

# *Eleutheros Books Newsletter*

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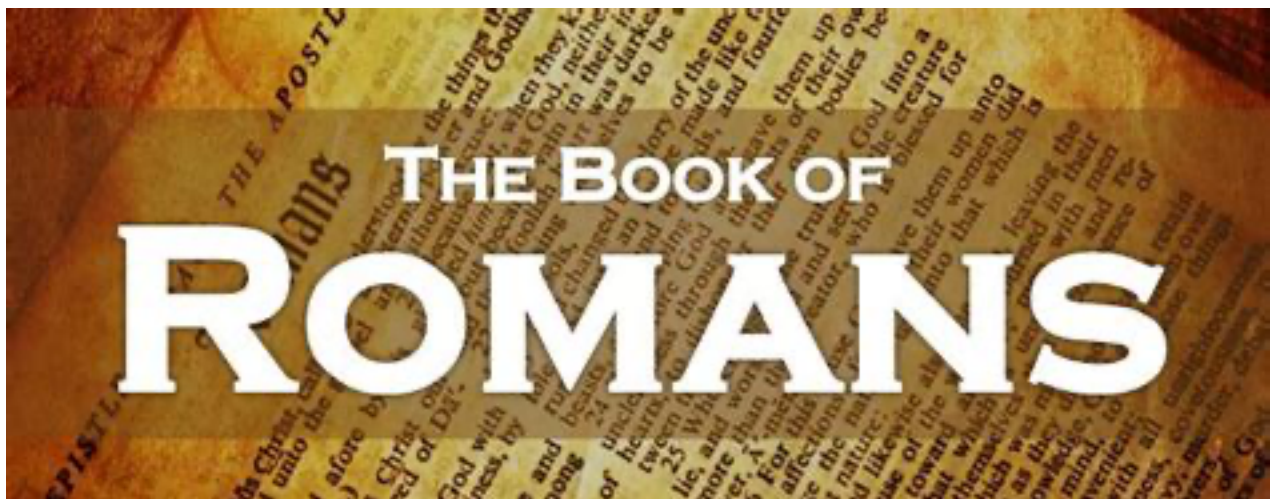
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## Thoughts on Romans

[2:3](#) *And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?*

In this chapter Paul is condemning the inexcusable habit of man's arrogance. There are many who are hypocritical, doing the same things that they accuse others of doing: *for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest does the same things* ([2:1](#)).

This hypocrisy and arrogance ignore the holiness and omniscience of Almighty God! His judgment is "according to truth" ([2:2](#)); and it is very foolish to believe that man can escape His righteous judgment ([2:3b](#))!

Surely, arrogance is offensive to God! Consider the following Scriptures:

In revealing Himself through Moses to the nation of Israel, God makes it clear that He is God and His Word, His will, and His ways are to be revered and that any attitude that goes against Him will face severe consequences.

*I am the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright. But if ye will not hearken unto Me, and will not do all these commandments; And if ye despise My statutes, or if your soul abhor My judgments, so that ye will not do all My commandments, but that ye break My covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set My face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto Me, then I will punish you **seven times more** for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: And your strength shall be spent in vain... ([Leviticus 26:13-20a](#)).*

The Apostle spoke against pride elsewhere.

*No flesh should glory in His presence* ([1 Corinthians 1:29](#)).

*If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself* ([Galatians 6:3](#)).

*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves* ([Philippians 2:3](#)).

James also makes the same point.

*Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble* ([James 4:6](#)).

These Scriptures should be taken seriously! Can we honestly say that there is no pride in so many of today's pastors, evangelists, and denominational leaders?

May God speak to the heart of His people! Arrogance is disgusting to God and unhelpful to fellow believers.

Consider the words of this powerful old hymn:

*A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify*

*A never dying soul to save, and fit if for the sky.*

*Help me to watch and pray, and still on Thee rely.*

*O let me not my trust betray, but press to realms on high.*

### **A Charge to Keep I Have**

Charles Wesley

We will continue these thoughts on Romans in next month's newsletter.

What does man do? The awful things mentioned in [Romans 1:29-32](#) and more!

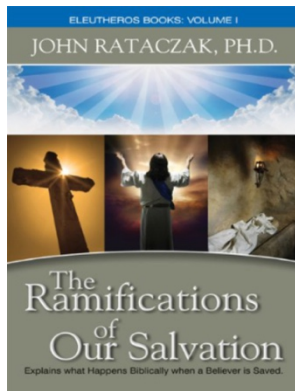
A great verse that offers an eternal insight is [John 1:14](#): And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Truth must condemn sin; grace forgives sin!

Truth is also closely connected to holiness. Perhaps this great old hymn will help us as believers to magnify the Truth, our Savior Jesus Christ.

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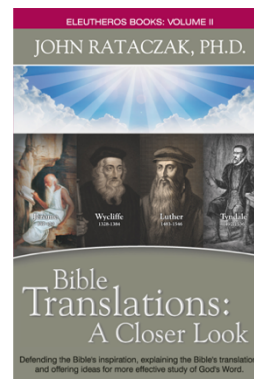
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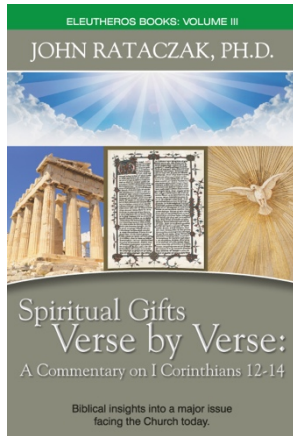


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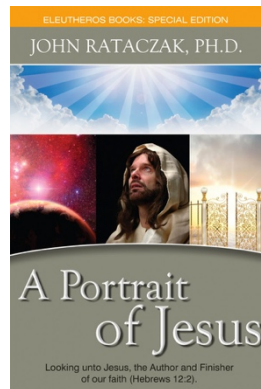
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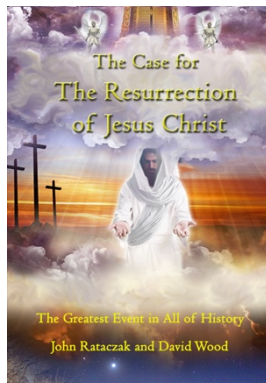


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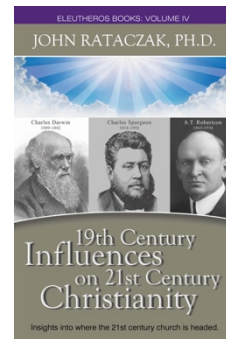
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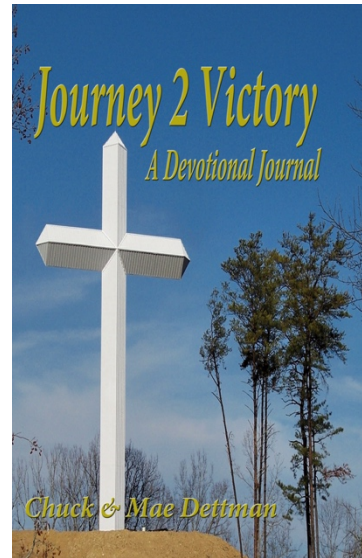
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*Books by Chuck & Mae Dettman*





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