

ROMANS – FROM GUILT TO GLORY
What A Blessing – What A Responsibility!
Romans 2:17-24

On your Sermon Note Page I want you to list the 3 greatest blessing that you have in your life today from God.

Now take a look at these blessings have you been a good steward of them?

The last time we were in the book of Romans we looked at **Romans 2:17-20** in a sermon we entitled “*The Dark Side Of Pride*”.

God had blessed the Hebrew (Jew) with the following blessings:

- Their title – Jew – Judah – Yahweh be praised!!!!
- Their possession of the Law – God had given no other people the “guidelines to live by”.
- Their unique relationship with God – Micah 3 – “the apple of God’s eye.”
- Their knowledge of God’s will – Prophets.

Rather than be a blessing to the Jew these, through their pride, had become a thorn in the flesh.

Now look back at the top of your Sermon Note Page and realize that God has given you all these for a reason, for a purpose, and that reason and purpose is not about you and me.

- **Isaiah 49:6.**
 - You are to be My light to the nations.
 - By being My light to the nations you will take salvation to the ends of the earth.

Paul says that the Jews were blessed with all those things above so that they could:

1. Be a guide to the blind.
 - “*One great power of sin is that it blinds men so that they do not recognize its true character.*” Andrew Murray
 - **II Corinthians 4:3-4.**
2. Be a light to those that are in darkness.
 - **Matthew 5:14-16.**
3. Be a corrector of the foolish.
 - **I Corinthians 1:18-19.**

4. Be a teacher to the immature.

○ II Timothy 2:2

- “*There is a difference between having a childlike faith and being a childish Christian.*”
- Outreach Magazine” list 3 characteristics of the immature believer.

1. An immature believer can’t help others. Just as a baby can only be helped and cannot help others, a childish Christian continually consumes without ever contributing.

2. An immature believer creates division. Children can fight over the most meaningless things. And so do childish Christians. A divisive Christian is an immature Christian. A divided church is an immature church.

3. An immature believer displays gifts without grace. Just because someone uses their gifts to serve others does not mean they use their gifts with grace.

So, what does Paul say happens when we do not take the blessing that are bestowed upon us by God and use them for His purpose and glory – **Romans 2:21 - 24** – God is blasphemed (bring shame to God).