

THE PRIDE OF THE CHOSEN

Romans 2:17–29

- The POSSESSION of the Jews demonstrates God's DESIGN for RELATIONSHIP with His covenant people

- The POSITION of the Jews under the WRATH of God demonstrates God's IMPARTIAL JUDGEMENT

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Has there ever been a time that you have been chosen to perform an important task? How did that make you feel? How did that task go?
2. Look at the privileges that the Jews had in verses 17 and 18. Discuss how these are legitimate advantages that the Jews have been given. Which of these stands out most to you? See also Jeremiah 9:23-24.
3. In what ways do we as Christians have similar privileges? In what ways are our privileges different? Ephesians 1:4-5, 1 Peter 1:24-25, Hebrews 4:12
4. Look now at the prerogatives of the Jew in verses 19-20. Discuss the ways that the privileges from question 2 lead into these prerogatives. See Isaiah 42:6-7, Psalm 14:1, Proverbs 26:4-5. How do Christian prerogatives compare? Ephesians 5:8-13, 1 Corinthians 1:18-21
5. Describe the position of the Jew under the judgment of God. What does this say about the way that God judges? Romans 2:11-16
6. Of the rhetorical questions in verses 21-22, which stands out as the most convicting to you? Why? How did these questions apply to the Jew? How do they apply to us today?
7. Compare the circumcision in the flesh with the true circumcision in the heart. Deuteronomy 10:16, Jeremiah 4:4, Deuteronomy 30:6

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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