

ROMANS

Priority - 3:27-31

Colosseum





**Circus Maximus
eastern seats**



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from east**

If Justification

NOT by faith?

- 1. Man could boast & God not glorified**
- 2. 2 ways of Justification & 2 Gods**
- 3. Law left unfulfilled**

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Faith says first of all that man is so hopelessly, helplessly a sinner, so guilty even with his law of works that God's grace alone can save.

Stifler

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- **Faith in Christ - Eph 2:8-9,
Gal 2:16, 3:22**
- **Glorifies God**

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GENTILE SALVATION

- 1. Scriptures - Gen 12:3,
Ex 19:5-6, Isa 42:6, 49:6**
- 2. Examples - Ruth (Moabite),
Rahab (Canaanite),
Naaman (Syrian), Ninevites,
Esth 8:17**

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GOD IS ONE

- **Fundamental truth of Judaism**
- **Shema - Deut 6:4**
- **Other - Isa 45:5-6, Mk 12:32**

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✓ “away with the thought”

✓ “banish the thought”

✓ “let not such a thing be considered”

✓ “let it not be conceived of”

✓ “perish the idea”

✓ “be it not so”

✓ “impossible”

✓ “good heavens no”

✓ “are you crazy”

✓ “absolutely not”

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LAW ESTABLISHED

1. Reveals God's nature

**2. Reveals sin - Gal 3:24,
Jas 2:10**

3. Fulfilled by Christ - Mt 5:17

Sea of Galilee

Simple Gospel =
1. Bad news
2. Good news
3. Faith plus nothing