



# What Advantage

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## I. QUESTION ONE.

Rom 3:1 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

A. A two-part question.

1. Is there any advantage in being a Jew?

Advantage: *perissos*. Pre-eminence, superiority, advantage, more eminent, more remarkable, more excellent.

2. Is there any profit in circumcision?

Profit: *ōpheleia*. Usefulness, advantage, profit.



## B. The logic behind the question.

### 1. The logic of religion:

- Romans 3:9 What then? are we (*Jews*) better than they (*gentiles*)? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;
- Romans 2:25-26 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. <sup>26</sup> Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

## 2. The logic of race:

- 3,000 years of hardship and persecution.

### II. THE FIRST ANSWER.

Romans 3:2 **Much every way: chiefly**, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

**A. Every Way.** Romans 9:4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.  
[At least 9 reasons.]

## B. Chiefly

1. Oracles: *logion*. In the NT, the words or utterances of God
2. **Deuteronomy 4:7-8** For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? <sup>8</sup> And what nation is there so great, **that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law,** which I set before you this day?



### **III. QUESTION TWO.**

Rom 3:3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

A. What about those that do not believe?

B. How do unbelievers affect the Word of God?

### **IV. THE SECOND ANSWER.**

Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

A. Man is not the judge of the truth of God's word.

B. God's word will justify his judgment and man's actions.

- **Psalms 51:4** Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest
- **Romans 3:4** .....That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged
- **John 12:48** He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.



# WE COULD ASK ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

1. What advantage then hath the Christian? or what profit is there of baptism?
2. For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

