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SEED:

“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and **these are they which testify of Me.”** John 5:39 NKJV

“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.” John 5:46 NKJV

“And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.” Luke 24:27 NKJV

“Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.” Luke 24:44-45 NKJV

FRUIT:

“But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:21-23 NKJV

“Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.” Romans 3:31 NKJV

NARRATIVE FOR TODAY’S SCRIPTURES: ROMANS 3:21-31

Last week in [Wrorthink & Thoughtcrimes](#) (Romans 3:1-20)...
Paul, however, wants to be clear that he is not saying that those who’ve been instructed by the law and practice physical circumcision, now have no advantage because the only thing that truly matters is the circumcision of the heart. He made His point clear; bragging about your knowledge of the law, while acting contrary to your boasting, is a big problem. Yet, why is being raised a Jew and being circumcised according to God’s commands still immensely beneficial? Certainly because it was through the Jews that God’s Word was preserved for mankind.

Even if you isolate faithless Jewish men, who give both God and Judaism a bad wrap, that can’t ever negate who God is, what He promises, nor the value of His law. It is man who is at fault in those

cases, as God is true to His Word every time. And trust me; those who attempt to place the blame on God for man's flaws will come to see that His Word always proves perfect.

And if you begin to twist how God's trustworthiness and perfection is more accentuated because of your bad behavior, and even start to believe that God should be thankful for your rebellious nature, rather than punish you for it, you'd be as wrong as anyone could ever be. Besides, if that is how it works, then God would never be capable of holding anyone accountable for their sins, and yet He does! And if it really worked like that you could just lie all you want because your lies would magnify God's honesty! People this deceived would just sit around twiddling their thumbs wondering why God is punishing their every transgression. They are so whacked they might even form support groups to help potentiate their wickedness, just so God's goodness would be highlighted. Guaranteed, they will face God's wrath for their behavior.

And if we switch gears for a moment, shifting our focus back on the Jewish people, don't for a moment think their wrong thinking is better than those I just described. It's not! Everyone has been charged and found guilty of sin, no matter what their heritage! And if you are having trouble believing it works like that, let me paint you a picture using a barrage of Old Testament Scripture references.

You ready? “No humans are righteous; no humans understand; no humans seek God; all humans run from God and are no good on their own. Death and poison pour forth from their mouths and their words are used to lie, manipulate, damn others, and showcase their bitterness and unforgiveness. They are ever involved in harmful activities with the intention to destroy lives and make others miserable. They could not care less about order and harmony. None of them shows any reverence for God.” Is that enough proof that everyone has been charged and found guilty?

You see, that is why the law exists. Every one of these guilty creatures can be found guilty only because when God’s commands are violated, His law condemns those at fault. This should quiet any arguments from any people from any background—everyone is guilty before God! And let me make something else perfectly clear. Evaluating a list of commands and checking them off in an attempt to be right in God’s eyes will not work either! The law defines what God demands and breaking the law defines sin, and everyone sins. But, there is a way to be found innocent; you must have a Savior who empowers you to obey God and who covers for your shortcomings when you don’t!

This week in Romans 3:21-31... Moreover, now that you realize that even if you make an authentic attempt to satisfy a list of commands in your own strength, it is not the path to true

righteousness, and your eyes can open to what the Law and the Prophets were hinting at all along. Everything in the Old Testament was pointing to Jesus Christ (the Messiah Y'shua). Specifically, it is the revelation that true righteousness can only come through Him because every human, when left to their own devices, can't even come close to God's standards. No one can meet His demands. In other words, if all you achieve is what you can produce with your own effort, you are a dead man walking.

What Christ did was to justify you, or make you right in God's eyes by way of His own divine power. And this righteousness that is available through the work of Christ is free. When I say it is free, I mean it is free to you, not God; it cost Christ His life. Nevertheless, that selfless demonstration of pure love and righteousness, His willingness to use His blood as a substitute for yours, to cover your sins, was offered at no cost to you. It happens like this. First, it is essential that you recognize God must demonstrate supreme patience, a willingness to overlook your sins in real time, because if He didn't you'd have perished already. This is how it plays out. God's grace must touch your heart and birth faith in you to believe. At the very moment you should be held personally accountable for your transgressions, God imparts Christ's righteousness into your being. And even though justice demands that a God of truth and integrity must punish you for your sin, rather than inflict a

devastating consequence upon you, He filters His wrath through your faith in Jesus, who was punished for you. As such, He finds you innocent and allows you to live!

If you are humble enough to acknowledge that without this substitution process you are bound to death, no matter how hard you try, or how much of God's Law you know, or even how committed you are to obey it, then you have a shot. This levels the playing field for everyone. In other words, anyone who might otherwise brag about his superiority because of some legal knowledge is instantly brought down to the same level as everyone else, once they recognize that working a list of God's commands in their own strength, as a means to eternal life, is a self-righteous disaster, which definitely ends in death. Eternal life can only be attained if you filter God's laws through genuine faith. The conclusion of the matter should be pretty obvious by now. For anyone to be made right in God's eyes it takes this saving faith, which comes as a free gift from God through His grace. It happens independently of anyone's attempt to complete a to-do-list of commands in their own strength. That alone should make you realize that this is the same process for everyone, every Jew and Gentile alike. Are we perfectly clear?

And finally, before you misconstrue everything I just wrote to mean I am advocating that all you need is faith and what I'm

teaching completely negates the need for God's Law, let me stop you right here. Faith does not negate God's Law. Faith is what insures you can obey God's Law. Remember that faith in Christ is what the Law and the Prophets were hinting at all along. The message has always been, "Obey God, but don't depend on your own strength to do so!" Later on in this very letter I will describe it perfectly, so it is totally beneficial to introduce here: "For Israel being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the goal of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." It was always about grace-empowered-faith-based obedience that would point to the coming Messiah. It just all went sideways when man began to believe he could do it on his own.

"Think in Bible." DJH

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S MESSAGE:

It's the Romans rollercoaster. It happens throughout. One minute he seems to be saying one thing, the next something completely opposite. Up and down and up and down, some of the peaks so high you are all but certain, then the breakneck rush into the valley, only to be at the peak again before you can take a breath. Phrases like "the righteousness of God apart from the law"

pepper Paul's letter, but just when he knows your brain is settling in one direction, he drops a doctrinal truth bomb into your faith garden. "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law."

There is such a heavy emphasis on righteousness, faith and grace in Paul's writings, as well there should be, when you consider historically how poorly God's people understood righteousness, handled faith, and how often they abused grace. It's true even today. Yet, at the same time he is forced to temper his emphasis on righteousness in Christ through faith and his beautiful explanation of God's grace, with occasional reminders that imparted righteousness still demands obedience, faith does not replace law, and grace cannot redefine sin.

The delicate balance necessitated by the large rollercoaster-like peaks and valleys in Romans requires Paul to accentuate that where sin rises, grace rises even higher, but that does not make it right to purposely indulge in sin, just to witness the power of grace in action. Sure, the penalties for your sins are covered, but you can't sin sloppily, or even worse purposefully, with confidence that God's grace will just smooth it over for you. You were delivered from the penalties for your transgressions, not from the law which defines them. The presence of the Holy Spirit in your life is not just a sign

you've been forgiven, it's evidence you've been empowered to obey God's commands before there's a need to be forgiven.

The best way to wrap your mind around these deep revelations is to go back to the root. Search the Old Testament Scriptures; they testify of Christ. Yes, the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms were written concerning Christ. Let your mind be opened to understanding from that perspective and you just might truly comprehend the Scriptures.

APART FROM THE LAW

1. Righteousness Through Faith

A. Can I get a witness?

(1) The righteousness of God apart from the Law?

(a) The Law and the Prophets were really witnessing to the righteousness of the coming Messiah all along.

1. "But now **the righteousness of God apart from the law** is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets," Romans 3:21 NKJV

2. Let's set the record straight...

a) Righteousness "apart from the law" does not mean you get to do an end-around and not make the Law of God part of your Christian walk.

- b) You also need to know that even an authentic attempt to satisfy a list of commands in your own strength is not the path to true righteousness.
- c) Your eyes should open to what the Law and the Prophets were hinting at all along.
- d) Everything in the Old Testament was pointing to Jesus Christ (the Messiah Y'shua). The Law and the Prophets were witnessing to the righteousness of Messiah all along.

3. Doctrinal Truth Bomb

- a) Phrases like “the righteousness of God apart from the law” pepper Paul’s letter, but so are doctrinal truth bombs that balance his message: “Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”
- b) Throughout Romans, there is a heavy emphasis on righteousness, faith and grace.
- c) Considering how poorly God’s people understood righteousness, handled faith, and how often they abused grace, it’s not surprising.
- d) Paul is also forced to temper his emphasis on righteousness in Christ through faith and his beautiful explanation of God’s grace, with

occasional reminders that imparted righteousness still demands obedience, faith does not replace law, and grace cannot redefine sin.

- e) The delicate balance necessitated by the large rollercoaster-like peaks and valleys in Romans requires Paul to accentuate that where sin rises, grace rises even higher, but that does not make it right to purposely indulge in sin, just to witness the power of grace in action.
- f) Sure, the penalties for your sins are covered, but you can't sin sloppily, or even worse purposefully, with confidence that God's grace will just smooth it over for you.
- g) You were delivered from the penalties for your transgressions, not from the law which defines them.
- h) The presence of the Holy Spirit in your life is not just a sign you've been forgiven, it's evidence you've been empowered to obey God's commands before there's a need to be forgiven.
- i) That's what this means... *"the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed!"*

(2) Witnessed by the Law and the Prophets

(a) The Scriptures testify of Christ

1. “But **I have a greater witness than John’s**; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—**the very works that I do—bear witness of Me**, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who sent Me, **has testified of Me**. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 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.** But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.” John 5:36-40 NKJV
2. Everything was pointing to Y’shua...
 - a) The works He would do were prophesied about and the works He did bore witness.
 - b) The Father testified about the son! Where? In the Scriptures!
 - c) If you do not believe that Y’shua is the Son, the coming Messiah, it is because you do not believe God’s Word.
 - d) You search the Scriptures for the how to achieve eternal life—they all point to Y’shua!

3. Search the Old Testament Scriptures, in this case Isaiah the prophet, and what you will find is Christ.
- a) *“**“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; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And *the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.**””** Isaiah 61:1-3 NKJV*
4. Y’shua referred to these very Scriptures and said—
- “Look here, these words of the Prophet are about Me.
- a) *“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. **And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book [to Isaiah 61], He found the place where it***

was written: ***“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; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”*** **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. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”*” Luke 4:16-21 NKJV

- 1) **notice in Luke He closed the book before He proclaimed it was time for **the day of vengeance of our God**. That is coming when He returns!*
- (b) Y’shua also said, “Moses wrote about Me!”
 1. “Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.** But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”” John 5:45-47 NKJV

2. Speaking to the religious leaders who would not acknowledge Y'shua was the long awaited Messiah.
 - a) The problem is that you don't actually know what Moses was saying.
 - b) He was writing about Me as the Christ, but because you don't actually believe Moses, you don't see that I am the Christ!
- (c) Here is a perfect example of how Moses' words were about Christ. This will show up later in this very letter!
1. Paul says Moses writes (in Deuteronomy 30): *"The righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (1) **(that is, to bring Christ down from above)** or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (2) **(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)**. But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (3) **(that is, the word of faith which we preach):"***
Romans 10:6-8 NKJV
2. Connect the Dots
 - a) (1) (2) (3) Notice: as Paul refers to Deuteronomy 30 in Romans 10, he inserts Christ in the places in which Moses refers to the Law, asserting that Moses was really writing about Christ.

(d) This is actually what was written by Moses:

1. *““For this *commandment [Deuteronomy is the second telling of all God’s commands] which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, ⁽¹⁾ that we may hear it [*the Law] and do it?’ Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us ⁽²⁾ and bring it [*the Law] to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, ⁽³⁾ that you may do it [*the Law].” Deuteronomy 30:11-14 NKJV*

2. Connect the Dots

- a) Moses is saying you will not have to travel to these remote places to find God’s laws and obey them!
- b) Paul is saying you will not have to travel to these remote places to find Christ and obey Him!
- c) God’s laws (Christ) are now in your heart to obey!
“That is the word of faith which Paul is preaching.”
- d) It was ALWAYS about grace-empowered-faith-based-obedience to God, and that only comes through faith in Christ!

(e) Did not Moses give you the law

1. “Jesus answered them and said, **“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, **whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.** He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. **Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”**” John 7:16-19 NKJV

2. Y’shua did not come with His own set of Scriptures.

- a) If you really want to know if someone is sent by God, just look at what they preach.
- b) If they preach against what is in God’s word, they are not from Him.
- c) Christ made it obvious! Reject the words of Moses and you are really rejecting Christ.

B. The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-49)

(1) Two men walking on the road encounter the risen Christ!

- (a) They have not yet been able to connect recent events with the Word of God.

1. “Then He [Y’shua] said to them, “O foolish ones, and **slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!** Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” **And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.**”
Luke 24:25-27 NKJV
2. Y’shua is about to show them how to Connect the Dots: the events of His life, death, and resurrection to the Scriptures.
 - a) So, beginning with Moses’ writings in the Torah (the five Books of Moses) and working His way through all the Prophets, Y’shua pointed out the things in the Scriptures that were about Himself.
 - (b) Y’shua goes with the men into the village and stays with them for the evening. He breaks bread with them and...
 1. **“Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him;** and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, **“Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”**” Luke 24:31-32 NKJV
 2. The men finally recognize who they’ve been talking with all along.

- a) They shared how their hearts were enlightened while He revealed Himself in the Scriptures.
- (c) Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary...
 - 1. “Then He said to them, **“These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”** And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, **“Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary** for the Christ to **suffer** and to **rise from the dead the third day**, and that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name** to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, **I send the Promise of My Father upon you**; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”” Luke 24:44-49 NKJV
 - 2. Could Y’shua’s words in John be demonstrated any better?
 - a) *“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and **these are they which testify of Me.**”* John 5:39

- 1) He opened their understanding so they could comprehend the Scriptures.
 - 2) He helped them see that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Himself.
3. Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary...
- a) ...for Christ to suffer, die and to rise on the third day.
 - 1) Sample: *"Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; **On the third day** He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth."*Hosea 6:1-3 NKJV
 - b) ...for repentance and remission of sins to be preached in His name.
 - 1) Sample: *"In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo*

*the prophet, saying, "The Lord has been very angry with your fathers. Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "**Return to Me,**" says the Lord of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts."* Zechariah 1:1-3 NKJV

2) Sample: *"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, **and shall call His name Immanuel.**"* Isaiah 7:14 NKJV

c) ...for Him to send the Promised Holy Spirit.

1) Sample: *"And it shall come to pass afterward That **I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh**; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants **I will pour out My Spirit in those days.**"* Joel 2:28-29 NKJV

C. All fall short!

(1) All fall short of Yahweh's standards and need His grace.

(a) What was witnessed by the Law and the Prophets?

1. "even the **righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus** Christ, to all and on all who believe. For **there**

is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," Romans 3:22-23 NKJV

2. Specifically...

- a) It is the revelation that true righteousness can only come through Him because every human, when left to their own devices, can't even come close to God's standards.
- b) No one can meet His demands. In other words, if all you achieve is what you can produce with your own effort, you are a dead man walking.

(b) Refer to last week's teaching to elaborate on this topic: [Wrongthink & Thoughtcrimes](#) (sermon notes Pages 35-45).

- 1. "What then? **Are we better than they? Not at all.** For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. As it is written: "**There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.**" Romans 3:9-12 NKJV
- 2. Last week we proved this in detail... *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God!"*

- a) It matters not if you are a Jew or a Gentile, all fall short of Yahweh's standards and need His power (grace) that comes through the redemption, the price Y'shua paid to ransom us.
- b) His death and shed blood was the substitute for the death we had coming to us because of our sin.

D. The doctrine of Christianity in THREE verses!

(1) Justification, Grace, Redemption, Propitiation, Forbearance
Faith, Righteousness, Just and Justice

(a) Only Paul could condense this much in what can be translated into 68 words!

1. "being **justified** freely by **His grace** through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus, 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**, to demonstrate at the present time **His righteousness**, that He might be **just** and the **justifier** of the one **who has faith in Jesus.**"

Romans 3:24-26 NKJV

2. Fun Facts about the Bible

- a) There are 1189 chapters and 31,173 verses.

- b) The various English translations range between 728,000 to over 807,000 words.
- c) In the original language it just over 600,000 words.
- d) The NKJV used here has has 770,430 words.
- e) That means Paul was able to condense Christianity into .00008826% of the Bible or with approximately 9 words for every 100,000 words.

(2) Each Key Concept (Romans 3:24-26)

(a) Christian Doctrine

1. **Justified freely by His grace...**

- a) Christ justified you. He made you right in God's eyes.
 - b) Think of it like you would in accounting. When a statement or account is justified, it means that the income, expenses and what remains are completely balanced.
 - c) If you check your balance sheet without Christ, it's in the RED (Negative balance: no income, lots of expense)! RED equals death! Christ justifies your balance sheet by paying all your expenses!
- 1) **Income:** What you bring to the table (sin!) "*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*" Romans 3:23 NKJV

2) **Expenses:** Sin leads to death. *“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and **sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**”* James 1:14-15 NKJV

3) **Negative Balance:** Fallen from grace. *“You have become estranged from Christ, you **who attempt to be justified by law**; you have **fallen from grace.**”* Galatians 5:4 NKJV

d) Only by His grace, His divine power, is righteousness freely available. It happens through the work of Christ.

1) *“For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God,**”* Ephesians 2:8 NKJV

e) It is free to you, not to God; it cost Christ His life.

2. **Redemption in Christ...**

a) Redemption is different than salvation. It is the idea that a price is being paid to recover something that was lost, like paying the ransom for a hostage who could not otherwise pay it themselves.

- b) To retrieve or repossess something. It is an exchange of value for value. It is a way of discharging debt, making good on an obligation.
- c) Christ had to cash in His life so your balance sheet would not remain in the RED!

3. Propitiation by His blood, through faith...

- a) This is the idea of atonement. Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement on which the shed blood of an animal is applied to the altar yearly to satisfy the cost for sin.
- b) Christ, in His selfless demonstration of pure righteousness, willingly used His blood as a substitute for yours (once and for all), to cover your sins. And again, it was offered at no cost to you.
 - 1) *“And **according to the law** [Leviticus 17:11] almost all things are **purified with blood**, and **without shedding of blood there is no remission.**”* Hebrews 9:22 NKJV
 - 2) *“For the life of the flesh is in the **blood**, and I have given it to you **upon the altar to make atonement** for your souls; for **it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.**”* Leviticus 17:11
- c) All you need is the faith to believe it!

4. Looking back at your life... God **demonstrated His righteousness** by way of **forbearance**. God **passed over the sins** you previously committed.

- a) It is essential that you recognize God must demonstrate supreme patience, a willingness to overlook your sins in real time, because had He not, you'd perish instantly.
- b) Then, God's grace must touch your heart and birth faith in you to believe.
- c) At the very moment you should be held personally accountable for your transgressions, God imparts Christ's righteousness into your being which empowers you to repent.

1) *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, **but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**"* ||

Peter 3:9 NKJV

5. Presently... God **demonstrates His righteousness** by **being just**. He alone is the **justifier** of the one **who has faith in Jesus**.

- a) Justice demands that a God of truth and integrity must punish you for your sin. In order for Yahweh

to set the righteous standard and then judge if we meet that standard, He must be just. That means He cannot let sin slide without a punishment. (It would not be just to let a demanded penalty go unenforced.)

- 1) *“**Vengeance is Mine**, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; **For the day of their calamity is at hand**, And the things to come hasten upon them.’ “**For the Lord will judge His people And have compassion on His servants**, When He sees that their power is gone, And there is no one remaining, bond or free.”*

Deuteronomy 32:35-36 NKJV

- 2) *““God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. **Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?**” Numbers 23:19 NKJV*

- b) But, He made a way for it to be paid, and that is by faith in the work of the cross. Rather than inflict a devastating consequence upon you, He filters His wrath through your faith in Jesus, who was punished for you. As such, He finds you innocent and allows you to live!

THE LAW OF FAITH

2. The Law of Works vs. The Law of Faith

A. Faith or Law or Faith and Law?

(1) Where is boasting?

(a) By what law?

1. “Where is boasting then? It is excluded. **By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.**” Romans 3:27
NKJV

2. We must make the all-important distinction between the Law of Works and the Law of Faith.

- a) If you are humble enough to acknowledge that without this substitution process you are bound to death, no matter how hard you try, or how much of God’s Law you know, or even how committed you are to obey it, then you have a shot. This levels the playing field for everyone.
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Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV

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f) The Law of Faith: once justified, grace-empowered-faith-based-obedience is what you’ve been created to walk in.

1) “Therefore, ***having been justified by faith***, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ***through whom also we have access by faith into this grace*** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Romans

5:1-2 NKJV

g) The Law of Works and the Law of Faith: The goal of both laws is the same—obedience to God; it’s how you achieve that obedience which is different, and

that makes all the difference in the world—one brings life, the other death!

h) Now read Paul's words from Romans 10 and your eyes should be wide open...

- 1) *"For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and **seeking to establish their own righteousness**, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For **Christ is the end [goal] of the law** for righteousness to everyone who believes."* Romans 10:3-4 NKJV
- 2) *"But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (**that is, the word of faith which we preach**): that if you confess with your mouth **the Lord Jesus** and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* Romans 10:8-9 NKJV

(b) And now you can understand what it means...

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- d) Legalism: adding any requirement to the free gift of grace through faith to be redeemed!
- e) We have studied this extensively already. See [Vernacular](#).

(c) And He is NOT an exclusive God!

1. "Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? **Yes, of the Gentiles** also, since there is **one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.**" Romans 3:29-30 NKJV

2. The conclusion of the matter should be pretty obvious by now.
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and that what he's teaching completely negates the need for God's Law, he stops us in our tracks!

- b) Faith does not negate God's Law. Faith is what insures you can obey God's Law. In faith, the Law is established.
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- c) This is precisely what Y'shua revealed! He came to get rid of legalism and establish grace-empowered-faith-based-obedience!
 - 1) *"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy **but to fulfill.**"* Matthew 5:17 NKJV
- d) Remember that faith in Christ apart from works of Law (legalism) is what the Law and the Prophets were hinting at all along.
 - 1) *"But now the **righteousness of God apart from the law** is revealed, being **witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,**"* Romans 3:21 NKJV
- e) The message has always been, "Obey God, but don't depend on your own strength, your own righteousness, to do so!"

f) Again, as we will see later in this very letter, Paul describes perfectly what it looks like to attempt obedience on your own, so it is totally beneficial to show it again here:

1) *“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have **a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.** For they being **ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness,** have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For **Christ is the end [goal] of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.**”*

Romans 10:1-4 NKJV

g) It was always about grace-empowered-faith-based obedience that would point to the coming Messiah.

h) It just all went sideways when man began to believe he could do it on his own.

(2) That’s why Paul completes this area of his letter with an exclamation point! *“Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”* Romans 3:31 NKJV

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1) CERTAINLY NOT!

2) Faith does not make the Law obsolete, faith reveals the truth of how the Law is to be implemented by grace, and it always has.

3) The Law was always and will always be meant to be kept with faith and faith without works is dead (James 2:26). *“For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that **we should walk in them.**”* Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

(3) Other Romans Truth Bombs

(a) Rollercoaster peaks and valleys to look forward to!

1. “Moreover **the law entered that the offense might abound**. But **where sin abounded, grace abounded** much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so **grace might reign through righteousness** to eternal

life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 5:20-21
NKJV

2. “What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!** How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” Romans 6:1-2
NKJV

3. “For sin shall not have dominion over you, for **you are not under law but under grace**. What then? **Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?** Certainly not!” Romans 6:14-15 NKJV

4. The Law was codified to remove any questions!

- a) The law defines sin.
- b) Grace is the path to forgiveness.
- c) The more sin there is the more grace is needed.
- d) Grace displays God’s righteousness.
- e) And we are no longer under the Law (you sin you die) because of grace.
- f) As such, does it make sense to sin more so more grace is needed which accentuates God’s righteousness, and because the sin won’t kill us anyway? Absolutely not!

(b) I’ve been delivered from the Law...

1. “But now **we have been delivered from the law**, having died to what we were held by, **so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter**. What shall we say then? **Is the law sin?** Certainly not! On the contrary, **I would not have known sin except through the law**. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.”” Romans 7:6-7 NKJV

2. Is there any further use for the Law?

a) Without it there would be no such thing as sin!

b) With it I see that I am sinner and need a savior!

1) “Therefore **the law is holy, and the**

commandment holy and just and good.” {14}

“For **we know that the law is spiritual**, but I am carnal, sold under sin.” Romans 7:12, 14 NKJV

(4) Final Words

(a) The Law is holy, just, good and spiritual because it proves I’m a sinner who needs a Savior.

1. “**Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness,**

and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was **manifested to take away our sins**, and **in Him there is no sin**. Whoever abides in Him **does not sin**.

Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

Little children, let no one deceive you. **He who practices righteousness is righteous**, just as He is righteous. **He who sins is of the devil**, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.” I John 3:4-9 NKJV

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 - a) And that Savior empowers me to obey God because with Him I need no longer sin!

Summary: APART FROM THE LAW

1. Righteousness Through Faith

A. Can I get a witness?

- (1) The righteousness of God apart from the Law?
 - (a) The Law and the Prophets were really witnessing to the righteousness of the coming Messiah all along.
 1. Let's set the record straight...
 - a) Righteousness “apart from the law” does not mean you get to do an end-around and not make the Law of God part of your Christian walk.

- b) You also need to know that even an authentic attempt to satisfy a list of commands in your own strength is not the path to true righteousness.
- c) Your eyes should open to what the Law and the Prophets were hinting at all along.
- d) Everything in the Old Testament was pointing to Jesus Christ (the Messiah Y'shua). The Law and the Prophets were witnessing to the righteousness of Messiah all along.

2. Doctrinal Truth Bomb

- a) Phrases like “the righteousness of God apart from the law” pepper Paul’s letter, but so are doctrinal truth bombs that balance his message: “Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”
- b) Throughout Romans, there is a heavy emphasis on righteousness, faith and grace.
- c) Considering how poorly God’s people understood righteousness, handled faith, and how often they abused grace, it’s not surprising.
- d) Paul is also forced to temper his emphasis on righteousness in Christ through faith and his beautiful explanation of God’s grace, with

occasional reminders that imparted righteousness still demands obedience, faith does not replace law, and grace cannot redefine sin.

- e) The delicate balance necessitated by the large rollercoaster-like peaks and valleys in Romans requires Paul to accentuate that where sin rises, grace rises even higher, but that does not make it right to purposely indulge in sin, just to witness the power of grace in action.
- f) Sure, the penalties for your sins are covered, but you can't sin sloppily, or even worse purposefully, with confidence that God's grace will just smooth it over for you.
- g) You were delivered from the penalties for your transgressions, not from the law which defines them.
- h) The presence of the Holy Spirit in your life is not just a sign you've been forgiven, it's evidence you've been empowered to obey God's commands before there's a need to be forgiven.
- i) That's what this means... *"the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed!"*

(2) Witnessed by the Law and the Prophets

(a) The Scriptures testify of Christ

1. Everything was pointing to Y'shua...
 - a) The works He would do were prophesied about and the works He did bore witness.
 - b) The Father testified about the son! Where? In the Scriptures!
 - c) If you do not believe that Y'shua is the Son, the coming Messiah, it is because you do not believe God's Word.
 - d) You search the Scriptures for the how to achieve eternal life—they all point to Y'shua!
2. Search the Old Testament Scriptures, in this case Isaiah the prophet, and what you will find is Christ.
3. Y'shua referred to these very Scriptures and said—
“Look here, these words of the Prophet are about Me.

(b) Y'shua also said, “Moses wrote about Me!”

1. Speaking to the religious leaders who would not acknowledge Y'shua was the long awaited Messiah.
 - a) The problem is that you don't actually know what Moses was saying.
 - b) He was writing about Me as the Christ, but because you don't actually believe Moses, you don't see that I am the Christ!

(c) Here is a perfect example of how Moses' words were about Christ. This will show up later in this very letter! Paul says Moses writes (in Deuteronomy 30):

1. Connect the Dots

a) Paul refers to Deuteronomy 30 in Romans 10, he inserts Christ in the places in which Moses refers to the Law, asserting that Moses was really writing about Christ.

(d) This is actually what was written by Moses:

1. Connect the Dots

a) Moses is saying you will not have to travel to these remote places to find God's laws and obey them!

b) Paul is saying you will not have to travel to these remote places to find Christ and obey Him!

c) God's laws (Christ) are now in your heart to obey!
"That is the word of faith which Paul is preaching."

d) It was ALWAYS about grace-empowered-faith-based-obedience to God, and that only comes through faith in Christ!

(e) Did not Moses give you the law

1. Y'shua did not come with His own set of Scriptures.

a) If you really want to know if someone is sent by God, just look at what they preach.

- b) If they preach against what is in God's word, they are not from Him.
- c) Christ made it obvious! Reject the words of Moses and you are really rejecting Christ.

B. The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-49)

- (1) Two men walking on the road encounter the risen Christ!
 - (a) They have not yet been able to connect recent events with the Word of God.
 - 1. Y'shua is about to show them how to Connect the Dots: the events of His life, death, and resurrection to the Scriptures.
 - a) So, beginning with Moses' writings in the Torah (the five Books of Moses) and working His way through all the Prophets, Y'shua pointed out the things in the Scriptures that were about Himself.
 - (b) Y'shua goes with the men into the village and stays with them for the evening. He breaks bread with them and...
 - 1. The men finally recognize who they've been talking with all along.
 - a) They shared how their hearts were enlightened while He revealed Himself in the Scriptures.
 - (c) Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary...

1. Could Y'shua's words in John be demonstrated any better?
 - 1) He opened their understanding so they could comprehend the Scriptures.
 - 2) He helped them see that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Himself.
2. Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary...
 - a) ...for Christ to suffer, die and to rise on the third day.
 - b) ...for repentance and remission of sins to be preached in His name.
 - c) ...for Him to send the Promised Holy Spirit.

C. All fall short!

- (1) All fall short of Yahweh's standards and need His grace.
 - (a) What was witnessed by the Law and the Prophets?
 1. Specifically...
 - a) It is the revelation that true righteousness can only come through Him because every human, when left to their own devices, can't even come close to God's standards.

- b) No one can meet His demands. In other words, if all you achieve is what you can produce with your own effort, you are a dead man walking.
- (b) Refer to last week's teaching to elaborate on this topic: [Wrongthink & Thoughtcrimes](#) (sermon notes Pages 35-45).
- 1. Last week we proved this in detail... *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God!"*
 - a) It matters not if you are a Jew or a Gentile, all fall short of Yahweh's standards and need His power (grace) that comes through the redemption, the price Y'shua paid to ransom us.
 - b) His death and shed blood was the substitute for the death we had coming to us because of our sin.

D. The doctrine of Christianity in THREE verses!

- (1) Justification, Grace, Redemption, Propitiation, Forbearance
Faith, Righteousness, Just and Justice
 - (a) Only Paul could condense this much in what can be translated into 68 words!
 - 1. Fun Facts about the Bible
 - a) There are 1189 chapters and 31,173 verses.
 - b) The various English translations range between 728,000 to over 807,000 words.

- c) In the original language it just over 600,000 words.
- d) The NKJV used here has has 770,430 words.
- e) That means Paul was able to condense Christianity into .00008826% of the Bible or with approximately 9 words for every 100,000 words.

(2) Each Key Concept (Romans 3:24-26)

(a) Christian Doctrine

1. **Justified freely by His grace...**

- a) Christ justified you. He made you right in God's eyes.
- b) Think of it like you would in accounting. When a statement or account is justified, it means that the income, expenses and what remains are completely balanced.
- c) If you check your balance sheet without Christ, it's in the RED (Negative balance: no income, lots of expense)! RED equals death! Christ justifies your balance sheet by paying all your expenses!
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 - 2) Expenses: Sin leads to death.
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2. **Redemption in Christ...**

- a) Redemption is different than salvation. It is the idea that a price is being paid to recover something that was lost, like paying the ransom for a hostage who could not otherwise pay it themselves.
- b) To retrieve or repossess something. It is an exchange of value for value. It is a way of discharging debt, making good on an obligation.
- c) Christ had to cash in His life so your balance sheet would not remain in the RED!

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- a) This is the idea of atonement. Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement on which the shed blood of an animal is applied to the altar yearly to satisfy the cost for sin.
- b) Christ, in His selfless demonstration of pure righteousness, willingly used His blood as a

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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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