

ROMANS STUDY

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

Romans 4:9-25

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

The Truth About The Gospel Truth

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

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Ephesians 1:3-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth - in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Romans 4:9-25

Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that FAITH was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. 10 How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised. 11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the FAITH which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, 12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the FAITH which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised. 13 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through

the law, but through the righteousness of FAITH. 14 For if those who are of the law are heirs, FAITH is made void and the promise made of no effect, 15 because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 Therefore it is of FAITH that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be SURE to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the FAITH of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 *(as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”)* in the presence of Him whom he believed even God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, *“So shall your descendants be.* 19 And not being weak in FAITH, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through (because of) unbelief, but was strengthened in FAITH, giving glory to God, 21 and being FULLY CONVINCED that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore *“it was accounted to him for righteousness.”* 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. *It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses,* (the atonement for our weaknesses, our sins, our transgressions) *and was raised because of (for) our justification.*

The “First Encounter” National Landmark Plymouth Ma.

The surroundings were nondescript. There was nothing out of the ordinary in the landscape. But what happened there change the course of human history. In that place and in one moment of time a relationship was established, one of survival and friendship that lasted for some 50 years when our Pilgrim Father’s First Encounter the native Nauset Tribe, natives of the Wampanoag Nation
(Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick)

Genesis 12:1-11

Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. :10 This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; 11 and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

The Apostle Paul recorded the effect of The Gospel upon him when he had his first encounter with Almighty God

Romans 1:16

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 also for the Greek.

Remembering Back:

Romans 3:20-21

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

Looking at Verses 12 & 24 these are the two great stumbling blocks to many people today - That Jesus as risen from the dead – yet this news is the very answer to all of man's fears and torments.

12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the FAITH which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.
24 but also for us. *It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,*

People will say, "that's not scientific, it's not rational, it's not possible"
Exactly right – if your eyes are earth-bound and you are unable to look up, then you are correct. For you it is not scientific, it's not rational, it's not possible.

But to us who believe in the God of Verses 12 & 24 – it's perfectly scientific, it's perfectly rational, it's perfectly possible – because the creation cannot be greater than its Creator.

The Truth About The Gospel Truth

1.) Is that it is simple	vs. 9-15
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1a.) Simple because it's pure	vs. 9-10
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Verse 9a

Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also?

Verse 9b-10a

For we say that FAITH was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. 10 How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised?
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Verse 10b

Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised.

The Truth About The Gospel Truth Is That It Is Simple

1b.) Simple because it's available

vs. 11-12

Verse 11

11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the FAITH which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also,

"The father of all those who believe"

The LORD uses us to labor alongside Him.

Mark 1:17

Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Simply because it's available should demand your attention.

Verse 12

12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the FAITH which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

The Truth About The Gospel Truth Is That It Is Simple

1c.) Simple because it's appealing

vs. 13-15

13 For the promise that he would be the HEIR of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of FAITH.

Notice here {The Prized Reality Is} The Benefit – The World.

This world must and will go the way of destruction.

It's the New Redeemed World, the Resurrected World that is in sight here.

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-10

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance (Israel). And Abraham went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the Land of Promise (Israel) as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for Abraham waited for the City which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Notice vs. 10

The City which has foundations, (eternal foundations)
whose builder and maker is God.

“Are not the things of this present world growing dim?

Those things that once sparkled are now a faint glimmer of their former glory.”

Matthew 5:2-12

Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Unlike many of the contracts of our day,
its only when you **read the fine print** of the Bible do you discover
that it's all in your favor.

{ And one of those is this teaching doctrine regarding our inheritance in Christ Jesus.

According to the Bible one of the benefits of the grace of God is that not only are we adopted into his family, but we become heirs of all that belongs to God.

More specifically - the only proper heir of God the Father is God the Son and only God the Son is worthy to inherit the Kingdom that His Father promised Him. But through the

gift of faith and through the righteousness that is by faith in Christ, - those who are adopted into the family of God, become full legal heirs to all that is His. }

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Romans 8:16-17

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Simple Because of Its Appealing

Verse 14

14 For if those who are of the law are HEIRS,
FAITH is made void and the promise made of no effect,

The Old Testament Law never promised you any inheritance apart from Faith.
It has nothing to gift us – but it did tell us of better things to come!

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.

John 17:22-23

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

2 Corinthians 1:19-20

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us – by me, Silvanus, and Timothy - was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. 20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Simple Because of Its Appealing

Verse 15

15 because the law brings about wrath;
for where there is no law there is no transgression.

Wrath

grk: orge;
the anger of God, the indignation of God, the vengeance of God

1 Thessalonians 1:9

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Regarding the Law – It's Referred to as our School Master.

Galatians 3:24 Amplified Version

Therefore, the law was our tutor, schoolmaster, guardian to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under, nor do we need a tutor, schoolmaster, guardian.

Have you found yourself in these days being “up-ended” or “questioning”
your future, your life, your purpose?

The Truth About The Gospel Truth

Is that it's very exclusive – yep, it's only available to those who want it.

End of Study

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