



whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen."

2. "Paul, you are really criticising _____", 3:3-4

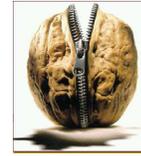
(Matthew 7:21-23) "'Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. {22} 'Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' {23} 'And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

(Matthew 13:24-30) "Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; {25} "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. {26} "But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. {27} "So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' {28} "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' {29} "But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. {30} 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ""

3. "Let's _____ the whole thing", 3:5-8

(Romans 6:1-2) "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? {2} Certainly not! ...

(John 3:3) "Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.""



Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

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The Danger of Religion

(2 Corinthians 13:5) "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you...."

In Romans 2 Paul gives three examples of when religion is dangerous:

1. Being _____ by God doesn't save you, 2:1-4

(Romans 2:4) "Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?" [paraphrase]

(Romans 2:4) Don't you realize how kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Or don't you care? Can't you see how kind he has been in giving you time to turn from your sin? [paraphrase]

(1 John 5:12) "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

2. Knowing _____ doesn't save you, 2:17-24

3. _____ doesn't save you, 2:25-29

(Romans 8:9) "... Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

(Romans 8:11) "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

(Acts 16:31) ".. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.""

(Acts 4:12) ""Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.""

In Romans 3 Paul anticipates three responses from the Jews:

1. "Paul, you have rejected your _____", 3:1-2, 4-5

(Romans 9:1-3) "I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, {2} that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. {3} For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,"

(Romans 9:4-5) "who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; {5} of whom are the fathers and from

