaders.

D. Like the Jews, many today think that their good works are going to save them.

II. The Jews accused Christians of denying any value to their heritage, but they had the advantage of the Word of God that would lead to salvation. (John 10:35, Matthew 5, Mark 12, Luke 16, II Timothy, Psalm 19:7-10)

A. Faith comes from hearing the Word not the church only. (Romans 10)

III. The Jews accused Christians of attacking God's faithfulness, but Paul responds by saying that He keeps His promises despite Israel's lack of faithfulness. Israel will eventually be saved. (Psalm 51, Romans 9-11)

A. God will still be justified in the midst of man's unfaithfulness.

B. In our sin, God is glorified because He forgives us, but this is not license to sin. Sin is not another way to bring God glory, for we could not be judged sinners if it were. (Romans 6)

C. God delights in justifying the ungodly, but many abused this reality by turning grace into an opportunity for morality instead of acknowledging Jesus' lordship. (Romans 4:5, Jude 4, I Corinthians 5)

D. God is the judge of all the earth, but if all sin glorified God, there would be nothing for God to judge. (Genesis 18:25, Psalm 94:2, 50:6, 58:11)

E. One of the sins God will judge is the sin of lawlessness.

II. Application.

A. All religious systems add up to nothing.

B. The message is that all must know Christ intimately and personally in their own hearts.

C. We cross the line of God's wrath when we reject the Christ the Scriptures teach.

Application questions:

1. What advantages did the Jews have in spite of not being the only recipients of salvation?

2. How should sin be addressed to the believer who is secure in his salvation?

3. Will Israel be saved outside of belief in Christ? Explain.
