

ROMANS STUDY

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

Romans 3:21-26

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Today's Your Day

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

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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Like a grand celestial courtroom,

God has held His hearing and the verdict has been rendered - that
all humanity, by their premediated criminal activity against all that is
of God – they have been convicted of rebellion against
The Laws of God

Again, let me repeat what we read last time;

Martin Luther

“The principal point of the Law is to make men not better but worse;
that is to say, to show them their sin, that by the knowledge thereof they may
be humbled, terrified, bruised and broken, and by this means may be driven to
seek grace, and so come to the blessed Christ.”

Jesus did not come into the world to make bad men good.

He came into the world to make dead men live!

Leonard Ravenhill

Romans 3:21-26

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets. 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the Justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

I've repeatedly told you since the beginning of the study of this book that Romans is viewed as The Magna Carta of Christian doctrine. It has been labeled that The Believers Constitution – and the great evangelist of yesteryear, Dwight L. Moody declared that this is The Christians Declaration of Independence.

All of this for good reason because

Romans 3:19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

And so now, just like fresh air blowing into your face after the preceding chapters of Romans 1,2 and 3:20...

Now - we come to the greatest news that a human soul could hear in all of life and it's my prayer that not one word is lost on anyone here today.

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Can I get you to write down this word;
Impute or Imputed. It's an Old English word meaning to;
Assign, Designate, or to Appoint.

From the Greek word Ellogeo meaning to; charge to one's account, to impute, imputed, to take away (but not diminish) and to place upon another (with full effect or value)

2 Corinthians 5:18

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

The God of the Bible – by His loving intensity is seeking to cause you to become urgent about His truth.

Matthew 24:36

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Imagine that - for 120 years Noah preached the Gospel while building in Ark don't you think for a moment that that would've generated a cause of urgency in those who are standing around looking at this nut job building a ship in his front yard?

Genesis 6:5

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

2 Peter 2:5

but God saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Today's Your Day

1.) Because of what you're hearing today

vs. 21-23

Today's Your Day

Because Of What You're Hearing Today

1a.) Do you hear the freedom?

vs. 21-22a

Verse 21-22a

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets. 22 even the righteousness of God,

We now come to what is referred to as the gospel of justification. With these two little words **“But Now”** in English, the entire trajectory of the book of Romans now begins to take shape.

These Two Little Words Pack More Power
Than All The Nuclear Bombs Ever created.

This **“But Now”** Combination is a Preamble to the Great announcement
ever been declared to mankind.

This **“But Now”** answers the indictments against us.

Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and
unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Romans 2:5

But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for
yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

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We know that whatever the Law says, it says to those who are under the Law, that every
mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the
deeds of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Verse 21a

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed,

This is such a radical declaration that it causes all other pursuits of God or
gods to come to an end. No sane person after reading this would pursue
any other form of righteousness but that comes from the very hand and
mouth of God.

Verse 21b

being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets.

Verse 22

22 even the righteousness of God,

This simple little word “even” causes the Christians heart to skip a beat.
This word leads us to the all sufficient grace of God is seen in
His all-sufficient Righteousness the overwhelming and full complete
righteousness. It means that there is no greater righteousness than this
righteousness imputed or bestowed upon us !

**Today's Your Day
Because Of What You're Hearing Today**

1b.) Do you hear the heart of God?

vs. 22b

Verse 22b

through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

How can this possibly be true – that there is no castes system with God?

What does He mean when He says “There is no difference?”

It's Impossible for us to fathom – but God's love is literally, equally and perfectly available to all of mankind – if mankind is willing to respond to such love.

Isaiah. 53:6,10

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, :10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

This is Better Caught than Taught Right Here;

John 6:27-29

Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.” 28 Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” :29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

**Today's Your Day
Because Of What You're Hearing Today**

1c.) Do you hear his honesty?

vs. 23

Verse 23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Let's Play the Game “Who Can Jump to Catalina Leap?”
The first one who can jump from the Huntington Beach Pier,
26 miles to The Bay of Avalon without getting wet – wins!

Today's Your Day

2.) Because of what you're learning today

vs. 24-25a

24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness,

Today's Your Day Because Of What You're Learning Today

2a.) Learn that there's a recreation from God

vs. 24

Verse 24

24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

This "Being justified freely" is a difficult thing to grasp.
Simply put – someone had to pay the price for
someone else to go free.

Whenever someone is forgiven – the one that has been sinned against is the only one who can prove forgiveness. Did ya'll hear that? Only the one that has suffered the offense, the wound, the pain can be the one who issues forgiveness.

The Headlines Read...

"Judge Settles Rent Dispute With Own Money"

<https://www.deseret.com/2000/6/11/19512239/judge-settles-rent-dispute-with-own-money>

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) -- Judge Donald McDonough handles about 150 landlord-tenant disputes a day, but the verdict he gave a deaf couple facing eviction was unique. (the verdict was "guilty") The case involved Deborah Morris and Louis Swann, who were taken to court by their landlord because they were \$250 short on their rent. After hearing arguments, the judge abruptly left the courtroom, then returned a minute later holding two \$100 bills and a \$50 bill.

"Consider it paid," said the Judge, leaning over the bench and handing his own money to the landlord's stunned attorney on Friday. As a sign-language interpreter translated, Morris pressed her hands to her chest. "I couldn't say a word," said Morris, 48. "It just blew me away." The couple, married in October, learned only recently that their married status meant a drop in Morris' disability

benefits. Without the aid, they couldn't pay their \$630 monthly rent, Morris said. Judge Donald McDonough, 55, declined to be interviewed.
"Only in America," said prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr. "I've heard of judges suspending judgments. I've never heard of a judge chipping in."

The transfer of funds came from the Just and was gifted to the Unjust.

Today's Your Day

2b.) Learn that there's a power with God

vs. 25a

Verse 25

25a whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood,

Regarding This Verse;

John Calvin "there is not probably in the whole Bible passage which sets forth more profoundly the righteousness of God in Christ "

this is a remarkable, and almost impossible thing to imagine for the Jewish mind (we gentiles fail as well) and that is; the connotation here, the imagery is that of the mercy seat that was the lid to the Ark of the covenant in the temple. It was hidden from view except once a year – the high priest entered in to make atonement for the sins of the nation of Israel.

propitiation grk: hilasterion

the appointed person, place or thing that makes atonement,
the person (sacrifice) the place (lid of the Ark) and the thing
being the seat or thing of mercy or mercy-seat.

Exodus 26:31-34 NIV

"Make a veil of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim woven into it by a skilled worker. 32 Hang it with gold hooks on four posts of acacia wood overlaid with gold standing on four silver bases. 33 Hang the veil from the clasps and place the Ark of the Covenant behind the veil. The veil will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. 34 Put the Mercy Seat (atonement cover) on the Ark of the covenant in the Most Holy Place.

(According to the writings of Flavus Josephus, the first century Jewish historian – the Veil was 60 feet high, 20 feet wide. Reports regarding the Veil thickness varies from as thin as 4" to as thick as 6")

This verse is saying that “God took the mercy seat that was hidden and made it public, made available, made it approachable by “Setting Forth” His Son Jesus Christ as the offering for our sins.

Matthew 27:50-51

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. :51
Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;

Today’s Your Day
Because Of What You’re Learning Today

2c.) Learn that there’s a price paid by God

vs. 25b

Verse 25b

25b through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness,

Demonstrate

grk: endeixis

to point out, to stand and signal to, to display the route or the answer or the remedy

Hebrew 10:19-22

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

Today’s Your Day

3.) Because of what you’re deciding today

vs. 25b-26

3a.) Have you decided to find an end to yourself?

vs. 25b

Verse 25b

25b because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

Forbearance // Passed Over

Today’s Your Day
Because Of What You’re Learning Today

3b.) Have you decided to think again about God?

vs. 26a

Verse 26a

26a to demonstrate at the present time (now, today, in the moment) His righteousness,

The Present Time

From the human perspective, in His human form, Jesus Christ incarnate achieved eternal life through sheer merit by His obedience to the Father. He is the only Man who ever deserved eternal life simply by the way He lived. Jesus

Christ is the radical righteousness of God revealed.

He is the Living Word made flesh.

Dr. R. Kent Hughes

1 Corinthians 1:30

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God - and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Today's Your Day

Because Of What You're Learning Today

3c.) Have you decided to make it all about Jesus?

vs. 26b

Verse 26b

that He might be Just and (be) the Justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Numbers 14:18

"The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation."

Nahum 1:3

The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked.

Exodus 34:7

Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

God's Impossible Problem.

How does a Holy Just God, Let the Guilty Go Free after He has Already Declared that The Wicked must Die for Their Own Sin. The Ungodly must be

punished for God to be God. If the wicked are not punished – then the God of the Bible is both weak and a liar. – unless.....

Professor Charles Cranfield

“God, because in His mercy He willed to forgive sinful man, and being truly merciful, willed to forgive them righteously, that is without - in any way condoning their sin, purposed to direct against Himself - in the person of His Son Jesus Christ, the full weight of His righteous wrath which sinners deserved.”

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

End of Study

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