



# ROMANS

The Greatest Letter Ever Written!

# 13-0 Shut Out



**Rom 3:27-31** “Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one. He will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.”

# Prideful Boasting

In suppressing the truth in unrighteousness (1:18), in professing ourselves to be wise (1:22), in exchanging the truth of God for a lie and worshiping the creature (1:25), in the insolence, arrogance, and boastfulness of the flesh (1:30). In condemning others for their sin while failing to come to terms with our own (2:1-3). We see it as well in the boasts of our religious practices, knowledge, and perceived spirituality (2:12-24).

None are righteous; none understand;  
none even seek for God: ALL unprofitable  
(3:10-11). We all stand condemned and  
silenced by the Law as transgressors  
deserving the divine judgment declared  
against us (3:19-20).

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**Gal 4:16-17** “Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them.”





“By grace you have been saved...For by grace are you saved through faith” (Eph. 2:5, 8) and “But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 15:11) and “being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 3:24).



Paul says that God choose us through electing grace before the foundation of the world, “so that no man may boast before God” (1 Cor. 1:29). He further explained, “But by His doing are you in Christ Jesus,” God’s doing; not your doing (1 Cor. 1:30). And the reason is clear, “So that, just as it is written, “Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord”” (1 Cor. 1:31). Boasting is excluded!

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begins where  
wisdom  
stops.

# Saving Faith

1. is never viewed as a work (1:16-17)
2. Is the gift of God (Eph 2:8-9; Phil 1:29)
3. Stands in contrast to works
4. Cannot be a work because faith renounces self
5. Relies upon Christ alone for salvation
6. Is never called a work of righteousness or self righteousness

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# Justification

1. Not by works of the law (V20)
2. A gift by His grace (V24)
3. On the basis of Christ's redemptive life and death (V24-25)
4. No secret act (V26)
5. Only applied by faith (V28)

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*sola fide*  
FAITH ALONE



“We are so similar”?

