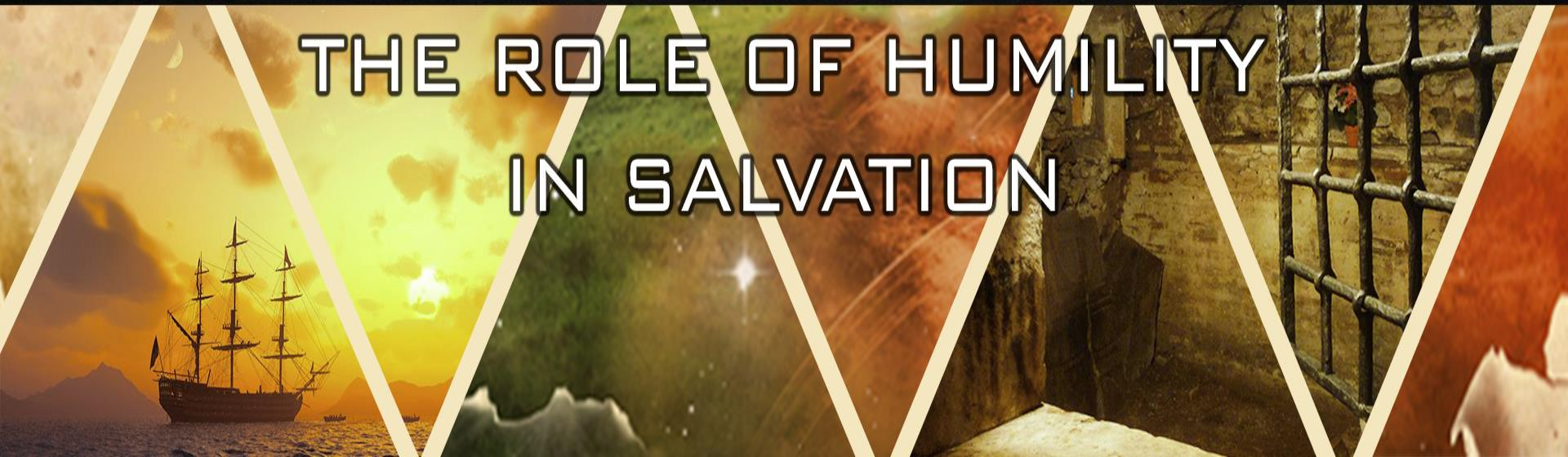




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THE ROLE OF HUMILITY
IN SALVATION



Introduction:

Paul's statements could have caused the Jews to wonder what God's real purpose for them was.

They could have even provoked an identity crisis!

Text: Romans 3:1-20

What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision?

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Much in every way! First of all, the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God.

What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness?

Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar.

As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."

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**But if our unrighteousness brings out
God's righteousness more clearly,
what shall we say?**

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**That God is unjust in bringing his
wrath on us? (I am using a human
argument.)**

Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world?

Someone might argue,

“If my falsehood enhances God's truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?”

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Why not say—as some slanderously claim that we say — “Let us do evil that good may result”?

Their condemnation is just!

What shall we conclude then?

Do we have any advantage?

Not at all!

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**For we have already made the charge
that Jews and Gentiles alike are all
under the power of sin.**

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**As it is written: "There is no one
righteous, not even one; there is no
one who understands; there is no
one who seeks God.**

All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

"Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit."

"The poison of vipers is on their lips."

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“Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”

“Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know.”

“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”



Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

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**Therefore no one will be declared
righteous in God's sight by the works
of the law; rather, through the law
we become conscious of our sin.**

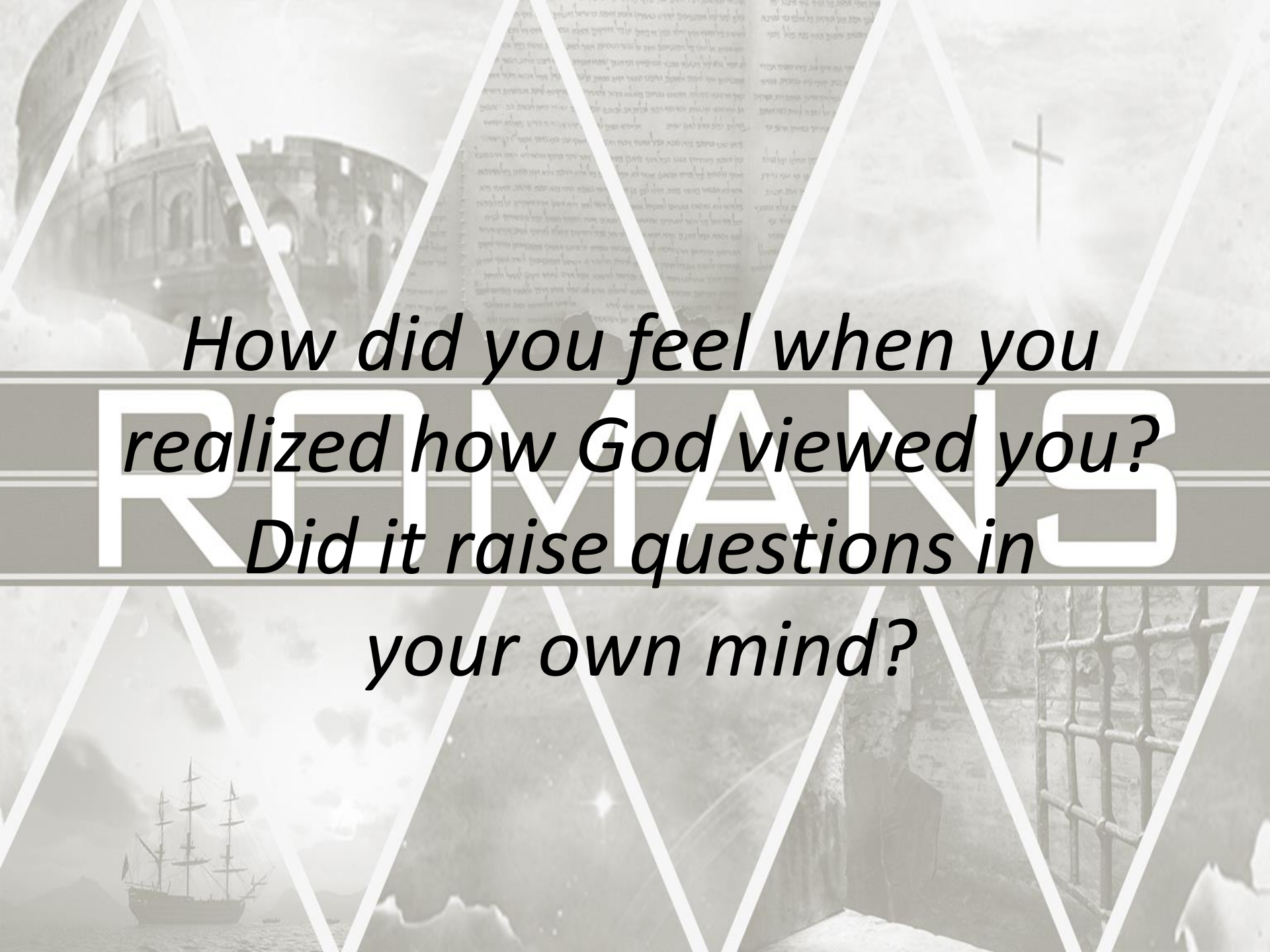
Romans 3:1-20

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The Jews had thought that their purpose was to **RULE** and to give an example of **PERFECTION**, but Paul had exposed their **WEAKNESSES** and **HYPOCRISY**.

Eventually, God will bring you face to face with your own **WEAKNESSES**.

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*How did you feel when you realized how God viewed you?
Did it raise questions in your own mind?*

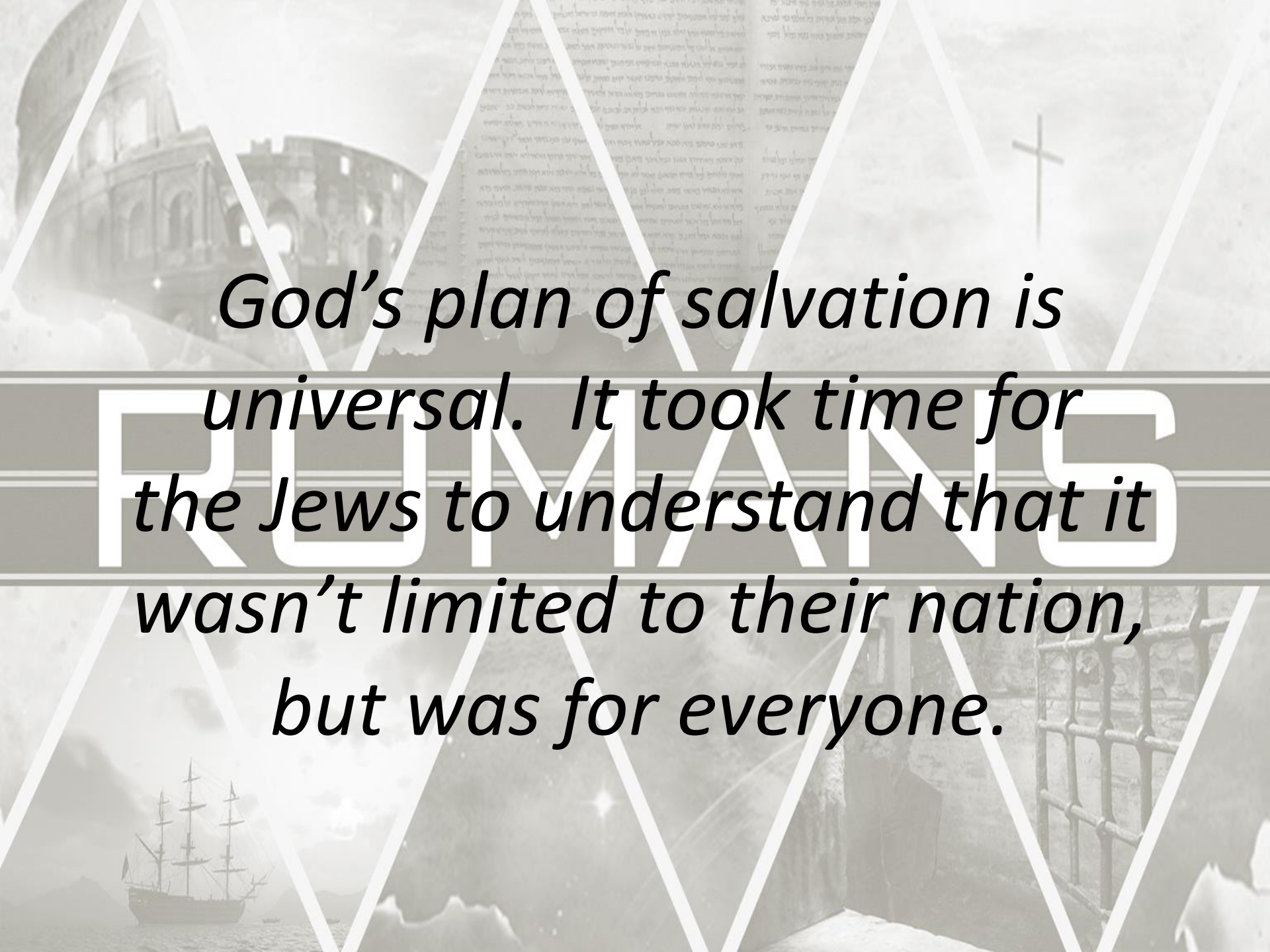
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The Jews:

Had been **ENTRUSTED** with the very **WORDS** of God.

Had given God an opportunity to demonstrate His **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **JUSTICE**.

Demonstrated that **EVERYONE** stands in need of God's **GRACE**, and that there is only one way into proper **FELLOWSHIP** with God.

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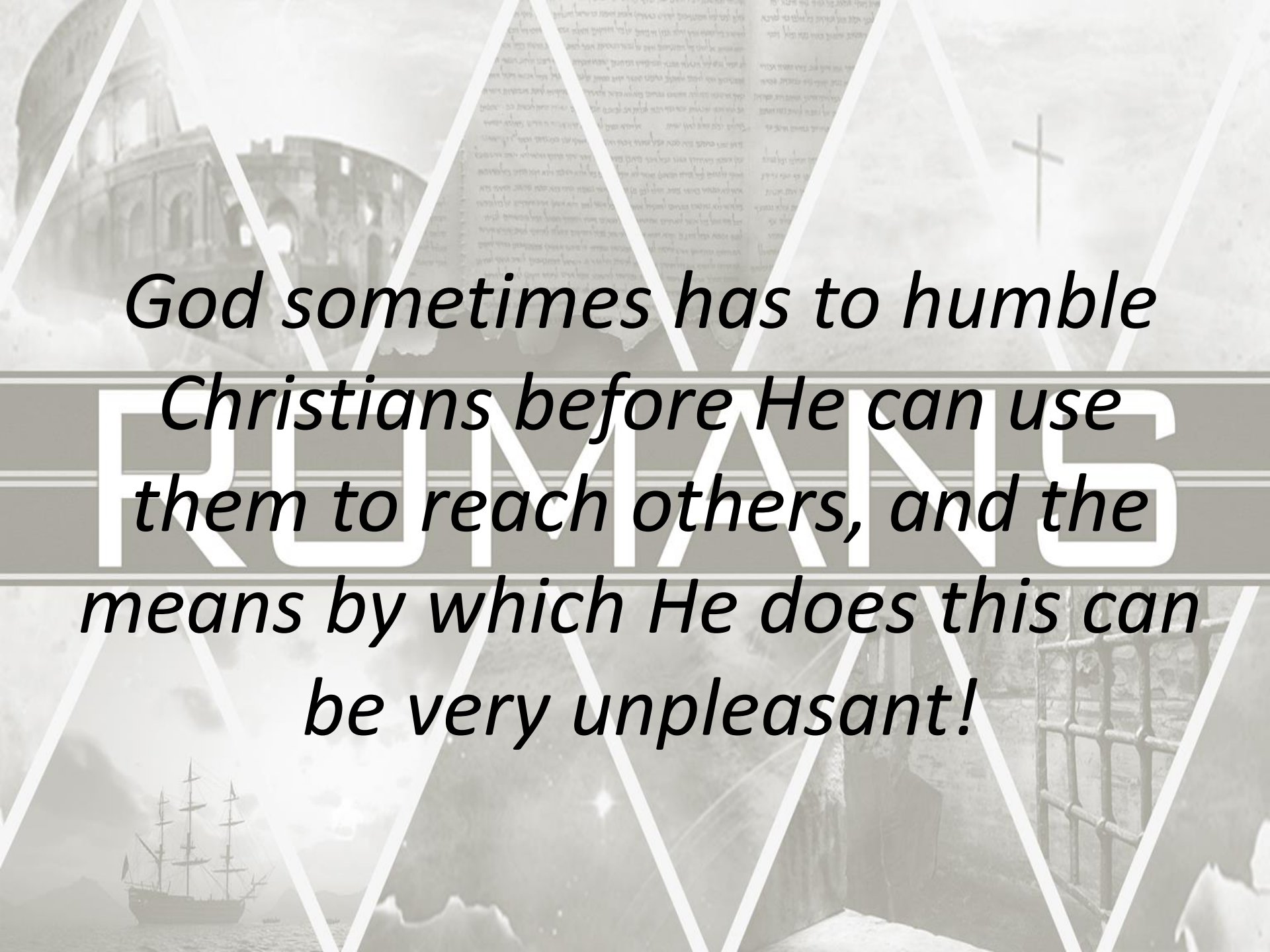
God's plan of salvation is universal. It took time for the Jews to understand that it wasn't limited to their nation, but was for everyone.

Receiving God's **GRACE** as the only means
of salvation eliminates **BOASTING,**
ENVY, and **COMPETITION,**
thereby making true universal **LOVE** and
FELLOWSHIP possible!

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It is impossible to truly lead people into
SALVATION from a position and
attitude of **SUPERIORITY**.

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*God sometimes has to humble
Christians before He can use
them to reach others, and the
means by which He does this can
be very unpleasant!*

Conclusion:

It is always better to
humble ourselves than to
force God to humble us!

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