

The Difference Maker

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today. We are thrilled that you are here!

*What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.
Roman 3:9*

*But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
Romans 3:21-24*

In most areas of life, we are taught to exploit the advantages to our benefit. In athletics, the advantage of height, speed, experience, or skill can be exploited to ensure a win. In business, the advantage of cash flow, design, innovation, or knowledge can be exploited to ensure success. In politics, the advantage of fund raising, relationships, name, or dirt on the opponent can be used to gain the upper hand in the election.

And yes, even in religion, we are taught to leverage our advantage of history, superior Bible knowledge, family name, money, or self-righteousness to guarantee our salvation.

Paul addresses this with the Jews in Romans by making the statement two times that there is no difference between the Jews and Gentiles relative to sin and salvation. He says in verses 23-24 that “ALL have sinned...and ALL are justified.” There is no difference.

The difference maker is faith in Jesus. Righteousness is given through faith in Jesus to ALL who believe. What an amazing statement! All of us, no matter what our current situation in life is, have the same access to the same righteousness to the same faith to the same forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ – the difference maker for everyone!

Open your heart to Jesus today! And share him with everyone you see. Everyone needs Jesus!

All Things for Christ,
Michael