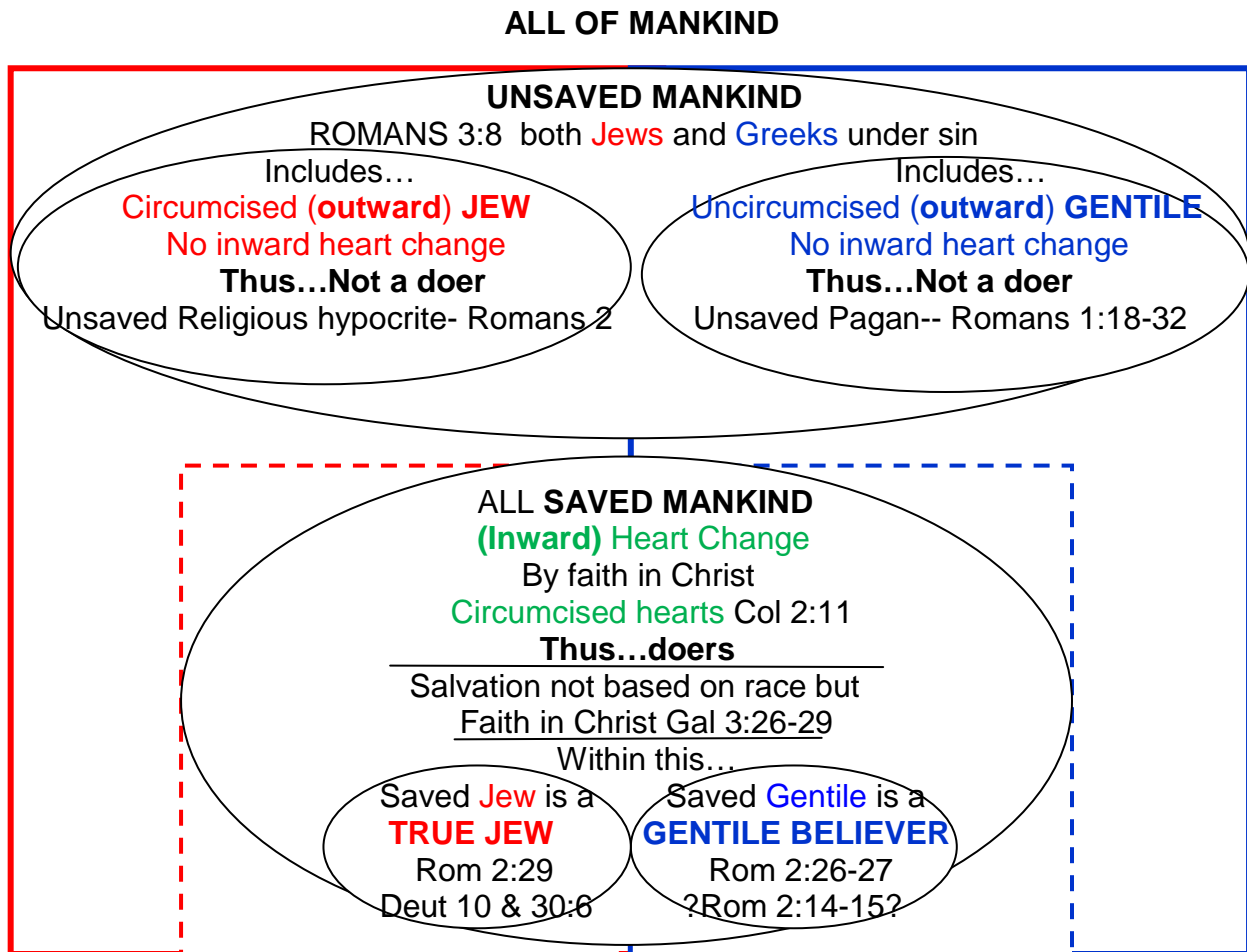


WHO IS THE TRUE JEW?

The following chart and explanation in Romans 2 may help



Below and on the next page are a
Small portion of my Notes concerning Romans 2

It is so important to interpret Scripture in its right context. A diligent study of Romans 2 reveals that Paul is not making the point that Gentiles who have had heart changes are true Jews. But that the **outwardly circumcised (Jew by covenant) who are not doers, are not true Jews** (i.e Jews that have had a heart change).

Paul is not saying that **uncircumcised people (ie Gentiles)** who keep the law because of a change heart are **true Jews**. As we will see on the backside of this paper, our passage is **simply illustrating the truth that the true Jew is the Jew who has had a heart change.**

Romans 2 teaching on the back side of this sheet may be helpful.

Portion of ROMANS 2 Explanation

25 For indeed **circumcision** is of value,
if you practice (DO) the Law;
but if you are a transgressor of the Law,
your **circumcision has become uncircumcision.**

He is speaking to the Jew here, not the Gentile, like we saw earlier ---that if you don't "do", you not saved. Your outward symbol relates to no inward reality, you're just like the uncircumcised pagan who is deserving of judgment

Now in illustration (i.e. "if") to make a point to the Jews, we see

26 **If therefore the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law,**
will not his uncircumcision be regarded as
circumcision?

If one is a doer, like the Gentiles we saw earlier in the chapter, will not his outward uncircumcision, be considered as inward circumcision? i.e. a heart that has been changed by faith in Christ. Remember Circumcision was the sign of the Abrahamic covenant, which was one of faith (Gen 17:10-11).

27 **And will not he who is physically uncircumcised,**
if he keeps the Law (**a doer**),
will he not **judge you**
who though **having the letter (2Cor3) of the Law** and circumcision are a
(non doer) transgressor of the Law?

Again, will not the Gentile doer, with a changed heart, judge you

THEN At this point we have a **very misunderstood set of verses**, because they are woefully taken out of context

28 **For he is not a (i.e true) Jew who is one outwardly;**
neither is circumcision that which is outward in **the flesh.**

29 **But he is a (true Jew) Jew who is one inwardly; and**
circumcision
is that which is **of the heart**, (see vs 15)

by the Spirit, (see 2 Cor 3)
not by the letter;

We need to get back to the context of chapter 2 which is of **Jews alone**, not everyone. Remember the context is the **condemnation of the Jew (Ch 2)** not the Gentile (Ch 1)

The true Jew is not one who is merely outwardly in the flesh but the true Jew is one that has had a heart circumcision and **here is the result**

and his praise is not from men,
but from God.