

# Paul, His Life and Teachings

## Romans

### Lesson 23

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Remember  
Luther?

# What do we know of the church in Rome?





Romans were among  
the Jews in Jerusalem  
at Pentecost that  
heard and responded  
to the gospel  
message



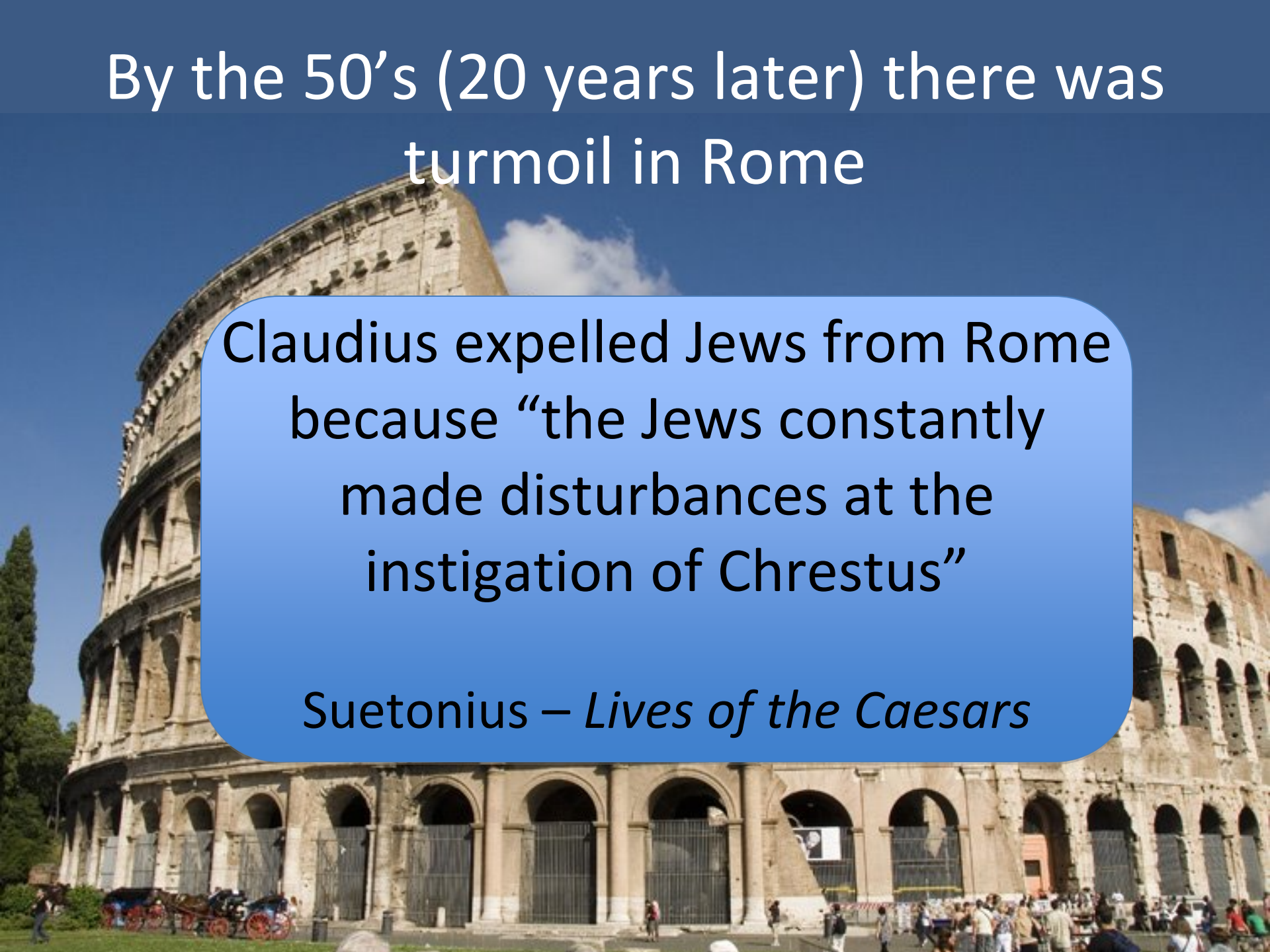
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Claudius expelled Jews from Rome  
because “the Jews constantly  
made disturbances at the  
instigation of Chrestus”

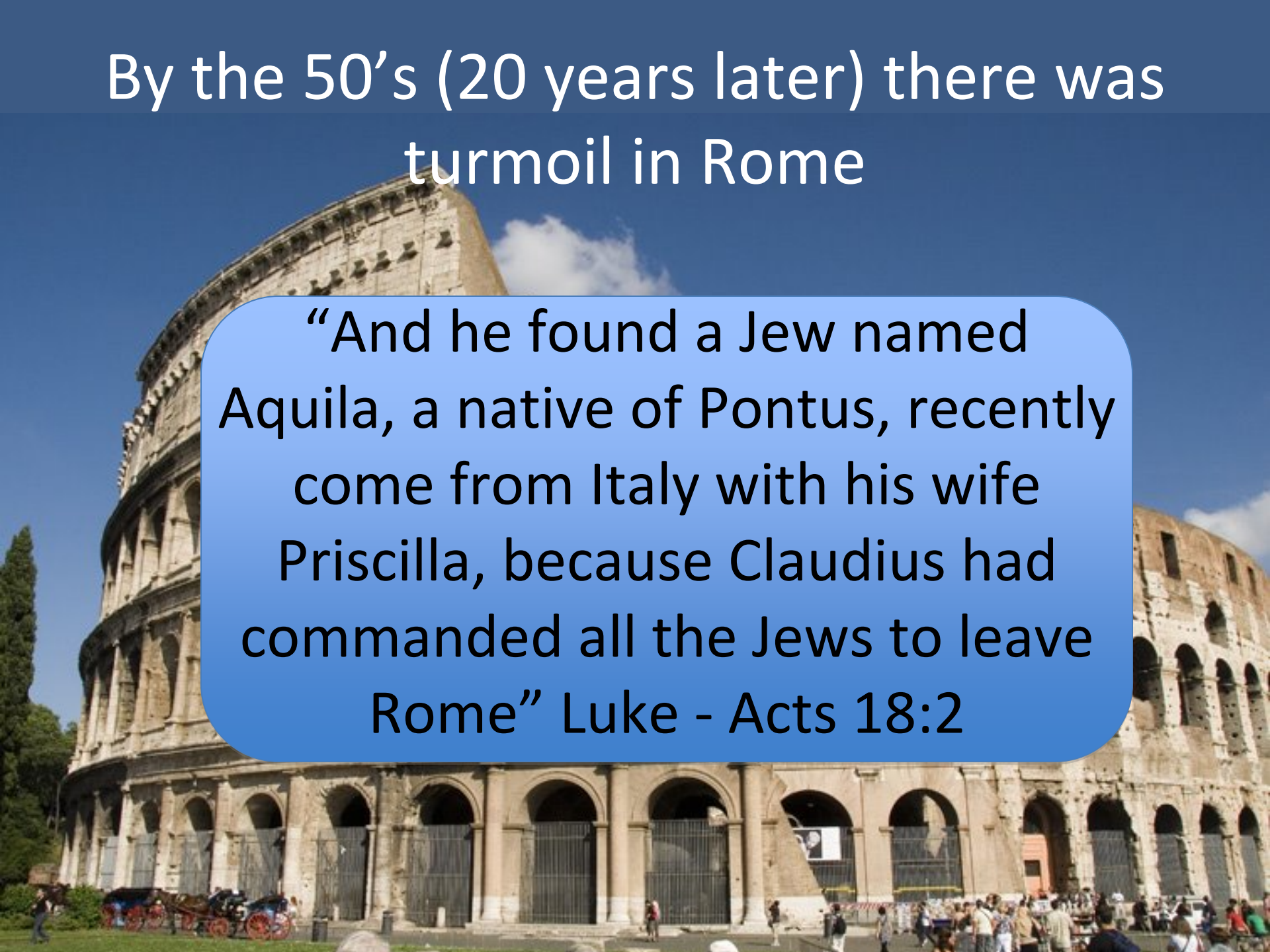
Suetonius – *Lives of the Caesars*





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“And he found a Jew named  
Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently  
come from Italy with his wife  
Priscilla, because Claudius had  
commanded all the Jews to leave  
Rome” Luke - Acts 18:2



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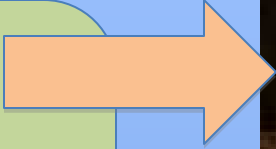
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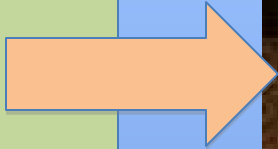
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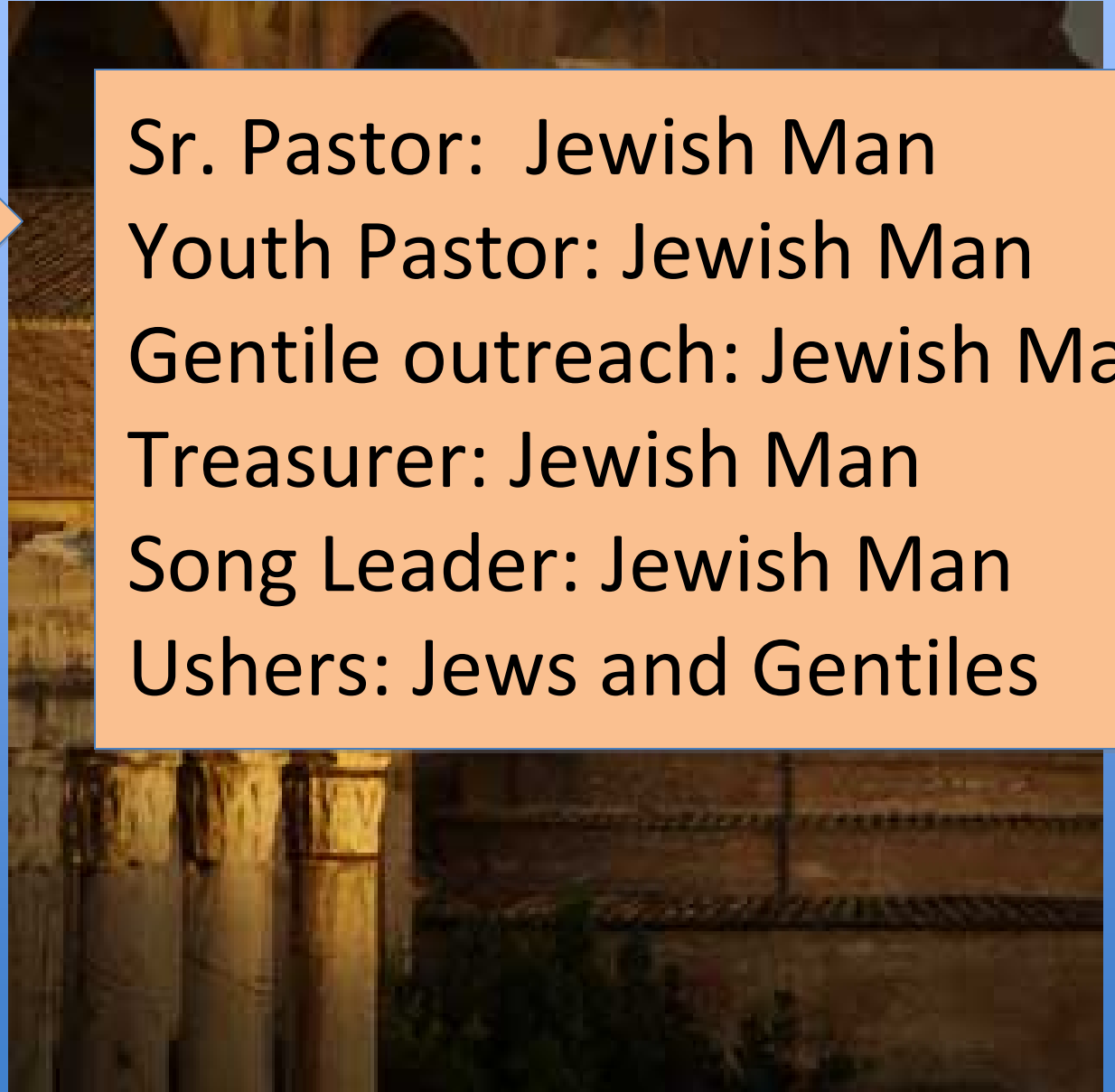
We were started by Jews who heard the story of the Jewish Messiah and his resurrection in Jerusalem. This message was brought back to the Jewish community and has even been shared to some Gentiles

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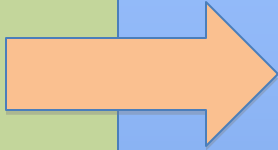
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Treasurer: Jewish Man  
Song Leader: Jewish Man  
Ushers: Jews and Gentiles



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Gentile



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Gentile outreach

Treasurer: Gentile

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What happened when the Jews returned  
several years later?

Into this situation Paul writes Romans



Paul – an apostle of the gospel truth that brings *all* nations to faith and obedience





“I am not ashamed of the *gospel*...

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for it is the power of God for  
salvation to everyone who believes”





We have a  
major  
problem!



God's  
principles of  
judgment are  
simple: Be  
perfect and  
everything is  
okay!



Jews are no  
better off. They  
may have the  
truth, but look  
how they  
behave!

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Show me someone righteous!





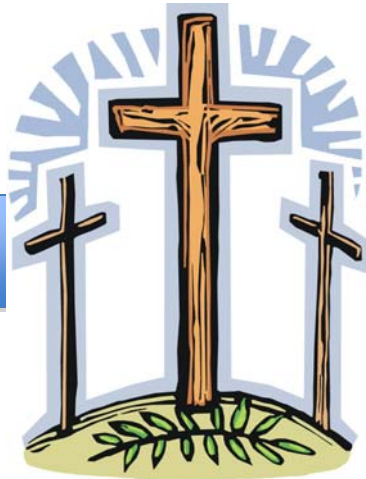
“But now the righteousness of God  
has been manifested apart from the  
law...

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the righteousness of God through faith in  
Jesus Christ for *all* who believe”

This is true for all people all time!



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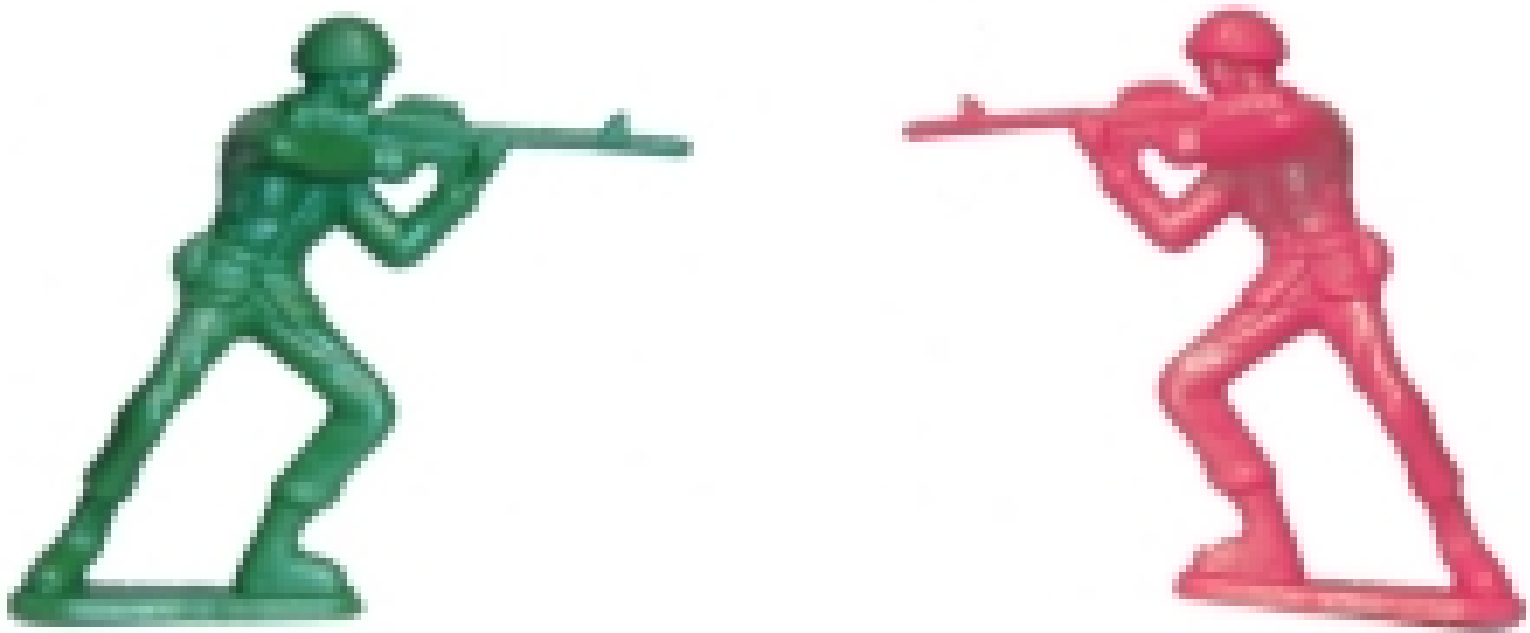


***BEFORE*** the law  
or circumcision!

# God's faithfulness brings our peace



“God shows his love for us in that ...



while we were still sinners, Christ died  
for us”



ADAM



ADAM



~~SIN~~

ADAM



SIN



DEATH

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DEATH

JESUS



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LIFE

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sinning?



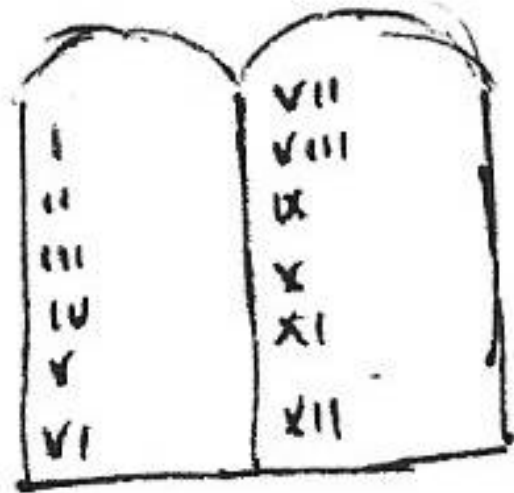
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You have died to  
sin; Do not live  
bound to it any  
longer

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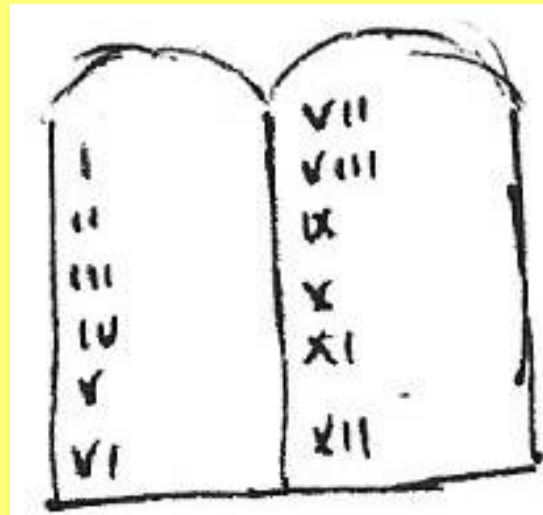




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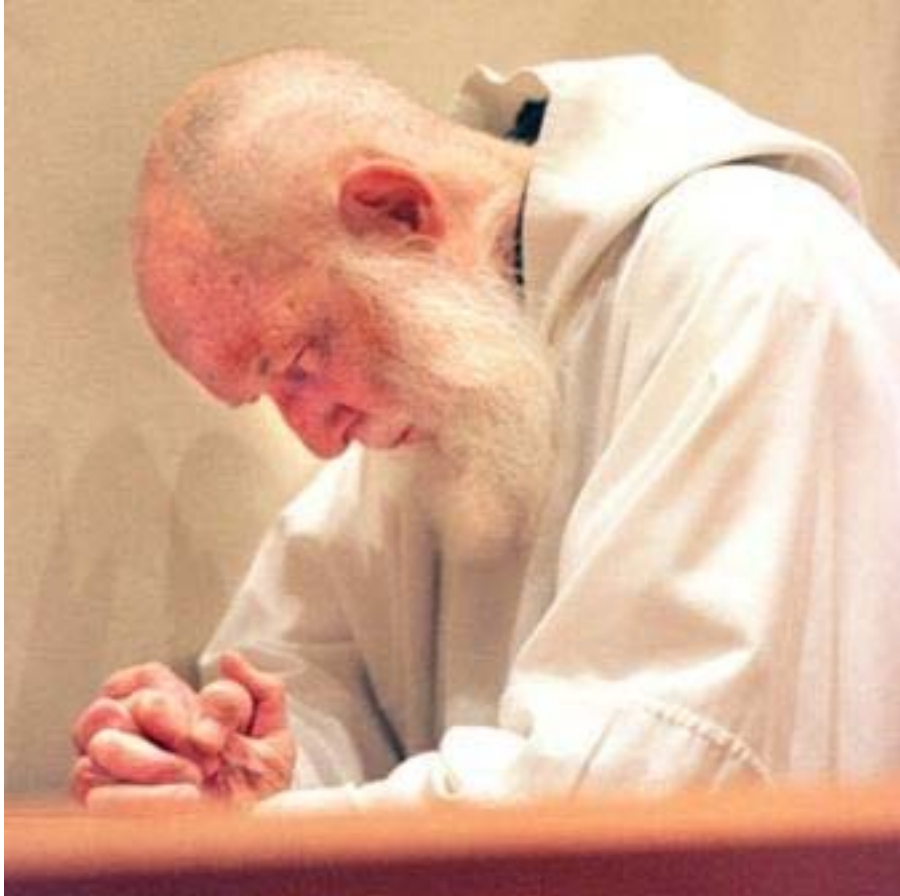
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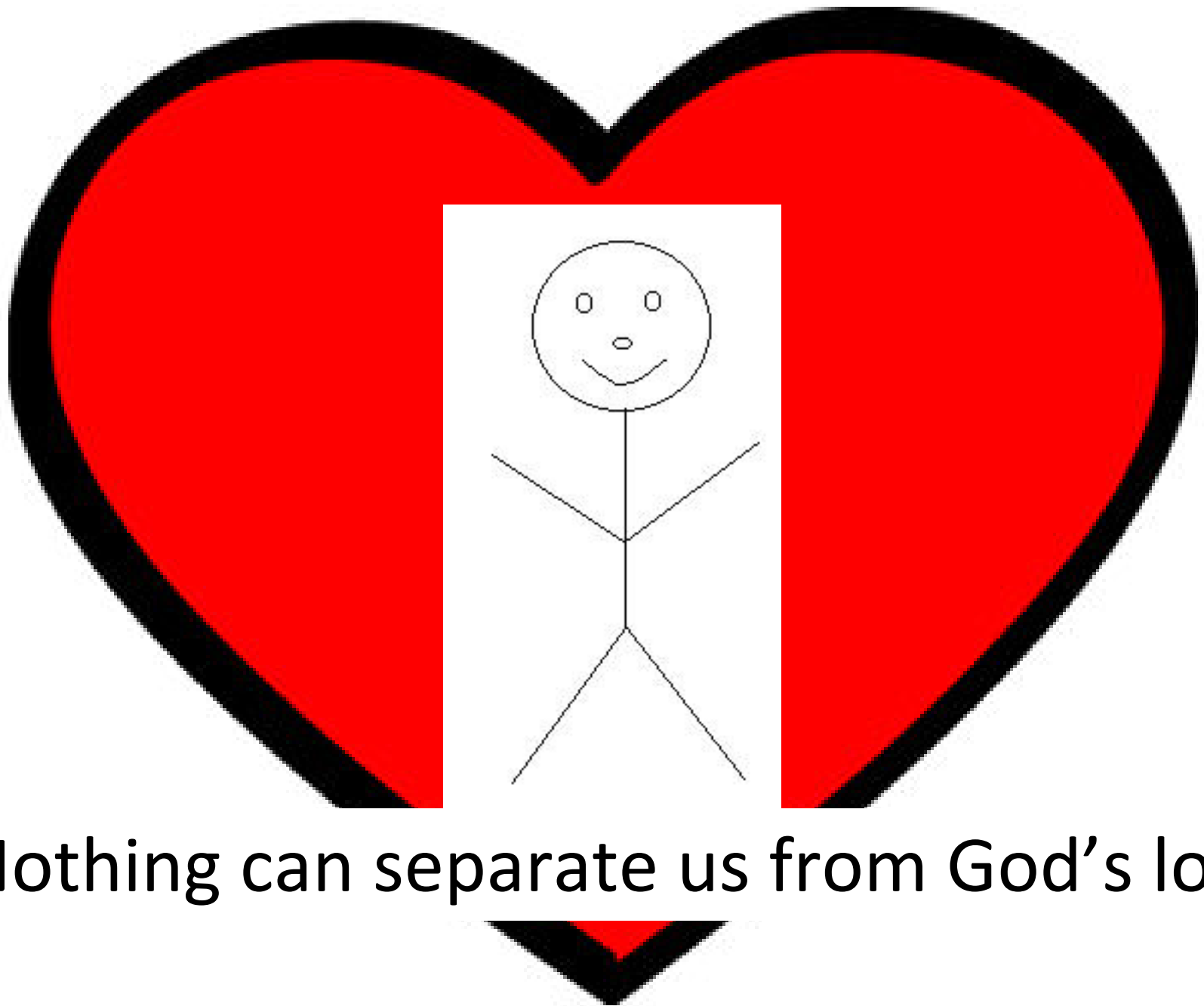
This does leave  
a fight raging



The Law of the  
Spirit of life in  
Christ set us  
free from the  
law of sin and  
death



Even in our  
prayers we have  
God's help



Nothing can separate us from God's love

The absence of full Jewish belief does  
not show God failed





God always chose, it was never good  
genes or good deeds



Don't say God was unfair!





God is not  
finished with the  
Jews or grafting  
into his tree of  
life!

# Present your bodies as a living sacrifice



Be transformed by the renewing of  
your mind



# Some practical teaching (life with a renewing mind!)



Don't think too highly  
of yourself. You are  
who God made you;  
and he made everyone  
else too!



Have genuine love; hate evil



Do not be overcome by evil but  
overcome evil with good





Pray for  
governing  
officials and  
pay your  
taxes!

# Owe your neighbor only love



# Love the weaker brother

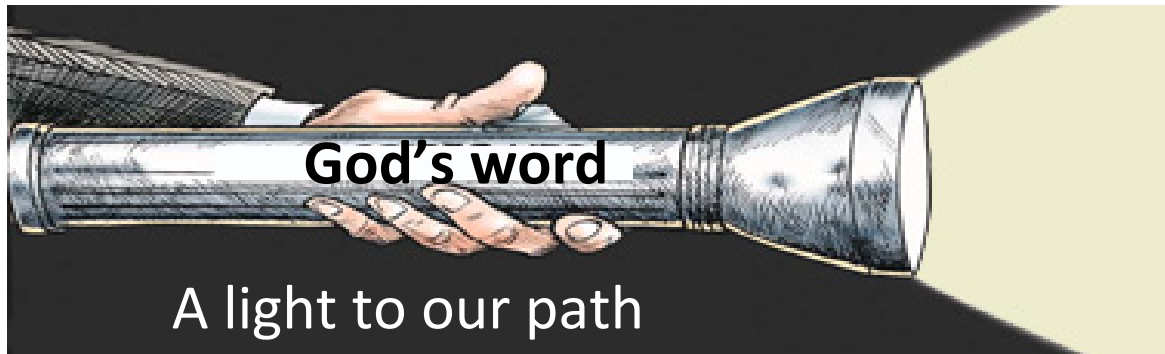


# Personal and *SUBTLE* notes



I'm taking the  
money from the  
Greeks to the  
Jews in  
Jerusalem



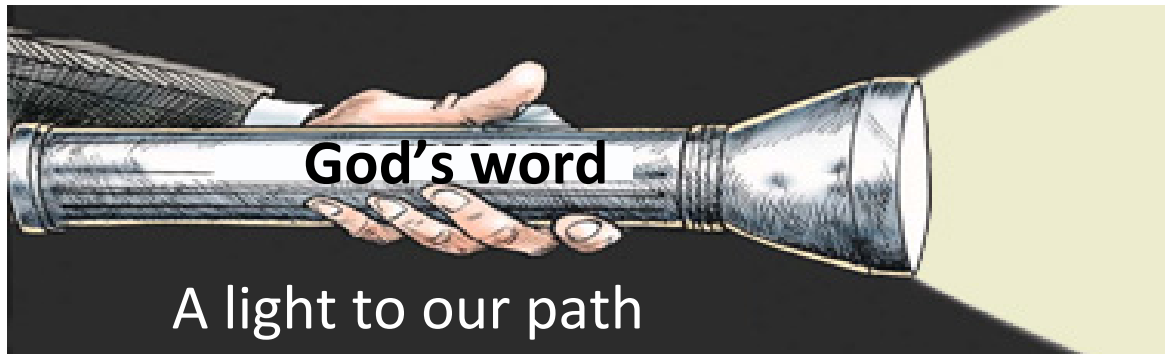


# Points for Home

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The gospel is “the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (1:16)



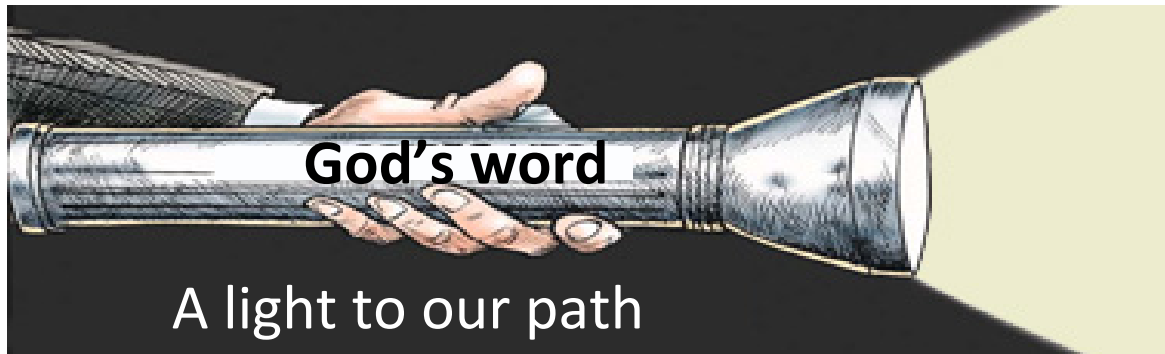


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“But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known” (3:21)





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“Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God” (12:1)

