

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 – 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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The Truth About The Gospel Truth

It's possible that you're here today and you might be thinking,
**"Who cares about this stuff? What's the point to all this?
How can something so ancient affect my life?"**

Because - what you believe in this world now will translate into the
world beyond the grave.

The Bible Says:

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

It's good for us to remember that Paul wrote the Book of Romans
from Corinth, Greece, in the year 58 A.D. – when Paul at that
time was in his early 30's.

The Truth about the Gospel Truth - is that it flows opposite
to the direction of this worldview.

Why is that important – because 1st century Christianity was
making its way westward throughout the Roman Empire and the effect of the
Gospel was not only taking hold but everywhere it went there was a clash with
the pagan practices and worship systems of the world.

These “Clashes of Culture” were not so much about opinions or doctrines – that’s obvious. But it was the fact that Christianity practiced and brought a values system and morality never before seen on earth.

The early church father, Clement of Rome, one of the 1st century pastors among the fellowships in Rome, specifically says of Paul, that he had been imprisoned “No less than seven times” and that “He bore the chains for the Gospel.”

The Salt of The Gospel & The Light of Its Message

was impossible to hide when presented.

It was Christianity that became the home for the outcast. It became freedom for the slave. It was Christianity that defended the rights of the defenseless. And it was Christianity that became hope for the condemned.

It was the influence of Christianity that ended the Gladiatorial Games in the Empire.

It was the influence of Christianity that ended the Sati – the widow burning in Hinduism.

Due to the Missionary efforts of William Carey in 1829 Sati, the Hindu practice of placing the widow of the deceased Hindu husband on his funeral pyre - was banned across the country. It was Carey's relentless battle against Sati that took 25 years, which finally led to the famous edict in 1829 banning widow burning.

It was the influence of Christianity that ended Slavery in the British Empire and in The Unites States.

Paul had experienced a front row seat to the power of the Gospel.

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. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the

riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Truth About The Gospel Truth

1.) Is that it is simple vs. 9-15

2.) Is that it is rational vs. 16-18

Roman 4:19-25

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 Truth - About The Gospel Truth

3.) Is that it is glorious vs. 19-25

The Truth - About The Gospel Truth

Is That It Is Glorious

3a.) Glorious because it's life again vs. 19-21

Verse 19

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.

Being Weak in body. Being Weak in Age for Sure,
But Not Being Weak in Faith!

Verses 17-18 are like hinges that the door of justification swings.

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."*

Glorious because it brings to us life again.

Verse 19

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.

Out of Death – Life would come again.

It is the glory of the Gospel that attracts.

It is the glory of the Gospel that adorns heaven.

It is the glory of the Gospel that exalts the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is the glory of the Gospel of grace.

It is the glory of the Gospel of love.

It is the glory of the Gospel that the world hates.

Galatians 6:14-15

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Verse 20

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in FAITH, giving glory to God,

Waver

grk:

(did not) stagger, (was not) moved, (did not) stop

(was not) impatient, he steadily and firmly believed onward.

with the promise of God (in hand, in heart)

Whatcha Got There Abraham? – "New Life", It's coming!!!

On Wednesday Nights in The Book of Hebrews

We've been learning about "The Suicide of Unbelief."

Abraham would have none of it.

He refused to see (what God had said) through the eyes of unbelief.

Strengthened

grk: endunamoo

to gain power: grow strong, to be increasing in strength

How was Abraham strengthened in faith?

By being placed in circumstances where faith was needed, proven, and tested.

"Sincere struggling with spiritual problems comes from strong, godly faith. Such faith refuses to doubt and trust in God's promises, even when no way of fulfillment is humanly imaginable."

John MacArthur

To put into practice this spiritual reality is to walk by faith and when this happens, your faith is fortified – verse 21 happens...

Verse 21

21 and being FULLY CONVINCED that what He had promised
God was also able to perform.

James 1:2-4 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

"Giving Glory to God" implies the whole man – everything Abraham was made the decision to "Give God Glory" no matter what.

1 John 5:10b

He who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of ^(about) His Son.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

Psalms 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

To choose (employ faith) to believe God at what He has said is to give Him the ultimate Honor and Glory that is due to Him. Here's why: When we believe Him, we are saying *"I'm all in LORD – Take me and do with me as You desire because I know that what You have for me – is better than anything I could ever design for myself."*

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

"So long as we believe that everything depends on our efforts, we are bound to be pessimist."

Dr. William Barclay

A word of warning to the lazy listener regarding this glorious Gospel.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

The Truth - About The Gospel Truth Is That It Is Glorious

3b.) Glorious because it's ours to have

vs. 22-24a

Verse 22-24a

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, 24a but also for us.

Jude 1:25

To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty,
dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Truth - About The Gospel Truth Is That It Is Glorious

3c.) Glorious because it's mine to keep

vs. 24b-25

Verse 24b

It shall be imputed to US WHO BELIEVE IN HIM
who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

The Gospel is glorious - it's the one true thing of value
in all of this world and it is mine personally to own and to be owned by it.

A Word of Warning to Our Day

2 Timothy 4:15

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come ⁽²⁰²²⁾ 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; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you ^(God's people) be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Itching grk: knetho
to scratch, to rub, to adjust the ear (tickled) selective.
desiring to hear something pleasing, smooth, without

Fables grk: muthos
a speech, a tale, a story, a teller of myths.

To combine the two meanings is this: a person who desires a “church” that entertains, excites, appeals, or thrills the senses of the mind. This is not a New Testament church.

Verse 25

25 who was delivered up because of (for) our offenses,
(the atonement) and was raised because of (for) our justification.

THE GLORIOUS THINGS OF GOD
ARE MAGNIFICENT THINGS – THINGS THAT REVEAL HIM TO US!

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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