

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

Romans 2:17-29: Paul's Gospel and the Jew

MOSES AND THE WAY: Rom. 2:4 and Ex. 32-34

1. Last time we saw that the Glory Moses was PARTIAL (Ex. 33:18-34:6).
2. It was also VEILED and only TEMPORARY (Ex. 34:29-35).
3. 2 Cor. 3:12—The reason for 2 Cor. 3—Paul Speaks Boldly—Eph. 6:19-20.
 - a. v. 1-4—because the whole Triune Godhead is working through Paul's Ministry:
The Holy Spirit inscribed Christ on the heart and sent it to the Father.
-- the Corinthians themselves were the proof because in recommending Christ they recommended Paul
 - b. v. 5-6—because it was God who made Paul's sufficient for this.

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THE NEW COVENANT: 2 Cor. 3:6

1. Are we under the New Covenant—some say yes, some say no, others maybe.
 - a. Replacement theology.
 - b. No, this is a different new covenant—the gospel...
 - d. Yes, we are under it receiving its spiritual blessings—forgiveness, regenerated heart, etc.
2. The New Covenant: Jer. 31:31-34
3. The New Covenant gives spiritual blessings like regeneration of the heart and forgiveness of sins ...but its core promise is to WRITE THE LAW ON ISRAEL'S HEART/S!
4. One thing we know absolutely, definitively, without doubt, and 100% is that Paul is NOT saying here that believers today have the Law written on the heart.
5. In fact, Paul tells us in this passage exactly what is written on the heart through his ministry: CHRIST IS WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS! (2 Cor. 3:3)

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6. This occurs in the context of God making Paul's Apostleship "sufficient" or qualified (2 Cor. 2:16-17; 3:5-6).
7. False teachers with letters of recommendation (probably Jews with letters from Jerusalem) were coming in order to add the Old Law Covenant to Paul's Ministry in Corinth.
8. Paul shows that their letters of recommendation are nothing compared to his (3:1-3).
 - a. Theirs were written by human hands on paper to add the Old Law Covenant to Paul's ministry.
 - b. But it is through his ministry that the Holy Spirit writes Christ on their hearts by grace.
9. God's answer to the Old Covenant problem in Israel's Program was the New Covenant.
10. God's answer to the Old Covenant problem in Paul's day is Paul's Grace Ministry.

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10. Paul uses the word “diakonos” for minister not “doulos”:
 - a. He is not saying he is under the New Covenant or its authority—that would be “doulos”.
 - b. He is saying that God has made his ministry more than adequate in accomplishing what the New Covenant called for—bringing His people to Himself.
11. Through the ministry of the New Covenant, God will call out believing Israelites unto Himself, making them His Own People. How? By writing the Law upon their hearts and empowering them through the Holy Spirit to live with Him forevermore.
12. Through the ministry of Paul, God is now calling out believers today unto Himself, making them His Own People. How? By writing CHRIST upon their hearts and empowering them through the Holy Spirit unto eternal life.
13. In this sense, God has made Paul's Apostleship more than adequate in accomplishing the service that the New Covenant was to provide in solving the Old Covenant problem of condemnation and death. (3:5-6).

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14. Paul's ministry offered far more than the false teachers could offer the Corinthians by returning to the Old Covenant written on stones.
 - a. Through Paul's Ministry, the Holy Spirit writes Christ on the heart and carries them into eternal life (3:2-6)
 - b. Through Paul's Ministry the Holy Spirit brings all believers, including the Jews, into God's full, unveiled and permanent Glory! (2 Cor. 3:7-18)