ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE. THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 3:1-8

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

And The Answer Is

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul

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Romans 3:1-8

What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. 3 For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? 4 Certainly not!
Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: *"That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged."* :5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) 6 Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world? :7 For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? 8 And why not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"? - - as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

In {textbook Jewish fashion} – Paul presents his case in a series arguments - by way of questions and answers

A series of questions then a series of answers are used

by Paul to make clear what God had said in the Hebrew scriptures that you affectionately call the Bible.

It might be good for us to consider taking off our shoes at

this point as we consider one of the most challenging portions of Scripture. It must be stated that the book of Romans is the most technical, integrated book - not only of the Bible, but that of ancient literature known to man.

As I have stated before, it is referred to as the Magna Carta of Biblical theology or as Dr. David Hocking says; "It's the Christians Constitution."

For those of you who have been with us over the past 18 months now – you know that the Lord directed this Church to not pander to fear or human wisdom, but to seek the will of God through the word of God to lead the church of God in these days.

That said, I know that, for many of you

we have immersed you into a baptism of Bible truth.

I led you through a series we called "The Futures" so that you might get a quick overview of what the Bible teaches regarding the last days events leading up to the return of Jesus Christ.

And from there we embarked upon the study of the book

of Romans. Because we believe these are urgent days and that God is doing a work, I was not surprised that for us we began a systematic study on Wednesday nights in the book of Hebrews which we are presently in.

In the words of a friend of mine on the East Coast, when hearing that we started both the book of Romans on Sundays and the book of Hebrews on Wednesdays commented "are you trying to kill yourself or just drown your people with truth"

And The Answer Is

1.) The word of God

Verse 1-2a

1 (question) What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? :2a Much in every way!

He begins with His 1st Question.

Advantage grk: perissos;

what abundance, that which is abounding or overflowing to them or upon them. a supernatural responsibility to do good.

The Jew has been Appointed by God, Chosen by God to be the witnesses of His word to the ends of the earth.

When we talk about the Jews being in possession of the Oracles of God were talking about them preserving the word of God through history.

Isaiah 43:10-12

"You are My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. 11 I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no Savior. 12 I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, and there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses," Says the LORD, (wait for it) "that I am God.

Romans. 15:4

For whatever things were written before (Old Testament) were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the (Old Testament & New Testaments) Scriptures might have hope.

(Biblical inerrancy and accuracy)

https://www.imj.org.il/en/wings/shrine-book/dead-sea-scrolls

Approximately two thousand years old, dating from the 3rd. century B.C. Most of the scrolls are written in Hebrew, with a smaller number in Aramaic

Verse 2b

(What advantage ???) :2b Much in every way! (answer) Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.

The #1 advantage among the Jews is that they have been given the charge to make His great Name known among the nations and to proclaim His salvation

Oracles grk: logios; eloquent or eloquence of God specifically regarding the communication of His will via His word. from the root word logos. meaning the embodiment of an idea, a statement, a thought, an answer, the answer.

I am deliberately heading down a rabbit trial regarding the context of this opening passage.

Hosea 12:10 I have also spoken by the prophets, And have multiplied visions; I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets."

John 16:25

"These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

I Believe That the Most Obvious "Imminent Reality" Is that of Jesus Christ's Return for His church in what is called the Rapture.

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

His return both for the church in the Air at the Rapture and some 7 years later - His 2nd Coming to the Earth (Israel) is Nearing.

Q: - Is Your Faith Founded Upon Fact?

Like the existence of Israel and the Jew – They are constant reminders that God exists, that God is faithful, that God is at work - - and frankly, that God will someday return to His nation and His People – *Israel.*

Understand That When We Speak About THE JEW AND THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL, We'RE TALKING THE TRUE JEW COMING TO THE MESSIAH

We're Talking About The Literal, Physical 2nd. Coming of Christ

Acts 1:9-11

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

From this pulpit, Dr. John Walvoord

shared an excellent bit of insight regarding the end of days and the signs of the coming Messiah. – "If I were to tell you that if you would just wait right here at the corner, I will come back again to pick you up. So, look for me, I will be driving a lil' red sports car. If you should see a big yellow bus coming right at you, get excited because I will pick you up before that bus arrives."

If that yellow bus can be seen and it has written on it

"The Great Tribulation Period" and its license plate number is 666 and the guy driving the bus has horns sticking through his hat, then I'd say it's time to get excited about that little red sports car. – any day now !!!

AND THE ANSWER IS

2.) Everything is going to plan

Listen to what the Bible has to say about ISRAEL AND HER RETURNING (COMING) MESSIAH

Genesis 22:1-8

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am.":2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."... :7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" :8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. :5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. :6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

> Psalm 22:16 The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

> Daniel 9:26b The Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

AND THE ANSWER IS

3.) Israel's most challenging days are ahead

Watch for what the Bible has already said about ISRAEL AND THE RETURN OF MESSIAH

It is True – Israel is Blossoming:

More and more Jews are making their way to Israel.

Israel's economy is growing. Israel's technology is expanding. But Israel's isolation is deepening. Israel's right to exist is being challenged.

But soon, I believe after the church is raptured, God will dramatically place His focus upon Israel.

Israel has the most difficult years coming – The Tribulation Period of 7 years. Yet He will rescue them from their sorrow.

Jeremiah 30:7

Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he (Israel) shall be saved out of it.

Amos 9:14-15

I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. 15 I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

AND THE ANSWER IS

4.) Recognizing the only one who can save the Jew

Know what the Bible has to say about ISRAEL AND THE RETURN OF MESSIAH

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them (O.T.) you think you have eternal life; and these are they (O.T.) which testify of Me.

But is There Evidence for This?

Matthew 2:1-6

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." :3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. :5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'"

In Advance – God Wrote Down the Way to Identify the Messiah

The Preview of the Kingdom Came as Jesus Christ Announced His Ministry to Israel

Matthew 10:5-7

These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Luke 4:16-21

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Isaiah 61:1-3

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; :2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, (and that is the longest comma in history because of what Jesus did not say) And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

John 5:37-39

And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Psalm 40:7 Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll (volume) of the book it is written of me.

Hebrews 10:4-7

For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.
:5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come - In the volume of the book it is written of Me – To do Your will, O God.' "

John 1:1-3,14a

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

John 1:10-11

He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made through Him (Jesus), and the world did not know Him (Jesus). 11 He (Jesus) came to His (Jesus) own, and His (Jesus) own did not receive Him (Jesus).

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?

It's All About Israel's Messiah Jesus Christ

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem (not Pennsylvania), Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

(question - was that fulfilled?)

Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall

conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

(Immanuel = "God among us.")

(question - was that fulfilled?)

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

(question - was that fulfilled?)

Zechariah 9:9

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King (The) is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

(question - was that fulfilled?)

Matthew 23:37-39

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!""

(question - was that fulfilled and will it still be?)

Psalm 68:4 "Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His Name YAH, And rejoice before Him."

The Name YAH.

If Your God Goes by Another Name, You've Got The Wrong God.

The God of the Bible, Is The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And His Name is **YAH** = The God, **YAH**

Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." (Immanuel = "God among us.")

AND THE ANSWER IS

5.) Keeping your eyes and prayers on Israel

Expect what the Bible has said about ISRAEL AND HER RETURNING MESSIAH

Israel Is Not Going Away.

The fact that the holocaust is known and documented, how could a person or a nation be turned against Israel or the Jews? Only by demonic deception and influence.

The only thing United about the United Nations is that they always unite against Israel

https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/12/24/un-condemns-israel-most-in-2020-almost-threetimes-rest-of-world

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monitor.com/sites/default/files/styles/article_header/public/almpics/2020/12/GettyImages-1275458725.jpg/GettyImages-1275458725.jpg?h=a5ae579a&itok=s4IH2VTX

It's Israel and to the Jews that Jesus Christ will:

- 1. Return to destroy the antichrist and the forces of Armageddon.
- 2. Set His foot atop the Mount of Olives and it splits in two
- 3. Enter thru the eastern gate of the temple mount
- 4. Execute the judgment over the nations
- 5. Establish the throne of His father David for 1,000 years
- 6. Renovate the earth's economy, environment, government.

God is at work in and with Israel.

Forget about what CNN, the BBC or USA has to say about Israel.

Romans 11:26-27

And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; **27** For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

And The Answer Is - to the question about being a Jew, physically or spiritually – it is the same answer. **Jesus!!**

Jeremiah 31:31-33

"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. **32** not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took...them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. **33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

1 John 5:20

And we know that the **Son of God** has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in **His Son Jesus Christ**. This is the true **God** and **eternal life**.

If you were to die today, do you know if you would go to heaven?

And if God were to ask you "why should you be allowed to enter heaven?" What would be your answer?

End of Study

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