

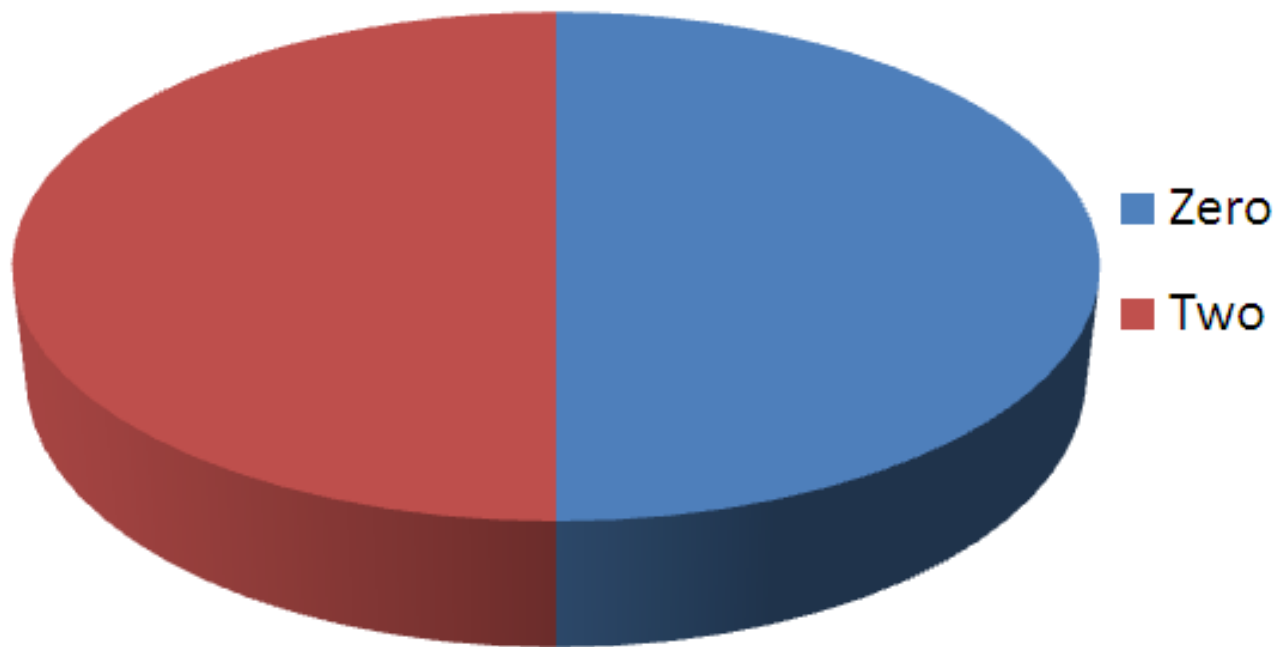
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# **A Worthless Bible** *Romans 3:1-8*

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## Pie Charts Used In Sermons

Last Week vs. This Week



# Where we're going with all of this

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- Pointless Pursuits

- Those that reject God -> a life of sin and hedonism

- Romans 1

- Those that claim to know God -> self-righteousness through works

- Romans 2

- Romans 3 & 4

- Continuing to humble the religiously self-confident

Good news -

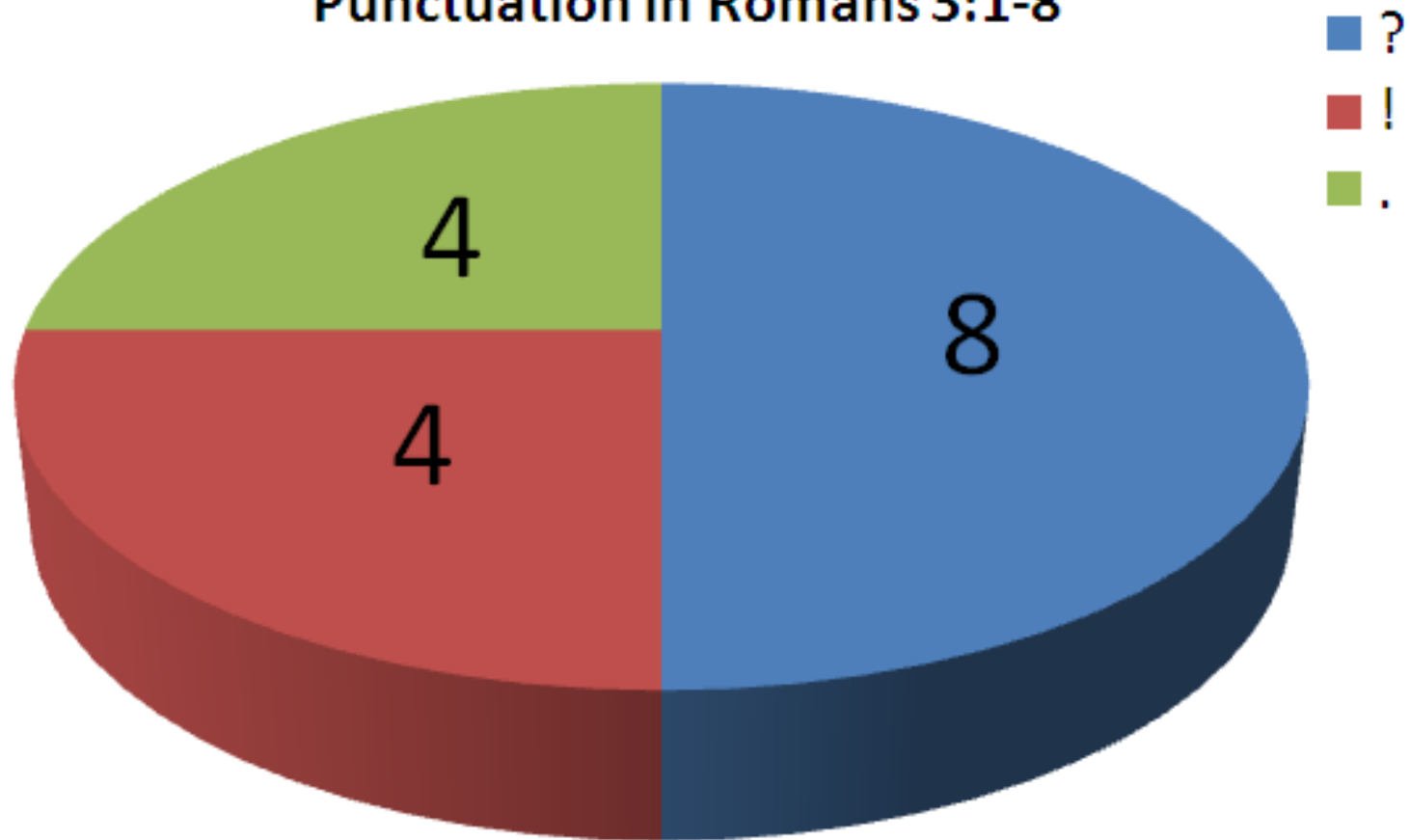
Romans 5 is on the way!

What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? Much in every way! First of all, the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God. What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness? Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."

***Romans 3:1-4***

But if our unrighteousness bring out God's righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (I am using a human argument.) Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world? Someone might argue, "If my falsehood enhances his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner? Why not say – as we are slanderously reported as saying and as some claim that we say – "Let us do evil that good may result"? Their condemnation is just! ***Romans 3:5-8***

### Punctuation in Romans 3:1-8



# The Sermons I'm Not Preaching...

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- The Religious Contortionist
  - If God doesn't save me, it's his fault (v. 3-6)
  - My sin creates more grace in the world! (v. 7-8)
    - Better left for Romans 6
- Rebellion vs. Repentance (v. 4)
  - Psalm 51, David's response to his sin vs. those in Romans 3:7-8

# And the Sermon I Am....

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*Luke 11:27-28*

# A Jew's Life – Surrounded by Religion

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- Synagogue
- Marketplace
- Meals
- Clothing
- Crops and herds
- Schools
- Sabbath
- Torah and Prophets

Then what went wrong?

What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal.

***Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works.***

***Romans 9:30-32***

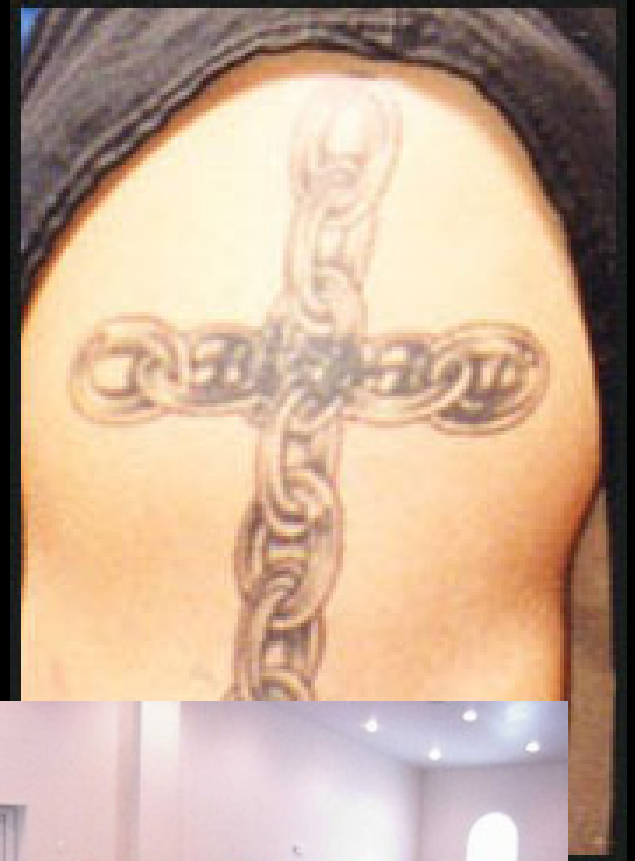
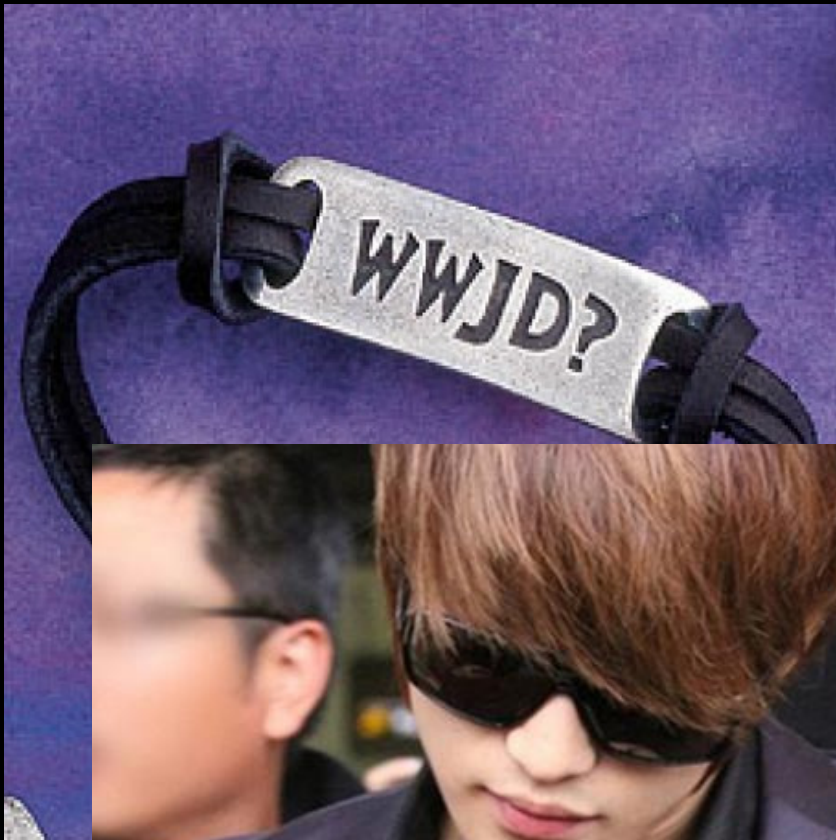
Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people, to whom he said, “This is the resting place, let the weary rest”; and, “This is the place of repose”— but they would not listen. ***So then, the word of the LORD to them will become: Do this, do that, a rule for this, a rule for that; a little here, a little there—*** so that as they go they will fall backward; they will be injured and snared and captured.

***Isaiah 28:11-13***

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, *but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.*

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.

***Luke 11:42-43***



# The Advantage of God's Word

The fear of the LORD is the beginning  
of wisdom, and knowledge of the  
Holy One is understanding.

*Proverbs 9:10*

What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful?  
Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have  
known what sin was had it not been for the law.  
***For I would not have known what coveting  
really was if the law had not said, "You shall  
not covet."***

***Romans 7:7***

***Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. .... Whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.***

***James 1:22-25***

## *What advantage do we have then?*

- Knowing of God vs.  
*Relationship with YHWH*
- Carrying a bible vs.  
*Hiding God's word in your heart*
- Pride in your goodness vs.  
*Thankfulness for God's mercy*
- Look at Me vs.  
*Look to Him*

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." He replied, "***Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.***"

***Luke 11:27-28***