



# KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

Portion:

## SCRIPTURES

- Romans 3:21-31
- John 5:36-47; Luke 24:13-49

Title:

## THE ROMANS ROLLERCOASTER

- Apart from the Law
- The Law of Faith

## 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

## 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 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) 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. **"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

3. "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

(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

(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?’ ” <sup>(1)</sup>(that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” <sup>(2)</sup>(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” <sup>(3)</sup>(that is, the word of faith which we preach):”* Romans 10:6-8 NKJV

(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, <sup>(1)</sup> 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 <sup>(2)</sup>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, <sup>(3)</sup>that you may do it [\*the Law].”* Deuteronomy 30:11-14 NKJV

(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

## **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

(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
- (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. *"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and **these are they which testify of Me.**"* John 5:39
  3. 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
  4. 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
  5. 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
  6. 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
  - (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

#### **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) Each Key Concept (Romans 3:24-26)

(a) Christian Doctrine

1. "*for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,*" Romans 3:23 NKJV
2. "*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. "*You have become estranged from Christ, you **who attempt to be justified by law**; you have **fallen from grace.***" Galatians 5:4 NKJV
4. "*For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift** of God,*" Ephesians 2:8 NKJV
5. "*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
6. "*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
7. "*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.***" II Peter 3:9 NKJV
8. Presently... God **demonstrates His righteousness by being just. He alone is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**
9. "***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
10. "*"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

## 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. "For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God, not of works**, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand **that we should walk in them.**" Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV
3. "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
4. "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
5. "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...

1. "Therefore we conclude that **a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.**" Romans 3:28 NKJV

(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

#### B. Doctrinal truth bomb

(1) Is the Law voided by faith or established by faith?

(a) Faith does not make the Law obsolete.

1. "**Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.**" Romans 3:31 NKJV
2. "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
3. "But now the **righteousness of God apart from the law** is revealed, being **witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,**" Romans 3:21 NKJV
4. "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

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

6. "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

(2) 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

(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. "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

(3) 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