

Study of Romans 3
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Romans 3:1-31

Romans 3:1 What advantage then has the Jew? Or what profit is there of circumcision?

The questions that are being posed here by Paul **ARE**: what advantage is there in being a Jew. In this context, the word Jew, means what advantage is there in being a member of the house of Elohim, His chosen people. The second question **IS** what profit is there, in circumcision? In this context, the word circumcision means what profit is there in obeying the Torah (Law), for circumcision **IS** a Torah commandment?

In *verse 2* Paul answers the questions of **WHAT ADVANTAGES AND PROFIT THERE IS** in being a member of the house of Elohim and a follower of Torah. Paul says, **MUCH IN EVERY WAY.**

WHY?

Chiefly, because that UNTO THEM (members of the house of Elohim and followers of the Torah) **WERE COMMITTED THE ORACLES OF ELOHIM.**

The English word **ORACLES** is from the Greek word, *Logion* Strong's **G3051**, λόγιον, *log'-ee-on*; Neuter of G3052; an **UTTERANCE** (of Elohim): - oracle. In the Septuagint the word Logion is translated from two Hebrew words, אָמַר, Amor, meaning *saying*, and from the Hebrew word, Davar or Dabar, דָּבָר, meaning *word*. So Paul is telling us that the *Jews* of Yeshua's time, which represent the people of the house of YHVH, and the **CIRCUMCISION**, which represents those that are supposed to **KEEP** and **DO** the Torah of YHVH, **HAVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER EVERYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD, BECAUSE**, YHVH has given them, *His sayings, His Words, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah, His directives for everlasting Life.*

You might ask, **WHY IS THAT AN ADVANTAGE?**

Let me try and explain it this way; just imagine yourself facing this enormous life or death circumstance, and you have no one to rely on but yourself, and suddenly a close friend, who loves you dearly and whom you **trust** explicitly comes to your aid and gives you the information you need to correctly handle this situation and keep you safe; do you think that the information your friend shared with you, would be an advantage? The answer of course, **IS** an emphatic **YES**. But what would happen **IF** you did **NOT TRUST** this person even though He has sworn that he loves you, and you chose **NOT to believe**, that he had your best interest at heart and that you were better off on your own, or worse yet, you did not even have such a friend, does that make the information that he was going to give you, **FALSE?** Paul says **NO**, Elohim forbid, **NO** it does not; **IT IS YOUR LACK OF BELIEF, FAITH OR TRUST** in this individual that has caused you **NOT TO BELIEVE HIM OR HIS MOTIVES**, even though the information that he was going to give you, **IS** indeed correct.

We, the people that profess to belonging to the family of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq, and Ya'aqov, have to get it through our thick skulls that our heavenly Father **LOVES US** with an infinite

perfect never ending love, and, He would never give us any information or instructions that would lead us astray, or be harmful to us; therefore **IT IS UP** to us to learn, that we absolutely **MUST BELIEVE** in our hearts, that our heavenly Father does indeed love us with a perfect love, so that we can learn to **TRUST HIM IN ALL THINGS**. This explains what Paul means when he says in *verse 3*

For what IF some did NOT believe? Shall THEIR UNBELIEF make THE FAITH, THE BELIEF OF THOSE THAT BELIEVE ELOHIM WITHOUT EFFECT? 4 Elohim FORBID: yea, let Elohim be TRUE, but every man A LIAR; as it is written, that YOU might be in your sayings, and might overcome when you are judged.

Furthermore Paul is telling us that by these **SAYINGS, THE ORACLES OF ELOHIM** or better yet, **BY YHVH's inerrant and everlasting Words of Life**, the Words of His Torah, we are **JUSTIFIED** when we willingly and lovingly (**NOT** mechanically) choose to **KEEP, FOLLOW AND OBEY** the oracles of Elohim, the Words of His Torah of Life, (*Deuteronomy 6:25*) and then when we are judged on judgement day, we will be found or described as **RIGHTEOUS OVERCOMERS**, and all of that will happen **BECAUSE** we had faith, and chose to believe YHVH, and willingly **KEPT, FOLLOWED AND OBEYED THE ORACLES, OR SAYINGS OR THE WORD OF YHVH**.

Verse 5 But IF our unrighteousness (our Torahlessness) commend the righteousness of Elohim, what shall we say? Is Elohim unrighteous (Torahless) who TAKES VENGEANCE?

The Greek words, Epiphero Orge, ἐπιφέρω ὀργή, that is translated into English here in *Romans 5* as **takes vengeance**, is a very, very bad translation, the Greek words Epiphero Orge, ἐπιφέρω ὀργή, mean, *inflicting wrath*, because we need to understand that YHVH **IS NOT A VENGEFUL ELOHIM**, He **IS A JUST, COMPASSIONATE, LONGSUFFERING, LOVING AND FORGIVING FATHER**, and these types of words inserted by translators cause many people to think of our heavenly Father **AS** a capricious overbearing tyrant, bent on getting revenge on His subjects for breaking His rules, **WHEN THE EXACT OPPOSITE IS TRUE**. We serve a loving, caring compassionate, longsuffering and forgiving Father, who, according to Scripture **DOES NOT WANT EVEN ONE** of His children to perish, but who inflicts His wrath upon His children **AS A** disciplinary tactic, and then only after sending countless messengers, warnings, and advice to His children, through His prophets, that they need to change, because their ways are leading them to death everlasting death. That **IS THE MESSAGE** that Paul **IS** trying to convey to us here in *Romans 3*.

In parenthesis Paul says (*I speak as a man*). Without knowing it, Paul was very prophetic with these words, for **IT IS** indeed *man or mankind* and their man made theology that has painted the Elohim of the Hebraic Scriptures as an overbearing tyrant, with a bad temper. After making this statement, Paul leads us to the conclusion that YHVH **IS** indeed **RIGHTEOUS in ALL** His ways.

Verse 6 Elohim forbid: for then how shall Elohim judge the world? 7 For IF the TRUTH, the Torah of Elohim (Psalm 119:142) has abounded more THROUGH MY LIE unto His glory; why then am I also judged as a sinner? 8 And not rather, (as we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

Here Paul is telling us and all that read these *verses* that YHVH's wrath **IS NOT UNRIGHTEOUS**, **IT IS** His way of dealing with and disciplining His disobedient and rebellious children after giving

them countless warnings that they would be punished, unless they line up their Ways with His **TRUTH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life (*Psalm 119:142*).

Paul goes on to say, **IF THE TRUTH**, or the Torah of YHVH, the righteousness of His teaching and instructions **IS ESTABLISHED** because of my lying ways, why then am I judged a sinner, have I not helped to establish the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of the Torah **BY MY SINS?**

That would be like a bank robber, after being caught by the police, claiming that he should **NOT BE PUNISHED** for what he did, because he was just showing the bank owners the weaknesses that they had in their security system, so therefore he was doing them a favour and he should be rewarded.

The next statement is a very damning statement that speaks of the heart condition of all mankind. It affirms what is said in *Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?* Paul says in verse 9 *What then? Are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, (all mankind) that they are ALL UNDER SIN.*

As it is written:

There is **none** righteous, **NO, NOT ONE**

There is **none** that understands

There is **none** that seeks after Elohim

They are **all** gone out of the Way (Torah)

They are **together** become unprofitable

There is **none** that does good, **no, not one**

Their throat is an open **sepulchre**

*Their tongues are used for **deceit***

*The **poison** of asps is **under their lips***

*Their mouth is **full** of cursing and bitterness*

*Their feet are swift **to shed blood***

***Destruction and misery** are in their ways*

*The way of peace (Torah) have they **not***

known

*There is **no fear** of Elohim before their eyes.*

The Greek word that is translated as the word **under**, in the phrase **ALL UNDER SIN**, is the word: Hypo, Strong's number G5259, ὑπό, hypó, pronounced, hoop-o', and this word is a primary preposition, which means, **under, beneath**, or through, **underneath, below**, if it refers to time, it means, when, at, among, by, from, in, of, under, with. In the comparative, it retains the same general applications, **especially of inferior position or condition**, and specially, covertly or moderately.

When the Scripture says, **AS IT IS WRITTEN**, it is speaking of the written Torah of Mosheh given to Mosheh by YHVH at Mount Sinai, and these conditions mentioned above, are a description of the state of men's heart as described in the Torah of YHVH, and as you can see, **IT IS** a damning statement as to the condition of man's heart throughout history including the condition of men's hearts today.

*Verse 19 Now we know that whatsoever things the Torah (Law) says, it says to them who are **UNDER THE LAW**: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before Elohim.*

The word **UNDER** used here in the phrase, **Under the Law, IS** a totally different Greek word, it is Strong's number G1722, ἐν, En, and it is a primary preposition denoting, a fixed position in place, time or state, it is used as the word, in, 1,874 times, as the word, by, 141 times, as the word, with, 134 times, as the word, among, 117 times, as the word, at, 112 times, as the word on, 46 times, as the word, through, 37 times, and it is used miscellaneously 321 times, as the words, about, after, against, almost, altogether, as, before, between, hereby, by all means, for, for the sake of, give self wholly to,

herein, into, inwardly, mightily, because of, upon, open, openly, outwardly, one, quickly, shortly, speedily, that, there, throughout, to toward, under, when, where, wherewith, while, within,

Now if we were to rewrite this *verse* with the words that are more often used, rather than the miscellaneous word, **under**, that the translators of the Greek Text, chose to use, then the *verse 19* would read:

Verse 19 Now we know that whatsoever things the Torah (Law) says, it says to them who are **IN THE LAW, THOSE WHO LIVE BY THE LAW, THOSE WHO LIVE WITH THE LAW, THOSE WHO LIVE AMONG THE LAW, THOSE WHO LIVE AT THE LAW, LIVE ON THE LAW, LIVE THROUGH THE LAW, SO** that every mouth, **MAY** be stopped, and all the world may become guilty, before Elohim.

I hope you can see that Paul is telling us, and that **IS**, that **ALL** of us **ARE TO LIVE IN, BY, WITH, AMONG, AT, ON, AND THROUGH THE TORAH (LAW)**.

From *verses 10* through *18*, Paul has told us that **IT IS WRITTEN** what man's heart **IS LIKE** and here in *verse 19*, Paul is saying, since the whole world **SINS**, Jews and Gentiles alike, therefore **ALL OF THEM COME UNDER** (Strong's number G1722, ἐν, En) **THE LAW** and therefore whatever the **LAW**, the **TORAH commands man TO DO**, applies to all of mankind, **WHETHER THEY BELIEVE IT OR NOT**, and the whole world **IS GUILTY**, because according to YHVH **ALL** have transgressed the Words of the Torah of YHVH, and that **IS** confirmed in *verse 3:23*. I know that many of you have been taught in the past that we are **NO LONGER UNDER THE LAW**, because **ACCORDING TO** the church fathers of Christianity and their **FALSE TEACHING**, the Law, the Torah of Elohim, has somehow been partially or totally **DONE AWAY WITH**, and yet, Paul himself says in *Romans 7:1* **Do you NOT KNOW, brethren, (for I speak to them that KNOW the Torah, the Law) how that the Torah (Law) HAS DOMINION OVER A MAN AS LONG AS HE LIVES?**

Therefore, it should be very clear to all people who read what Paul said here in the Book of Romans, and that he **AFFIRMS** in **ALL** of the Books of his teachings, that the Torah **has DOMINION over every human being as long as they are alive**. Now, based on that **TRUTH**, let me ask you a question, to follow up on what Paul's statement says in *Romans 7:1*; **IS** everybody here today, **ALIVE**, and are all you that are reading this teaching, **ARE** you **ALIVE**? Since the only possible **ANSWER** to this question **IS YES, THEN WE, MEANING ALL OF MANKIND, ARE INDEED ALL UNDER THE DOMINION OF THE LAW**.

The word **Dominion** used here is the Greek word Kurieu, Strong's number G2961, κυριεύω kyrieuō, pronounced, ko-ree-yoo'-o, from G2962; which means, **to rule, have dominion over, lord, be lord of, exercise lordship over**. The Webster dictionary defines the word Dominion as: and their definition begins by telling us that the word Dominion comes from the word, **to dominate**, then it says, rule or power to rule, sovereign authority, a governed territory or country, it means, Law, ownership.

Based on the definition of the word **Dominion**, it should be obvious to everyone, that the Torah does indeed have, **dominion, power given to it by our heavenly Father, to rule over everything that he created**, which means that All human beings **ARE** and **WILL** continue to be under the Torah of YHVH on this side of eternity.

Verse 20 Therefore by the deeds of the Torah (Law), (by legalism, by trying to keep the law by our own strength, without the Holy Spirit of YHVH as our guide), there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the Torah (Law) IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF SIN. 1John 3:4

In this *verse* Paul explains that **IT IS NOT** by merely mechanically or legalistically keeping the Torah that we are **JUSTIFIED**, because that only leads to self righteousness, **IT IS**, and always has been, **ONLY** through **BELIEF (FAITH)**, through willingly choosing to follow and obey YHVH, with a surrendered loving heart, that man **IS JUSTIFIED** and when we willingly surrender our hearts to YHVH, **THEN** YHVH tells us in *Ezekiel 36:27 I will put My Holy Spirit within you, and HE will CAUSE every willing heart to walk in MY STATUTES, and you shall KEEP MY JUDGMENTS, MY TORAH AND DO THEM.*

In *Romans 3:21* Paul educates us about the righteousness of YHVH. *Verse 21 But now the RIGHTEOUSNESS of Elohim APART (Choris) from the Law, the Torah, IS manifested, BEING WITNESSED BY THE TORAH (Law) AND THE PROPHETS;*

Choris, Strong's number G5565 χωρίς, Chōrís, pronounced, kho-rece', is an adverb from G5561; and it means, at a space, separately or apart from (often as preposition), beside, by itself, without.

I hope you can see and understand what Paul **IS** saying here in this *verse*. Paul tells us that the **TORAH AND THE PROPHETS**, which are sections of the Hebraic Scriptures called the Tanach (what Christianity erroneously calls the Old testament), **ARE WITNESSES** of YHVH's **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. Therefore that means, that **IF** we choose **TO DO AWAY WITH** part of, or the whole of *Torah (Law) and the Prophets*, the sections of Scripture commonly known as the **HEBRAIC SCRIPTURES (OLD TESTAMENT)**, we are actually **DOING AWAY WITH THE WITNESS TO YHVH's RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

My friends, **IT IS** is simply incorrect and extremely dangerous to believe in a man made doctrine that teaches that YHVH, in some way or another, **HAS BEEN SEPARATED FROM** any part, or all of the Words of His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His everlasting and inerrant Word, for the Torah and YHVH **ARE ECHAD**, they are **ONE**, they are inseparable, they **ARE ONE and the SAME ENTITY**. *Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? IS THE TORAH (LAW) SIN? ELOHIM FORBID. NAY, I WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN SIN, EXCEPT FOR THE INSTRUCTIONS FOUND ONLY IN THE TORAH (Law): for I had NOT KNOWN LUST, EXCEPT THE TORAH (Law), HAD SAID, YOU SHALL NOT COVET.*

Paul continues on in *verse 22* and says that the Torah and the prophets are *even WITNESSES to the RIGHTEOUSNESS of Elohim BY THE FAITH OF MESSIAH YESHUA unto ALL THAT BELIEVE.*

Let me ask you a question. Do you believe in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, and in His only begotten Son, our Messiah, whom the Father sent to be a propitiation for the **SIN** of the world?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES to that question, **THEN**, according to Paul **YOU MUST BELIEVE, KEEP AND OR GUARD, FOLLOW AND OBEY YHVH's INERRANT AND EVERLASTING TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONS, HIS TORAH OF LIFE AND ALSO KEEP and DO THE TEACHINGS OF THE PROPHETS** who came to Yisrael with the message that **ALL OF**

YISRAEL ARE TO RETURN TO, YHVH's WAYS, His ancient paths, which of course **IS** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life **MADE FLESH**, our Messiah, for Paul says again in *verse 21 and 22* that the Torah and Prophets are **WITNESSES** of the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of Elohim **BY THE BELIEF (FAITH) THAT YESHUA OUR MESSIAH DISPLAYED** by His *totally surrendered obedience to the Father's Torah of Life*.

There **IS ABSOLUTELY NO POSSIBILITY** of misunderstanding or misinterpreting this statement my friends; Paul clearly states that **IF** we choose to willingly discard **ANY PART OR ALL** of the **TORAH, THE LAW of MOSHEH THEN** we are doing away with the **WITNESS** of YHVH's **RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE BELIEF (FAITH) OF MESSIAH**, and I don't even want to speculate on the disaster that that will cause for every one that chooses that path of life.

Verse 22 Even the righteousness of Elohim which IS by belief (faith) of Yeshua Messiah unto all, and upon all them that believe:

We have to get it through our thick skulls and understand that Paul **IS** telling us that the **TORAH AND THE PROPHETS** are **WITNESSES OF THE OBEDIENT FAITHFULNESS THAT MESSIAH DISPLAYED TOWARDS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER** and us, **BY SURRENDERING HIS WILL TO THE FATHER AND LIVING A TORAH OBEDIENT LIFE**, fully surrendered to the **WILL** of our heavenly Father as was prophesied in the Scriptures. **MESSIAH'S LIFE IS THE SHINING EXAMPLE** that we are **ALL** Commanded to follow. We are to surrender our hearts in total loving surrendered obedience to **OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, as Messiah showed us and commanded us to do**. *Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Messiah: NEVERTHELESS I LIVE; yet NOT I, BUT MESSIAH (the Words of the Living Torah, made flesh) LIVES IN ME: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live BY the BELIEF (FAITH) of the Son of Elohim, BY the Belief (Faith) of the Living Torah made flesh, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*

Now before we read these next *verses* we first **HAVE TO UNDERSTAND AND BELIEVE** that Yeshua, our Messiah, **IS** indeed the **LIVING WORD** of the Father, He **IS** the Living Torah **MADE FLESH**. Now I want you to pay very close attention and try to truly understand what all of this means. It means that Yeshua **IS** the Torah, the actual Words that YHVH spoke to Mosheh on Mount Sinai, the Ten Commandments and **ALL** the other Commandments that YHVH spoke to Mosheh, the Words that were put in the side of the Ark of the Covenant, (*Deut. 31:26*) and now, here in the Apostolic Scriptures, these Words, the Words that YHVH **SPOKE TO MOSHEH, HAVE COME TO LIFE**, *John 1:14*. Messiah **IS** the Torah, the Words of the Living Torah, He is **the TORAH, the LAW MADE FLESH, THE LAW COME TO LIFE**. Now let's read what it says in the next verses.

Now Paul gives us a lesson in genealogy. He says, *for there IS NO difference: 23 For ALL HAVE SINNED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF ELOHIM.*

So what Paul **IS** saying, **IS** that **IT** does **NOT MATTER** what your ethnicity **IS**, it only matters **WHAT YOUR HEART CONDITION IS**. The question that YHVH poses to every heart, **IS**, ARE you willing to **SUBMIT** your will in complete loving, surrendered obedience to our heavenly Father **OR NOT?** Are you willing to become **SUBJECT TO** the Words of our heavenly Father's Living Torah, that was made flesh, our Messiah? Let's read what Paul said in *Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind is ENMITY AGAINST YHVH: for IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO the Torah (Law) of Elohim, neither indeed can be.*

That **IS** the criteria that YHVH **IS** looking for in **ALL BELIEVERS** my friends, and you can rest assured that He **IS NOT** even concerned about the ethnicity of your parents; He is only concerned about **YOUR HEART CONDITION**. His question to you **IS** very simple, **ARE** you willing to **SUBJECT YOURSELF TO** and **ARE YOU WILLING** to **OBEY** all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah?

Furthermore Paul says, **ALL HAVE SINNED** and in *1John 3:4* it says *Whosoever commits SIN transgresses also the Torah (Law): for SIN IS the transgression of the Torah (Law).*

OK, now let's recap what we have learned, **IF SIN IS INDEED TRANSGRESSION OF THE TORAH** which **IS** what it says *1John 3:4*, then, *verse 23* could and should read, **FOR ALL HAVE SINNED, ALL HAVE TRANSGRESSED THE TORAH, and come short of the glory of Elohim.**

Now, let's us take it one step further, **IF SIN IS** indeed **Transgression of the Torah**, which **IS STATED** quite emphatically in *1John 3:4*, **THEN** that means that the **GLORY** of Elohim **IS** His Word, His everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of **HIS LIFE GIVING TORAH**.

Now let me show you *the Rest of the Story*, and what I believe Paul wants us to understand, because, we now have the whole picture, *verse 23*, because **ALL** have transgressed the Torah, and come short of the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of Elohim that is embedded in His Life Giving Torah, **HIS MAGNIFICENT GLORY**. In this *verse*, Paul is telling us that **THE TORAH**, the words spoken directly from the mouth of Elohim to Mosheh, His Words of **TRUTH, ARE THE GLORY** of Elohim, and **WHEN** we decide to willingly and lovingly surrender to His **TRUTH, the Words of His TORAH**, His inerrant and everlasting Word, we are told in *John 8:32* **You shall KNOW THE TRUTH and the TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE.**

In Scripture, the **TRUTH IS** defined as **THE TORAH** of YHVH, the words spoken directly to Mosheh, from the Mouth of YHVH, at Mount Sinai, Read, *Psalms 119:142, John 17:17*

Verse 24 Being justified freely by His **GRACE, His Chen, His Favour, through the redemption that is in Messiah Yeshua:**

Now there **IS A LOT** said in these last seven words. First of all, we have to establish who Messiah **IS**, since He **IS** the vehicle by which we **ARE REDEEMED**.

We are told who He is in *John 1:1* **In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with Elohim, and the WORD was Elohim. 2 The SAME was in the beginning with Elohim. 3 ALL things were made by Him (the Word); and without Him (the Word) was not any thing made that was made.**

John 1:14 **And THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.**

These *verses in John* and many other *verses* throughout Scripture, clearly point out that Yeshua **IS** the Living Word of Elohim, He **IS** the Living Torah, that was manifested in the flesh, in our heavenly Father's timing. Therefore *verse 24 of Romans 3* is really saying *Being justified freely by the GRACE, the Chen, the Favour embedded in YHVH's LIVING TORAH, through the redemption THAT IS IN the Living Torah made flesh.*

I hope you can see that Messiah and the Torah are **ONE AND THE SAME ENTITY**, for Messiah **IS THE WORD of our heavenly Father MADE FLESH** (*John 1:14*), He **IS** the Living Torah, and the Scriptures tell us that the Torah proceeded forth out of the Mouth of Elohim.

Verse 25 Whom Elohim (our heavenly Father) has set forth to be a propitiation (atonement) through BELIEF (faith) in His blood, to declare His righteousness FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS THAT ARE PAST, (NOT FUTURE SINS, BUT PAST SINS) through the forbearance of Elohim; Paul is telling us in this verse that **the Words of the Living Torah**, our Messiah was set forth as **an atonement** for our past sinful ways, and **IF** and **WHEN** we choose to accept, **THROUGH BELIEF**, that His beautiful Living Word, **THE WORDS of the LIVING TORAH**, that was made flesh, our Messiah, **IS** indeed our atonement, our scapegoat, and **IF** we can believe that He lived a totally surrendered Torah obedient Life, as Scripture affirms that He did, and that He willingly chose to live and shed His blood for us, while He was here on earth with us, for the Scriptures tell us that **THE LIFE OF ALL FLESH IS IN THE BLOOD, AND** declare through belief, that the Living Torah **IS YHVH's RIGHTEOUSNESS**, for the remission of our **PAST SINS**, (*Romans 3:25*) through the tolerance or forbearance of YHVH, **THEN** we are well on our way to salvation, for salvation **IS A** journey and **NOT AN EVENT**.

Notice also how Paul tells us that Messiah died on the cross for our **PAST SINS**. That is why Paul tells us in *Philippians 2:12* that after we have willingly chosen by faith, by belief in YHVH, to surrender our hearts, minds, souls and our strength to our heavenly Father through the Life of His Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah, that we are to **WORK OUT OUR OWN SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING**, for our **present and future Sins are not forgiven UNLESS WE REPENT** of those sins when they happen, and then **ASK YHVH FOR FORGIVENESS**, and Scripture tells us that **YHVH IS FAITHFUL and JUST** to forgive us our sins and **CLEANSE US from all unrighteousness, Torahlessness, BUT** we still need to repent and confess our sins and **ASK** for forgiveness, with truly contrite repentant hearts, for our sins are **NOT AUTOMATICALLY** forgiven as some people believe and teach.

Verse 26 To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him who believes in Yeshua, him who believes in the Words of Living Torah.

Let us, once and for all, really understand what Paul **IS** saying here, He is saying that **IF** we believe in Yeshua, **IT MEANS THAT WE BELIEVE IN THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH**, which **IS**, our heavenly Father's inerrant and **EVERLASTING teaching and instructions MADE FLESH**, for the Torah and Messiah are **ONE**, they are the same entity, and furthermore we have to understand that the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of our heavenly Father **IS CONTAINED** and or **EMBEDDED IN THE WORDS OF HIS LIVING TORAH**, and **IT IS** this **LIVING TORAH** that **JUSTIFIES THOSE WHO BELIEVE, OBEY AND DO** the Word of Elohim, with surrendered, contrite, obedient hearts and willingly make the Living Torah the **FOCUS** of their lives. Amen.

Verse 27 Where is boasting (Pride) then? It is excluded. By what Torah? Is it by Torah of works? No a thousand times NO: it is excluded by the Torah of Belief, faith, emunah.

(Boasting is Strong's number G2746 καύχησις, Kaúchēsis, pronounced, *kow'-khay-sis*, it is from G2744; the act of boasting, by implication, the object, in a good or a bad sense, boasting, whereof I may glory, glorying, rejoicing.

(*Emunah*, אמונה or אמונה, means, firmness, steadfastness, faithfulness, faith, fidelity, trust, **belief, creed, faithful, trained, educated**)

28 *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by **Belief, faith emunah** without the deeds of the Torah.*

The father's of Christianity often use this verse to say, see the Law or the Torah is done away with, **BUT**, Paul himself said in *Acts 24:14-15* *But this, I Paul, confess unto you, honourable Felix, that after the way which they (the Judaizers), call heresy, so I worship the Elohim of my fathers, believing **ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE TORAH (LAW) AND IN THE PROPHETS: 15** And have hope toward Elohim, which they themselves also allow, that there **shall be a resurrection of the dead, BOTH** of the just and unjust.*

As you can see, based on Paul's own affirmation that he believes everything that is written in the Torah and the Prophets, that Paul is actually telling all of us, that there is no benefit to mechanically keeping the Torah, **BUT**, when a person willingly chooses to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, out of love for Him, it means that they have chosen and made the commitment to believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, for both the Father and the son have said, If you love Me, keep My Commandments, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Here we see that Paul asks us all a question he says:

29 *Is He the Elohim of the Jews only? Is He not also the Elohim of the Gentiles?*

And he answers his own question which is something that Paul does very often, because it is his style of teaching.

Yes, of the Gentiles also: 30 *Seeing it is one Elohim, which shall justify the circumcision by **belief, faith, emunah** and uncircumcision through **belief, faith emunah**.*

Paul ends this chapter by asking us another question, he says,

31 *Do we then make void the Torah through belief, faith emunah?*

And again he answers his own question and says:

*Elohim forbid: yea, **WE ESTABLISH THE TORAH, THROUGH BELIEF, FAITH, EMUNAH.***

Establish, is Strong's number G 2476 ἵστημι, hístēmi, pronounced, his'-tay-mee, it is a prolonged form of a primary στάω, stáō, pronounced, stah'-o, it is of the same meaning, and used for it in certain tenses; to stand, used in various applications, whether literally or figuratively, to abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set up, stanch, stand by, forth, still, up).

Based on the definition of the Greek word, Histemi, it should be obvious to everyone, that Paul is instructing us, that all people are to abide by the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, we are

to obey the Covenant that our heavenly Father, the Creator of the universe has made with us and commit, that from this point on in our lives, we will continue to believe follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein