

Anno Dom. 60. 13 (For ^a not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

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

15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, || their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts || the mean while accusing or else excusing one another)

16 ^o In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men ^p by Jesus Christ, ^q according to my gospel.

17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and ^r retest in the law, ^s and makest thy boast of God ;

18 And knowest his will, and || ^t approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law,

19 And art confident that thou thy self art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, ^u which hast the form of knowledge, and of the truth in the law.

21 * Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thy self? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

23 Thou that ^v makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles, through you, as it is ^w written.

25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law : but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

26 Therefore, if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

28 For ^a he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh :

29 But he is a Jew, ^b which is one inwardly; and ^c circumcision is that of the heart, ^d in the spirit, and not in the letter, ^e whose praise is not of men but of God.

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1 The Jews prerogative. 20 None justified by the law, 28 but all by faith.

What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

2 Much every way: chiefly, because that ^a unto them were committed the oracles of God.

3 For what if ^b some did not believe? ^c shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

4 God forbid: yea, let ^d God be true, but ^e every man a liar; as it is written, ^f That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings; and mightest overcome when thou art judged:

5 But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)

6 God forbid: for then ^g how shall God judge the world?

7 For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

8 And not rather (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

9 What then? are we better than they? No in no wise: for we have before ^h proved both Jews and Gentiles, that ⁱ they are all under sin;

10 As it is written, ^j There is none righteous, no not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable, there is none that doeth good, no not one.

13 ^k Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; ^l the poison of asps is under their lips:

14 ^m Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.

15 ⁿ Their feet are swift to shed blood.

16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:

17 And the way of peace have they not known.

18 ^o There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 Now we know that what things soever ^p the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that ^q every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become || guilty before God.

20 Therefore ^r by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for ^s by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now ^t the righteousness of God

|| Or, the conscience witnessing with them, &c. || Or; between themselves. o Matth. 25. 31. p John 5. 33. & Acts 17. 31. q Chap. 16. 25. 2 Tim. 2. 8. r Mic. 3. 11. s John 8. 41. || Or, unless the things that differ. t Phil. 2. 10. u Chap. 6. 17. 2 Tim. 1. 13. & 3. 5. v Psal. 50. 16, &c. w Sam. 12. 14. Isa. 52. 5. Ezech. 36. 20, 23. x John 8. 39. Chap. 9. 6, 7. Gal. 6. 16. Rev. 2. 9. b 1 Pet. 2. 4. c Col. 2. 11. Phil. 3. 3. d Chap. 7. 5. e 1 Cor. 7. 6, 7. f 1 Cor. 13. 13. g Th 1. 4.

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