



The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

February: 17: The Advantages of the Jews: Romans 2:25-3:8

What does Paul mean by the Law (the letter, the written code)?

Psalm 119:165-166 Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. I hope for your salvation, O LORD, and I do your commandments.

Why did God give circumcision?

Genesis 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Romans 2:25

What problem undergirds Paul's argument here?

How might this apply to Baptism?

Colossians 2:11-12 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Romans 2:26-27

What does it mean to keep the precepts of the law?

What will happen to those who don't have the written code, but keep it?

What will happen to those who have the written code, but break it?

Romans 2:28-29

What makes a Jew a true Jew?

What does Paul mean as he contrasts the Spirit and the letter?

Deuteronomy 30:6 And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Romans 3:1-2

Did the Jews have any advantages in salvation history?

Romans 9:4-5 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 3:3-4

Does human unfaithfulness prevent God from accomplishing His purposes? What evidence does Paul quote?

What does our unrighteousness reveal?

Romans 3:5-6

What logical misunderstanding does Paul argue against?

Romans 6:1-2 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Can God make good come from our evil?

Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Romans 3:7-8

Should we do evil that good may come?

Why would people say such things about Paul and the Apostles? Does Paul tolerate such false accusation?