Why the Jew first? 6 reasons.

- 1) The Jews are first because they are the chosen people of God.
- Nehemiah 9:7
- 2) The Jews have a priority over Gentiles as the guardians of God's special revelation, the O.T. Scriptures. Romans 3:1-2
- 3) The Jews have a priority over the Gentiles in that the Messiah himself, Jesus Christ, came first as a Jew to the Jews.
- Matthew 15:24
- 4) The Jews have a priority over the Gentiles in that salvation is from the Jew. John 4:22
- 5) The Jews have a priority over the Gentiles in that Paul evangelized Jews first when he brought the gospel to a new place. Acts 13:46
- 6) The Jews have a priority over the Gentiles in final judgment and final blessing. Romans 2:9-10

3 Ways that the Jews Do Not Have Priority?

- The Jews do not have priority in righteousness or merit. - Romans 3:9-10
- 2. The Jews do not have priority in how they are saved. Romans 10:12-13
- 3. The Jews do not have priority in participation in God's covenant blessings. Ephesians 2:12-13,17-18

Recap:

Chapter 1:18-32 has to do with the Pagan or the Hedonist who wants to include in the pleasures of the flesh. They will find themselves in the grossest of sin.

Chapter 2:1-16 here is going to deal with the Judgmental Moralist, those who think themselves better just because they do not do the things these Pagans do. They love to find the faults in others so that they can feel better about themselves.

Chapter 2:17-3:20 – Legalist – The one who thinks he can save himself with a pedigree and good works.

The Jews were under two false assumptions:

One – Their pedigree - They were under the false assumption that because they were Jews, and possessed the truth of the written law, they were safe from God's wrath.

Second – The false assumption because they gave an outward display of piety in circumcision and other rituals, God somehow viewed this mark as a sign that they are set apart for God's pleasure and not like the rest of humanity that was destined for God's wrath.

