

COMPARE JEW AND GENTILE.

INTRO.:

A. Text: Romans 3:9-20.

B. Regarding the text:

1. These verses emphasize man's condition without the Gospel.
2. The Jews did have some advantage. (From the family of Israel.)
3. Yet, they were no better than the Gentile.
4. They violated the Law and accused others of sin.

DISCUSSION: FROM THESE VERSES WE OBSERVE...

I. BOTH JEW AND GENTILE ARE GUILTY (9-18).

A. Vs. 9: "they are all under sin" (Jew and Gentile).

1. "Are we better than they?"
 - 1) BOTH were in need of the Gospel (1:16).
 - 2) Man's only hope.
2. Remember both were under their own law.
 - 1) NOW... both are amenable to the same law.
 - 2) **Col. 1:23; Mark 16:15** "preach the gospel to every creature."
 - 3) All accountable to this New Law! (Jew and Gentile.)
3. Every man today is under the same law.

B. Vs. 9: "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin."

1. "Proved" – As was shown in earlier verses.
 - 1) Gentile: **1:18-32**.
 - 2) Jew: **2:1-29**.

C. Vs. 10-18: A history lesson for the Jew.

1. Paul uses the O/T to prove the N/T.
 - 1) **Vss. 10-12** comes from **Psalm 53:1**.
 - 2) **Vs. 13** from Psalm 5:9 and 140:3.
 - 3) **Vs. 14** from Psalm 10:7.
 - 4) **Vss. 15-17** from Isaiah 59:7.
 - 5) **Vs. 18** from **Psalm 36:1**.
2. This history lesson outlined the ongoing transgressions of the nation of Israel.
3. The very same sort of message Stephen gave in **Acts 7**.

II. THE LAW OF MOSES DID NOT JUSTIFY (19-20).

A. Vs. 19: (Identified as the Law of Moses.)

1. Paul speaks of what man is and ever would be without God's plan of justification.
 - 1) Without a law... man would be lawless.
 - a. **1 Tim. 1:9** "For the lawless."
 - b. Remember... man has always had a law.
 - 2) "... world may become guilty before God." (Subject to the judgment of God).

B. Verse 20.

1. The “deeds of the LAW” – These were works required under the Old Law.
 - 1) And these things were no longer in place (**Gal. 2:16**).
 - 2) Under the Old Law sins were remembered (**Heb. 10:3**).
 - 3) The Gospel (N/L) provided the means of remove sin (**Gal. 3:24**).
 - 4) The Jews could not continue to live by the Old Law (**Gal. 5:4**).
2. The promise of **Genesis 3:15** was given long before the Law of Moses.
 - 1) Fulfilled in Christ. (**Gal. 3:24; Matt. 5:17**).
 - 2) The Old Law was to last until the “seed should come” (**Gal. 3:19; Gal. 4:4-5**).
3. When the New Law was given... the Old was removed (Col. 2:14; Rom. 1:16-17).

III. CONCLUSION.

A. Today, everyone is accountable to the Law of Christ (the Gospel).

B. We will be saved or lost depending on how handle His Word.

1. Damnation for those who will not obey the Gospel of Christ (**2 Thess. 1:7-9**).
2. Salvation to the obedient (**Heb. 5:9; 1 Pet. 1:22**).

C. We are not a law unto ourselves.

D. There is only ONE law and our salvation hinges on our response to it (Rom. 1:16)