

ROMANS STUDY

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

Romans 3:27-31

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

The Direction Of Faith - Part 3

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 3:27-31

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There are two epistles that have been written by the apostle Paul that describe and outline what true biblical faith is and how to live out your faith.

The Book of Romans & The Book of Galatians

The Direction Of Faith

1.) Always directs away from us

vs. 27-28

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that – a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

1a.) Faith directs us away from pride

vs. 27a

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. BY WHAT law? of works? No,

1b.) Faith directs us away from depression

vs. 27b

but BY THE law of faith.

1c.) Faith directs us away from captivity

vs. 28

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Example: The Rich Young Ruler
(and the love of things that direct us away from true-saving faith)

Galatians 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. (O.T.)

The Direction Of Faith

2.) Always directs away toward Him

vs. 29-30

The Direction Of Faith Always Directs Away Toward Him

2a.) Faith directs us away toward others

vs. 29

29 Or is He the God of the Jews only?
Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also,

It is not possible for us to fully appreciate what is being said here;
It is hard for us to understand the Apostle Paul's argumentation.

His apologetic style is what is known in Latin as a
Argumentum Cornutum meaning a horned argument

Ar'gu'men'tum cor'nun'tum

"To be thrust upon the horns of a dilemma"

Meaning: "If you thought you had a problem – you're wrong. You have problem(s).
You are stuck on the two horns or the spikes of a dilemma.

The argument is this: *"That if the Jews say that justification is by the keeping of the law, by the doing of good deeds, then there is only One God that is available for the Jew to present his deeds to God - by his own works."*

The other argument is that: *"That the Gentiles have a lesser god who grants them access by the justification through faith apart from works."*

An Argument at Joppa "Call Nothing I Have Cleansed Unclean"

Acts 11:18

When the Jewish believers heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, *"Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."*

The only Kosher answer is "YES".

The Greatest Evangelists on earth today, ought to be the Jewish people.

Isaiah 49:6

Indeed He says, "Is it small a thing that you should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be My salvation to the ends of the earth (nations – gentiles).'" "

Revelation 7:9-10

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, *"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*

**The ministry of Jonah to the city of Nineveh
in the Ninevites, a pagan gentile world - is profoundly revealing as well as comical.**

So Jonah the Hebrew prophet who hated the Ninevites - held the largest one day evangelistic outreach in human history. These Gentiles were saved by placing their faith in the God of the Hebrews.

I wonder if Paul, when he was once known as Saul had the same feelings of hatred toward the Christians as Jonah did toward the Ninevites?

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and for the Gentiles. 17 For in it (the Gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith (works) to faith (works); as it is written, "The just shall live by faith (works)."

**The Direction Of Faith
Always Directs Away Toward Him**

2b.) Faith directs us away toward unity

vs. 30

30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

>>> FAITH IS THE ONLY ANSWER <<<

The Shema or "Hear" or "Hear This" The One God He Is One.

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

It's tragic that much of church history has at times recorded the absolute opposite of what we read here in verse 30. The greatest friend of the Jew and of the Existence of Israel ought to be the Christian and The Church.

We as believers are to present our faith in the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob in such a way, that Jews who know us - find themselves being curiously aroused regarding our love for them and for their God.

What a "contemporary moment" this is for all of us!
We're living in the days right now that Paul warned the future believers about.

2 Timothy 4:3

For the time will come (it is now here) when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

1 Timothy 5:17

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

2 John 1:9-10

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

Hebrews 13:9

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace,

Titus 1:9

holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

1 Timothy 4:6

If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.

Why is doctrine so critically important?

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

The Direction Of Faith Always Directs Away Toward Him

2c.) Faith directs us away toward fellowship

vs. 30

Verse 30

It is the Holy Spirit's desire to draw a Jew and gentile alike together. The kingdom of heaven is made up of both.

Galatians 3:27-29

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The Direction Of Faith

3.) Always directs away into ministry truth

vs. 31

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

The Direction Of Faith Always Directs Away Into Ministry

3a.) Faith directs us away into obedience

vs. 31a

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not!

Make Void grk:

nullify, overthrow, negate, render useless.

1 Timothy 1:8-10

But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, 9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.

Professor Dr. John R. Stott

The Apostle Paul's assertion is - that faith upholds rather than nullifies the Law. Faith agrees with the Law by assigning to it its proper place in God's purpose. In His plan of salvation, the function of the Law is to expose and to condemn sin, and so to keep the sinner locked up in their guilt until Christ comes to liberate them through faith. In this way the Gospel and the Law dovetail together as the Gospel justifies those whom the Law condemns. The two work together to establish one conclusion, that the

sinner being condemned by the Law is set free through faith by looking to the work and merit of Jesus Christ on the cross. The justified believer who lives according to the spirit fulfills the righteous requirements of the law

**The Direction Of Faith
Always Directs Away Into Ministry**

3b.) Faith directs us away into action

vs. 31b

Verse 31b

we establish the law.

Jeremiah 31:31

“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.

Attention Please - When did this ever happen?

Jew or Gentile – You Must have this Same Experience.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

With Benevolent Sarcasm I Say to you WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?

I will tell you when...

John 20:21-22

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ told the Teacher of Israel – “You must be Born from Above”

John 3:3-15

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes.

So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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?

If The Direction Of Your Faith

Is pointing you in any other direction then Jesus Christ –
You're going in the wrong direction.

So How Do I Do Faith?

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

End of Study

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