

Rescued

God's Plan For Redemption Revealed In Romans

Week 3

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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. For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed **from faith for faith**, as it is written, “**The righteous shall live by faith.**”

Romans 1:16-17 ESV

“What a shock, then, to read about wrath, sin, idolatry, degradation, judgment.”

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For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Romans 1:18 ESV

“What this passage reflects is the Jewish assumption that their privilege covenant status put them in such a different category from other people that they did not need to worry about their sin.”

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1. The Judgment Of The Jews

Therefore **you have no excuse**, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another **you condemn yourself**, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.

Romans 2:1-2 ESV

Because of your hard and impenitent heart
you are **storing up wrath for yourself** on the
day of wrath when God's righteous judgment
will be revealed.

Romans 2:5 ESV

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2. God's Universal Kindness And Impartial Judgment

Do you presume on the riches of His **kindness**
and forbearance and patience not knowing
that God's kindness is meant to lead you to
repentance?

Romans 2:4 ESV

Kindness – *Chrestotes* – (kindness or goodness) – the quality of being warmhearted, gentle and sympathetic.

Forbearance – *Anoche* – a good-natured tolerance that delays enforcing rights or claims or privileges.

Patience – *Makrothymia* – endurance of pain or unhappiness.

For He makes His sun rise **on the evil and on the good**, and sends rain **on the just and on the unjust**.

Matthew 5:45 ESV

He will render to each one according to his works ... For God shows no partiality.

Romans 2:6, 11 ESV

3. The Issue Of The Law

For all who have sinned without **the law** will also perish without **the law**, and all who have sinned under **the law** will be judged by **the law**.

Romans 2:12 ESV

...on that day when, according to my gospel,
God judges the secrets of men by Christ
Jesus.

Romans 2:16 ESV

But if you call yourself a Jew and **rely on the law and boast in God** and know His will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law... you then who teach others, **do you not teach yourself?**

Romans 2:17-18, 21 ESV

4. Jews And The Covenant

For circumcision indeed is of value **if you obey the law**, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

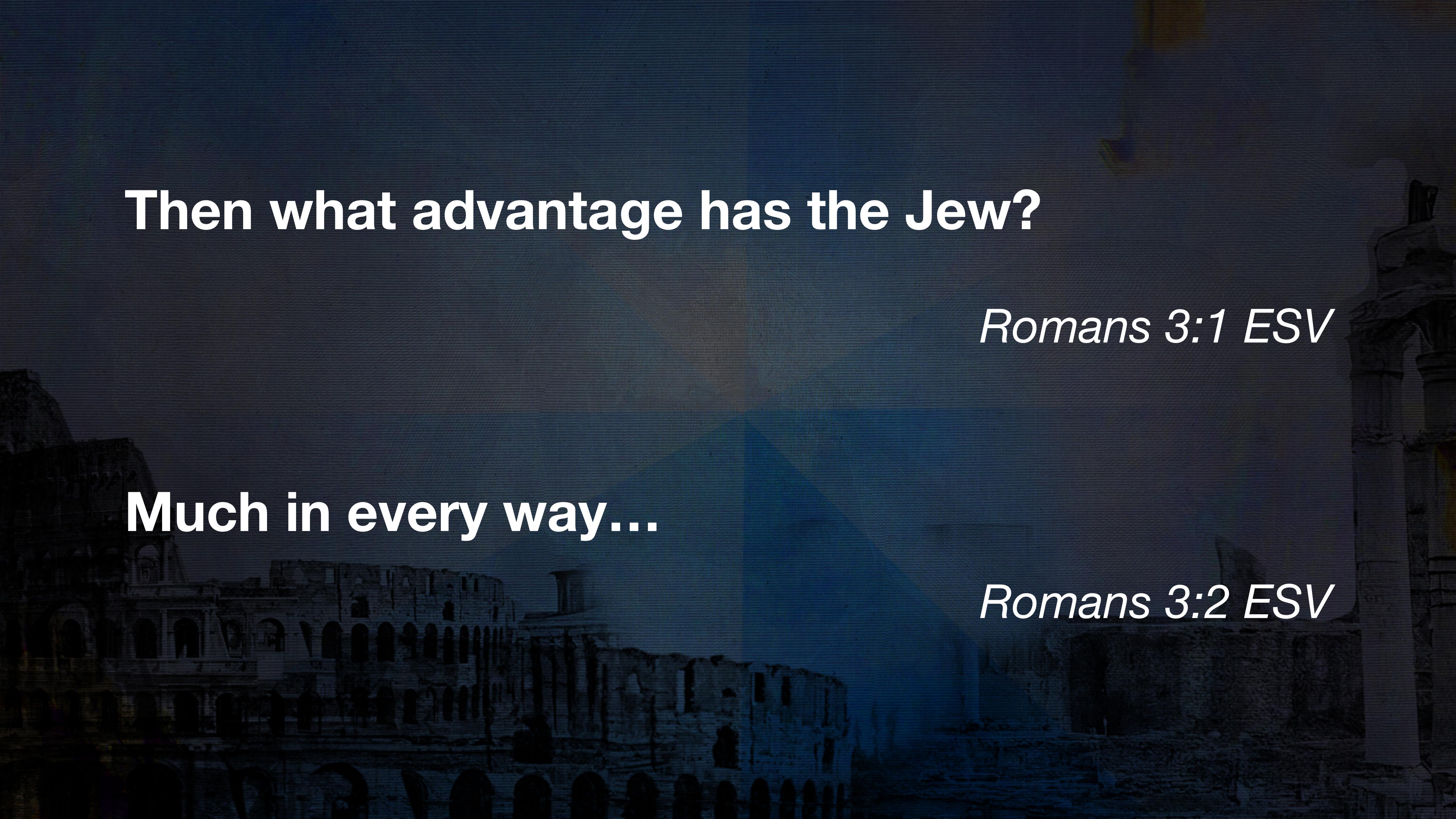
Romans 2:25-26a ESV

Jews would see no need for the righteousness of God in Christ, for their sin, they would argue, is taken care of through God's covenant arrangement with them.

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For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical... But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Romans 2:26b, 29 ESV



Then what advantage has the Jew?

Romans 3:1 ESV

Much in every way...

Romans 3:2 ESV

5. Jewish Privileges

To begin with, the **Jews were entrusted** with the oracles of God. What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the **faithfulness** of God? By no means!

Romans 3:2-4a ESV

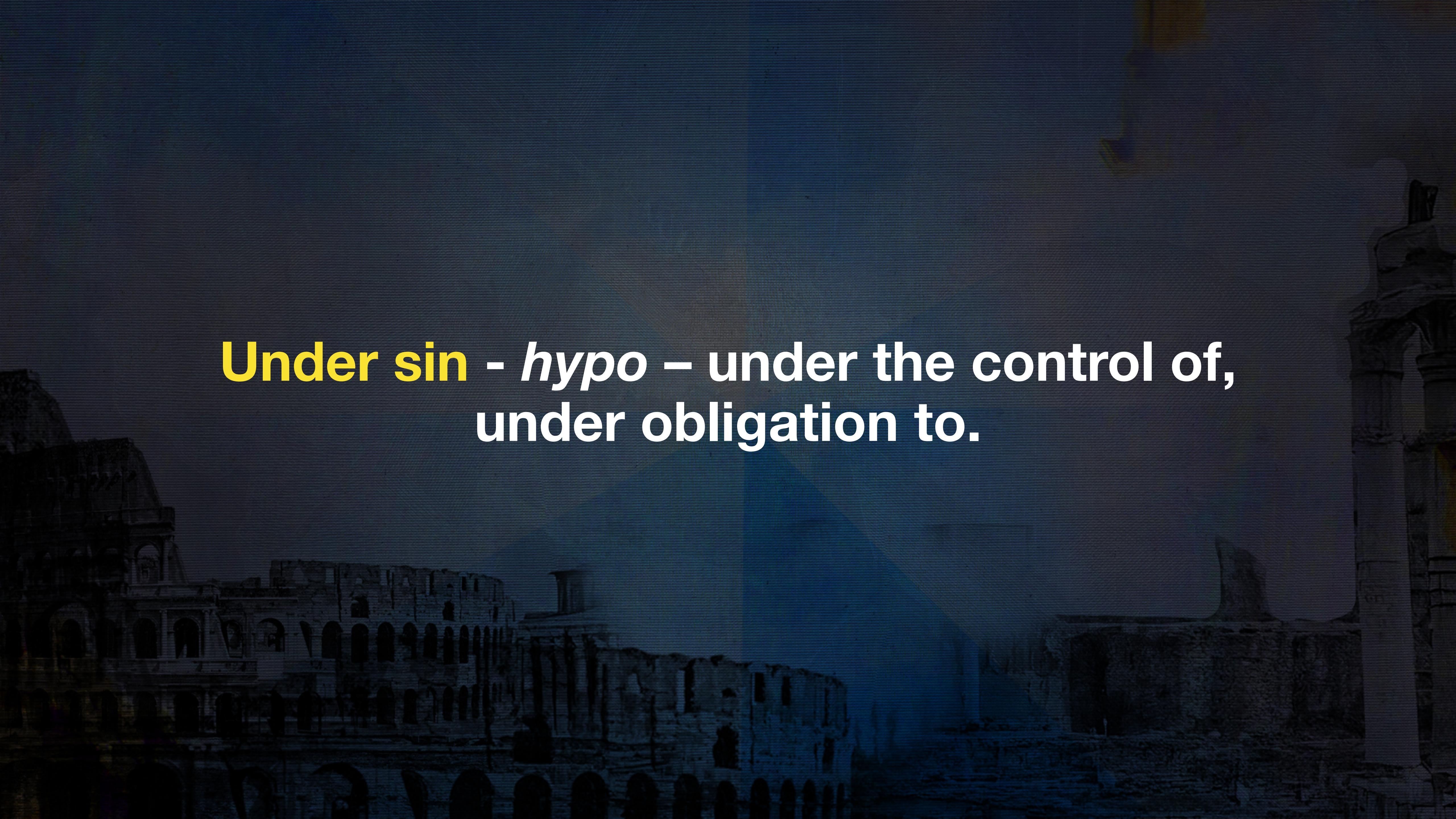
But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say?
And **why not do evil that good may come?**—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

Romans 3:5a, 8 ESV

6. The Final Word - No One Is Righteous

What then? **Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all.** For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; **no one does good, not even one.”**

Romans 3:9-12 ESV



**Under sin - *hypo* – under the control of,
under obligation to.**

**Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.
Their feet are swift to shed blood...**

Romans 3:14-15 ESV

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and **the whole world may be held accountable to God.** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:19-20 ESV

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Romans 3:20 ESV

1. The Law Reveals Sin

The law is not to be a marker for successful comparison.

If it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.

Romans 7:7 ESV

2. Relying On Good Works Cancels The Work Of Christ

I do not nullify **the grace of God**, for if righteousness were through the law, then **Christ died for no purpose**.

Galatians 2:21 ESV

3. Even So, Be Obedient To Christ

Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ...Thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed...

Romans 6:15, 17 ESV

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