

*“O Man”, No Partiality<sup>1</sup>  
with God!*

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1. No partiality or discrimination of God for all humanity, *, Romans, Jews, Greeks, Gentiles, and Arabs,*

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Do Arabs feel left out that Islam is not mentioned in the Bible, but neither is Judaism or Mormonism, also among the isms that should be wasims.

*“Or is He the God of the Jews? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles. Yes of the Gentiles also, since there is one God who will justify the circumcized by faith and the uncircumcized through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.” (Romans 3:29-31)*

Simultaneously as we are developing this self-interpretative and self-outling, outline of the book of Romans, we find Romans to be all inclusive on peoples of nations as well as the total plan of God's salvation for the world. Hence the title, and the words often in Romans of "Romans, Jews, Greeks, and Gentiles." Actually since "Jews" and "Gentiles" are mentioned more often than Romans addressed in 1:7--"To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints"--to distinguish its location among the 27 books of the NT, and since Paul did not chose the titles for his books as they later became NT canon, one would not have been surprised to have seen a subject title like "Jews and Gentiles". However, you do see even in the addressing words of 1:7 to all Christians in Rome, the all inclusive nature of the book. In keeping with many of the OT Prophets who spoke as "Prophets to Nations", and so were instructed by God, so Paul sought a message for all nations.

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God is and always has been far more active in world events and history than most know. As written in II Chronicles 16:9--

**“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him....”**

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*2-1: 3 of the most outstanding fables<sup>1</sup> of the world--Judaism, Islam, and Mormonism<sup>2</sup>--are dealt with in the book of Romans, and you can clearly see that in Romans 10:1-4 where these isms should be wasms: (1) they have a zeal of God but not according to the knowledge of God; (2) so much pride is in the world, east and west, and these isms professing themselves to be wise, remain ignorant of the Bible and the true knowledge of God; (3) no matter which side is calling the other “heathen”, they are going about to establish their own righteousness; and (4) they have not and they are not submitting to the righteousness of God which is by faith in Jesus.*

Another appropriate title for Romans would be “A History of Civilizations from the Perspective of the Creator” for right up front Paul starts his masterpiece of OT research from 7 years in Tarsus with “..for since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen...” (1:20), and an explanation to why although God, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ seems then and today as almost ignored in the whole world, “what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it unto them” (1:19); and as for when it comes down to the nations of the world and who among them is going to be justified in the

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1. A thorough study of Romans deals and eliminates not only with the 5 Christian fables currently under Bible study under “Fables, Labels, and Doctrines” but also with the 3 major labels of fables of the world, Judaism, Islam, and Mormonism.
  2. All three of these isms that ought to be wasms thrive on persecution, wanting to excuse and self justify themselves as the moral and persecuted of the intolerant. My, my, what some do for the moral high ground of civilization.

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sight of God, it is "not the hearers of the law {that} are just<sup>1</sup> in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified" (2:13). AND

"for when Gentiles {this includes Arabs and Muslims}, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law unto themselves<sup>2</sup>, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves {the Arab Muslim part of humanity are really good at that} their thoughts accusing or else excusing themselves {Sunnis and Shiates}..." (Romans 2:13-15)

Like Paul in the first century wrote the book of Romans, even as with all 14 of his letters, we will repeat his outlining process by rehashing from beginning to end the Old Testament quotes along with their New Testament interpretation.

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### 2-2. *Romans 1:17 and Habakkuk 2:4.*<sup>3</sup> *Gospel of the Righteousness of God through faith.*<sup>4</sup>

1. Pre-Comments. (You will notice that the comments are also some devotional as the spirit leads us to say Amen and Amen.) You can see why some commentaries like to entitle Romans as "The Righteousness of God", and also why this Bible study of SunGrist is entitled "Gospel Pride".<sup>5</sup> In reality we will oscillate between the two titles for fullness of explanation. When Paul starts Romans 1:16 with "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ", then explains why because: (1) the Gospel manifests the power of God at work; (2) the Gospel makes clear the plan of God's great salvations in all its marvelous implications as propitiation, redemp-

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1. Remember those words just and justified, so prevalent in the Gospel message of Romans, and the source of the Bible doctrine of justification by faith.
  2. Some of those laws Arabs and Muslims do have written within the Koran and Jews of Judaism within the Torah, and even some in the 4 Bibles of Mormonism; unfortunately it is ascribed to other than the real Creator and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself..
  3. This is the first quote of Romans from the Old Testament, and Romans 1:17 is the placeholder. In order to get the full Romans interpretation of the quote of 1:17 we must show at least one or more verses from Romans in front of the quote and also after the quote, in this first case it will include Romans 1:16-19.
  4. A topical title out of each quote and interpretation is given in order to summarize those verses.
  5. Of course, Martin Luther as he started the great reformation based on Romans found in it the theme of Habakkuk 2:4 of "The just shall live by faith." And since many seldom find in the OT salvation by faith as in the NT, we will look carefully at Habakkuk 2:4 and in context as well as with where it is quoted and explained in Romans 1:16-19.

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tion, the atonment, and the cross, justification, and other words to be discussed in this outline {great words of salvation which Sauer calls "The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross"}; (3) it is made available through the design of God and the sacrificing atonement of Christ, His Son, on the cross to "everyone who believes"; and (4) the sequence in Romans as in the heart and mind of God for His first love of Israel is the Jews first, then Gentiles<sup>1</sup>. "I am not ashamed of the gospel..." is really a positive statement on the part of Paul that he is proud of the Gospel, but then as now, since pride is always condemned in the Bible, and few understand Paul as he wrote in the miniature of Romans, the book of Galatians, that "God forbid that I glory save in the preaching of the cross..." (Galatians x:xx)

2. **NOTES:** Our problem with the outlining of the book of Romans is to make too many comments as the words of the book inspire so much of all we know about God, salvation, and the Bible! It is prayed that you will find in this Bible study on the incomparable book of Romans, in the Bible and in literature, what a Chinese translator found in the Bible as he was putting it into the Chinese language, "The One that wrote this book made me, because He knows things about me that no one else knows."

3. **Peter and Paul.** Comments by the Apostle Peter on Paul in Romans. You will recall that several months ago, together we first started a series from Peter, then that led to a series on Christian fables with the supplements of "Israel and Last Things" and now Romans.

"Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things {the Last Things of the Day of the LORD and Lord and the Second Coming of Christ in II Peter 3:1-13}, be diligent to be found by Him in peace {found by Christ at His Second Coming}, without spot and blameless<sup>2</sup>; and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation--as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his

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1. Actually Paul uses the word Greek instead of Gentile which is strange in that the book of Romans was written to the city and Christian church at Rome--"To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, and called to be saints" (Romans 1:7). Of course, we must recall that the habit of the Roman Empire as it conquered and took over countries was to leave the cultures intact, that culture primarily being that of the Greeks that controlled the known world before them. A great aspect of this culture was the Greek "koine" or common language, also the language of the market place. So really Paul was saying that the gospel after to the Jews was for the whole culture of the world. One might say that the Roman Empire was built on the business, and architecture, and military of the city of Rome and the culture, education, and language of the Greeks. All these matters were considered by God "In the fulness of time..." (Matthew x:xx) as He sent His Son, the supreme oracles of God.

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epistles {the 27 books of the NT were starting to come together now in the first century with the epistles of Peter and Paul, also of John and Matthew, Mark, Luke, etc}, speaking in them of these things {Peter and Paul had the same subjects to speak of and to write of, and that harmony and agreement is within itself an evidence the the Bible had a common source, that is It came from God through Christ and the Holy Spirit}, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist<sup>1</sup> to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures." (II Peter 3:14-16)

(1) Peter testifies that both he and Paul were writing Scriptures like the OT Scriptures.

(2). Where does the twist or wresting of Christian fables come from, then and now? From (a) a lack of proper Bible understanding that comes from comparing scripture with scripture and other Bible rules of hermeneutics; (b) from untaught people such as those Paul wrote of in Ephesians X:xx that did not properly Learn Christ; (c) from unstable people with their ups and downs of the 5 stages of the Falling Away 9II Timothy 4:3,4) such as intolerance toward sound doctrine, itching ears teachers, motivation by purpose driven wants over spirit and Christ driven purpose, and turning away from truth by adding things to the Scriptures.

4. Old Testament quote and interpretation. {Habakkuk 2:4 and Romans 1:17}

a. The Old Testament Quotation under the leadership of the Holy Spirit to chose which one out of the many Paul outlined in a re-read of the OT after conversion and while in the so-called 7 silent years<sup>2</sup> of Tarsus.

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2. You should recall how the series on Peter and Paul started with II Peter 1:5-7 with additions to your Christian faith; that is add to your faith virtue, to your virtue add knowledge, to your knowledge add self-control, to your self-control add perseverance, to your perseverance add godliness, to your godliness add brotherly kindness, and to your brotherly kindness add love.

1. The twist of Christian fables.

2. Not so silent as Paul went back and study the OT again in the light of an experience with Christ, an OT as a lawyer in Israel he knew so well in the letter of the law; and as he studied through again the 39 books {manuscripts} of the OT he made notes in his own manuscripts, those same manuscripts that he left for Timothy and Luke and John Mark. Where did the Holy Spirit come in? Obviously in the interpretation, not a private but a sem-public and authorized, interpretation of the OT Scriptures, also in the many decision of what part of the list and where to put the list in the writing of the 14 New Testament books. You see, there was also the professionalism of a lawyer at work in the writings of Paul along with Christ, the Spirit, and the reading of the OT!

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**“Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.” (Habakkuk 2:4)**

The Prophet complains about the violence, destruction, and fierceness of the Chaldeans; and God answers in a vision which Habakkuk records, that the violence will be returned on their own head, although God is using them to chastise His own people. But most important we that though now powerful, they are not upright in the sight of God; their or his soul is lifted up in him {goes to he and him to be general for all humanity outside of faith and the righteousness by faith}; however, what God intended in the very beginning and in time, trouble or otherwise, is that “the just {and by the way also justified} shall live by faith”.

The LORD God, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ and the author of this Bible of 66 books is the supreme Creator and ruler of the whole universe, and all men no matter what their fable or label of doctrine are under His rule and His judgment. He sorts out now from among all the nations and in all the nations of this earth, as He always has done, the just or justified from the soul of pride and unrighteousness!

b. The New Testament Interpretation. (Romans 1:16-19)

**“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith’. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.” (Romans 1:16-19)**

It must be accounted for as to why so much violence and unrighteousness by men and powers of nations like the Chaldeans, the Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks and Romans; for in spite of what you see and hear in the world, “the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness and ungodliness of men”, those same men and nations that “hold the truth in unrighteousness”. And further they are all, and always have been in any generation, without excuse for their own sin<sup>1</sup> and unrighteousness, because God has given 3 testimonies to Himself since Creation: (1) the marvelous design and intricacies

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of Creation that demand a great Designer; (2) in turn these visible things of nature make clear such invisible things as the eternal power and trinity of the Godhead; and (3) the conscience of every man ever born on earth speaks of this God and His righteousness. Of course, culture tries to work over that conscience and Satan!

NOTE: You will recall that the original Bible series that got us into Peter and Paul, and Christian fables and Israel and Last Things, now Romans brings us full circle as in all Scriptures, that is the original series of "Christian View of Life and Living" which started in Psalms with an initial identification between good and evil, between godly and ungodly.

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2-3. *Romans 2:6 from Psalm 62:12 and Proverbs 24:12. No Partiality with God.*

1. Romans 2:3-11. Address from God to all "O man".

"And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? 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; Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile {notice that Gentile is used here}; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God." (Romans 2:3-11)

God holds out equal opportunity for every man on earth of every nation, Jew and Gentiles being inclusive of the whole world, and the choice is held out between: glory on the good side and indignation and wrath on the bad side, tribulation and

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1. First of Romans it is unrighteousness, or not upright as in Habakkuk, and later that becomes sin as we start to understand the history of the world from the perspective of God.

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anguish eternally on the soul of evil and glory, honor, and peace on the all men of the earth that work good!. And oh yes, either eternal life for the good and eternal wrath for the evil on the day of righteous judgement of God.

2. The OT quote {in this case Romans 2:6 is a quote from two locations in the OT, from first the Psalms that came from David and proverbs from his son Solomon} and the NT interpretation.

a. Psalm 62:7- 12.

NOTE: Can't you see the inspiration in the mind and heart of Paul {by reading Romans based on Psalm}, recently converted to Christ on the road to Damascus, and his soul on fire in the quiteness of 7 years at Tarsus to get out and share his own Gospel Pride.

"In God is my salvation and my glory{right there is gospel pride from David}: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity. {equivalent of "all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:10-18)}<sup>1</sup> Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them<sup>2</sup>. God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God. Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work." (Psalm 62:7-12)

b. Proverbs 24:12.

"If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?" (Proverbs 24:12)

NOTE: We need not comment as Proverbs and Psalms explain Romans, and Romans explains Psalms and Proverbs.

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1. By the way, also quotes from the book of Psalms.

2. The Christian fable of the gospel of prosperity which often replaces Gospel Pride in Christ and the cross comes easily into the Christian life as riches increase {called the trap of Satan and the root of all evil}, then as the heart becomes set on them.

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2-4: *Romans 2:24 and Isaiah 52:5 and Ezekiel 36:22. Sin, Guilt, and Blasphemy of the Jews.*<sup>1</sup>

1. Isaiah 52:3-7. Captivity in Assyria blasphemed the reputation of God.

“For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought {how cheaply you have sold yourselves into captivity}; and ye shall be redeemed without money. {AMEN, but with the precious blood of Jesus as a spot without blemish... For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian {first the northern kingdom of Israel went into captivity in Assyria, now Iraqi, and then the southern kingdom of Judah and Jerusalem went into captivity in Babylon, also in Iraqi, and God has already exacted a leveling of that nation as He promised} oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed. {that with captivity they have placed themselves by unrighteousness into a position that embarrasses God, that makes it seem like He is no longer God of the Universe, and that is blasphemy<sup>2</sup>} Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!” (Isaiah 52:3-7)

**NOTE:** A first expression of Gospel Pride in the last words of this passage about the “good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation”. And it is the God of Israel that reigns supreme, the God Who is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the God of the Bible of 66 books.

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1. It would be an interesting Bible study to first look at all places the word Jew is mentioned in Romans, for who knew them any better than Paul having been on both sides, Judaism and then Christianity among the Jews and by way of the Jew Christ Jesus; and then from there look the word up in OT and NT. It is amazing how much is found in Romans about the Jews, then and now; and another possible subject of Romans could be “All Israel Saved”. Of course you must first understand that all Israel is not of the nation of Israel.
  2. OMG is also blasphemy as it tries to bring God down to our level, and not only to our level but to the level of very, very little problems that could be handled best and better through prayer and thanksgiving to God. As you take the name of God in vain, like as with OMG, you are saying to the world that God does not reign supreme. This blasphemes the name of God. For one thing that you could speak so lightly of such a great and glorious name, and then that you think so little of Him in the eyes of those who hear you! If we were considering 6 top Christian fables instead of the top 5, blasphemy of the name of God should be that sixth, for the taking of the name of God is done so many times daily by church members and the world as to be a pandemic. Where there is no respect for God, that nation is in trouble!

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2. Ezekiel 36:22.

3. Romans 2:17-24.

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*2-5: We should conclude this first outlining session on Romans with a quick look at “Jews and Arabs” in the Bible and in the book of Romans.*

Right up front we should acknowledge that Jews and Arabs are cousins, both acknowledging Abraham as the father of the two great peoples, one son Isaac as the father of the Jews and another Ishmael as father of the Arabs; as well as a little reality that Mohammedism is much newer in entry into world affairs than the Bible, coming on the scene about 700 A.D. {It is supposedly that many of the Middle East must out of a common conscience of humanity struggle with whether they are more Arab or more Muslim.}

1. Typical of the word Jew, found about 275 times in the Bible, is this quote from from the OT in Jeremiah 44 about the remnant that remained in the land after the majority in Jerusalem and all Judea were either killed or taken captive to Babylon.

“The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews<sup>1</sup> which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying, Thus saith<sup>2</sup> the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein, Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, ye, nor your fathers. Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods. Wherefore my fury

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1. Jew is short for Jerusalem, resident of Jerusalem and the area, or speaker of the language of Jerusalem, or as a foreigner from Jerusalem.  
2. It is clear that God is doing the talking and that Jeremiah is simply writing it down.

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and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day. Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain..."

2. As stated earlier the word "Jew" is a major topic of Romans, and indeed could be used to outline the book.

1. Romans 1:16. The Jew was first in the reception of the Gospel of Christ, the nation out of whom Christ was born, and those wonderful custodians of the oracles of God.

2. Romans 2:9 and 2:10. The Jew, also, is the first recipient of justice on soul's of evil even as the Greeks--

"O man {humanity}...in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who 'will render to each one according to his deeds' (Psalm 62:12 and Proverbs 24:12) eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness--indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God." (Romans 2:5-11)

3. Romans 2:17. Jews are as guilty as Gentiles, and that is the beginning of a proper perspective on both Jews and Arabs<sup>1</sup>.

4. Romans 2:28 and 2:29. Who is really a Jew? "in the spirit, not in the letter, whose praise is not from men but from God."

5. Romans 3:1. "What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision" Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. for what if some did not believe?"

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1. The Muslim committed to radicalism and Jihad is another matter. Those are one step away from full control by Satan as their works manifest.

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6. Romans 3:9. "What then? are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin."

7. Romans 3:29. "Or is He the God of the Jews? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles. Yes of the Gentiles also, since there is one God who will justify the circumcized by faith and the uncircumcized through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law." (Romans 3:29-31)

8. Romans 9:24. God calls those people that were not previously called His people (Hosea 2:23).

9. Romans 10:12. "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich toward all that call on Him. For 'whosoever calls upon the name of the LORD shall be saved." (Joel 2:32 and Romans 10:13)

**NOTE:** The word "Israel" also outlines Romans, but that will be more for the next Bible session..