

Romans

The Righteousness of God



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Epistle to the Romans



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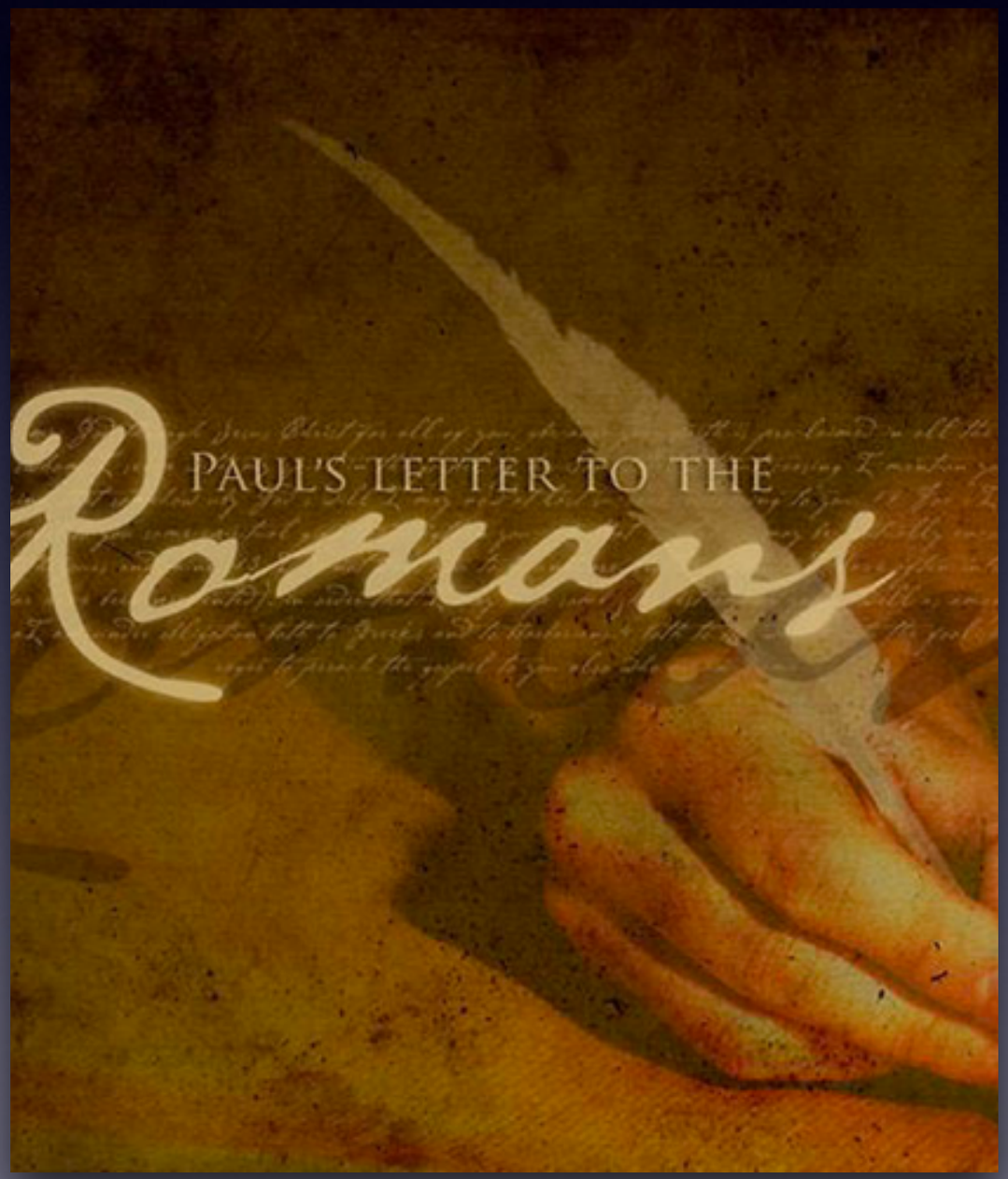
Agenda

Class 1 Introduction to the Gospel of Christ

Class 2 The need for Redemption

Class 3 The father of all them that believe

Class 4 The power of Justification by faith



Romans overview



Introduction	Rom 1:1-15
Doctrinal - *Gospel in relation to Salvation*	Rom 1:16 - 8:39
Man's inability to attain Righteousness	Rom 1:18 - 3:20
God's Righteousness Revealed	Rom 3:21 - 5:21
God's Righteousness & the believer	Rom 6:1 - 8:39
National - God's Righteousness to Israel	Rom 9: 1-11:36
Practical - Gospel in relation to conduct	Rom 12:1-15:3
Purpose & Power of the Resurrection	Rom 15: 3 - 58
Personal Greetings	Rom 16

Epistle to the Romans



- AD 57 - 58
- Centre of the Empire
- Nero in power
- Founded by Jewish proselytes
- Gentile majority - Romans 1:13



Rome "filled with all unrighteousness"



"… rich in disasters, savage with battles, rent with factions, cruel even in peace, the swallowing up or overthrow of cities, the pollution of sacred functions, the prevalence of adulteries, the corruption of slaves against their masters, of freedmen against their patrons, and when their was no common enemy, the ruin of friends by friends" **Tacitus**

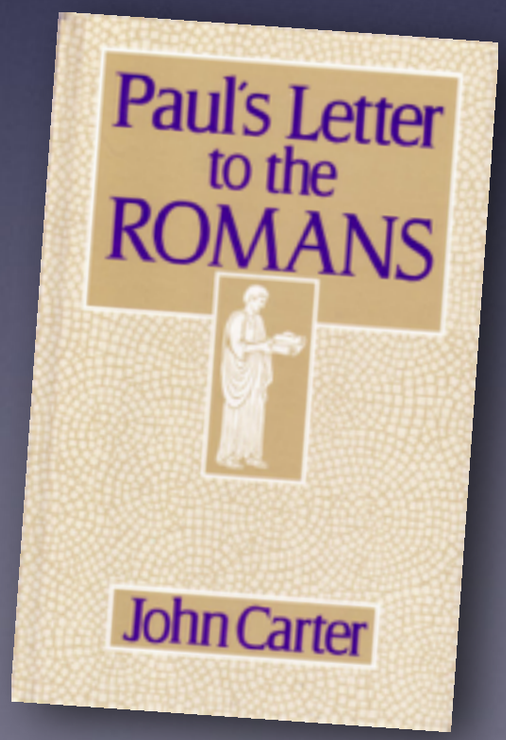
"… common enemy of mankind" **Pliny** on Nero

"… the pattern of the most excrable barbarity and unpardonable wantonness" **Lempriere's Dictionary**



"Historians tell us that underneath Rome's showy power and magnificence was a sink of rottenness… Two men out of every three and two girls out of every three were subject to every whim of their masters, to every suggestion of passion or lust. The slaves are wretched. The best of them crowded into Christianity when it came. The worst of them debauched Rome. They brought in new unnatural vices. They corrupted the masters. They corrupted the children. The Roman boys grew old and jaded and rotten with vice before they were out of their teens "

Paul's Letter to the Romans, Bro John Carter, p 23



Faithful Ecclesia

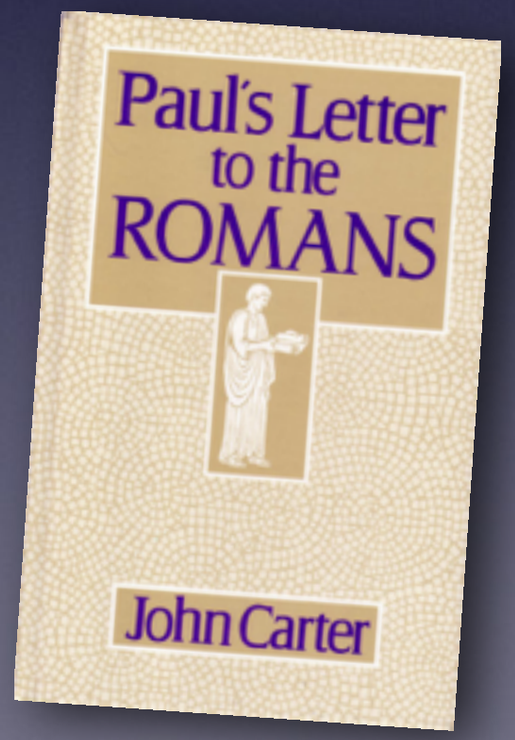


- Ecclesia "beloved of God" Romans 1:7
- Good reputation Romans 1:8
- Desire to visit Romans 1:10,11
- Sought their support Romans 1:12
- Strong Ecclesia Romans 16:19



"Romans is a statement of Paul's teaching concerning the principals of God's dealings with men"

John Carter





Now go to, reader, and according to the order of Paul's writing, even so do thou. First, behold thyself diligently in the law of God, and see there thy just damnation. Secondly, turn thine eyes to Christ, and see there the exceeding mercy of thy most kind and loving Father. Thirdly, remember that Christ made not this atonement that thou shouldest anger God again; neither died he for thy sins, that thou shouldest live still in them; neither cleansed he thee, that thou shouldest return as a swine unto thine old puddle again; but that thou shouldest be a new creature, and live a new life after the will of God, and not of the flesh. And be diligent, lest through thine own negligence and unthankfulness thou lose this favor and mercy again.

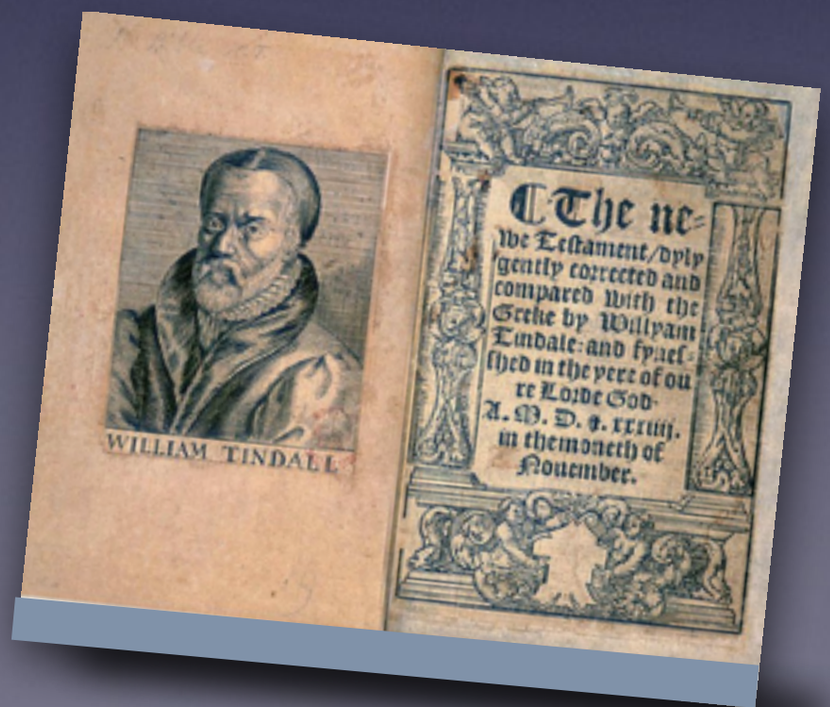
Prologue to Romans - William Tyndale, 1534





Forasmuch as this epistle is the principal and most excellent part of the new Testament and most pure evangelion, that is to say glad tidings, and that we call gospel, and also is a light and a way unto the whole scripture; I think it meet that every christian man not only know it, by rote and without the book, but also exercise himself therein evermore continually, as with the daily bread of the soul. No man verily can read it too oft, or study it too well; for the more it is studied, the easier it is; the more it is chewed, the pleasanter it is; and the more groundly it is searched, the preciouser things are found in it, so great treasure of spiritual things lieth hid therein.

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All need Salvation



Romans 1:17
"Righteousness of God revealed"

VS

Romans 1:18
"wrath of God revealed"

Romans 1:18 -32 Failure of the Gentiles

Romans 2: 1-16 The ground of God's Judgement

Romans 2: 17-29 Failure of the jews

Romans 3:1-8 Jewish objections met

Romans 3: 9-20 Witness of scriptures



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gospel

power of God salvation

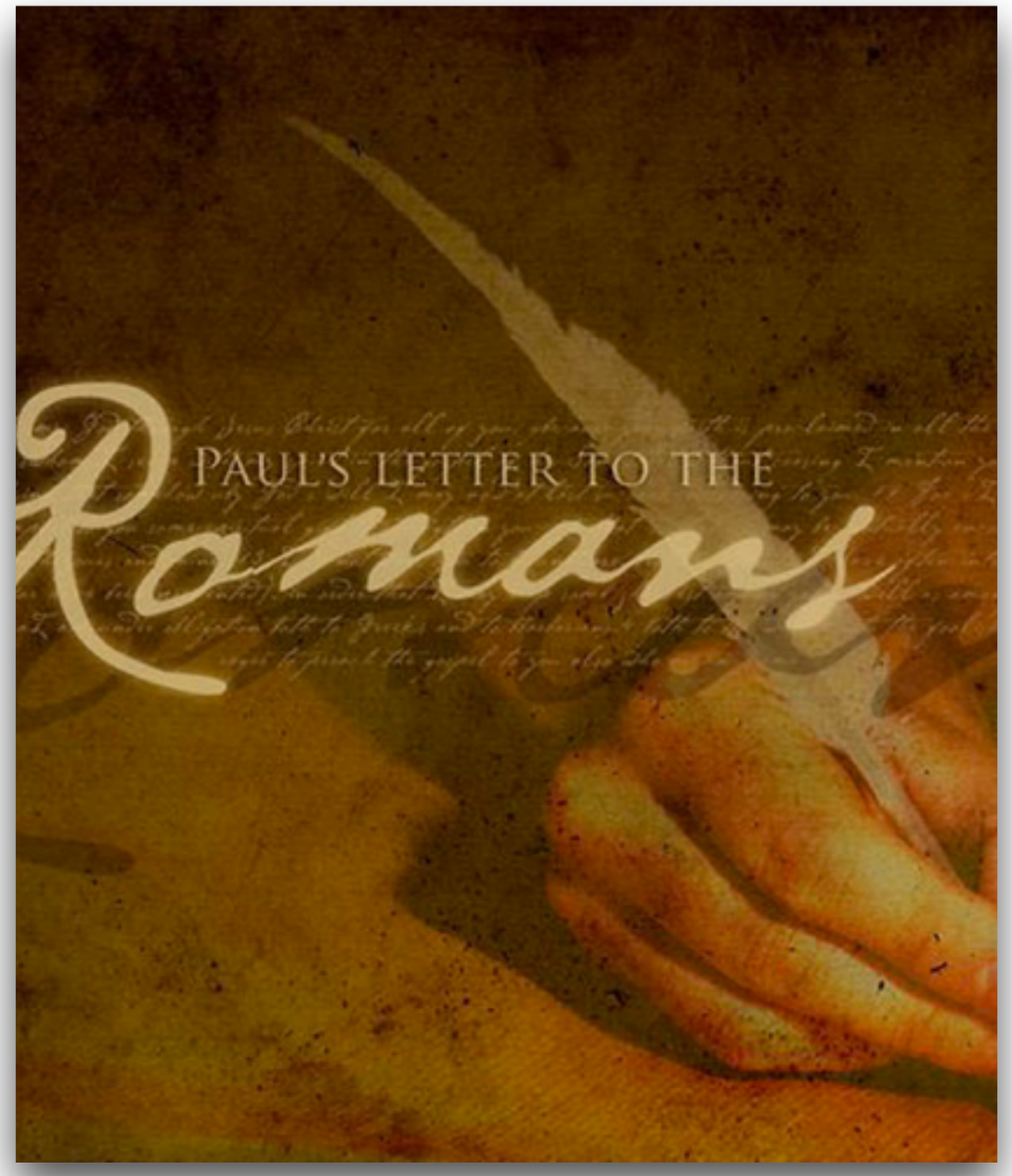
every one believeth

17 righteousness

The just shall live by

faith

Romans 1:16,17



The just shall live by faith

Habakkuk 2:4

"the just shall live by **faith**"

Romans 1:17

"the **just** shall live by faith"

Galatians 3:11

"the just shall live by **faith**"

Hebrew 10:38

"the just shall **live** by faith"

True Circumcision



25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God

Romans 2:25-29

True Circumcision



"Circumcision was a veritable disowning of flesh and fleshly descent. Far from establishing hereditary right, it did the very opposite - a ground not for pride; but for humility"

bro Robert Roberts

"…circumcised of flesh by imputation, and circumcised of heart through faith"

bro John Thomas

Way of Righteousness



Righteousness of God is revealed in the Gospel for man's salvation

Man because of sin is in desperate need of salvation

BUT

Through the love of God a way of reconciliation has been revealed by faith in Christ Jesus

We are in no position to repair the separation between God & Ourselves

Lessons Learned



- Ecclesia in Rome lived in times much like our own
- Remained a faithful ecclesia
- All our in need of salvation - both Jew & Gentile
- Through the love of God a way of reconciliation has been made possible

Practical Application: When I say I am wrong, I am declaring God right; therefore, **showing God's Righteousness**



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God's means of Salvation



Divine Reconciliation

not from

"deeds of law" Romans 3:20

but by

"justification by grace" Romans 3:24

achieved on the basis of the

mercy seat Romans 3: 25

What good is being a Jew?



Question 1 What advantage then hath a Jew? Rom 3:1

Answer: Jews had oracles of God Rom 3:2
Deut 4:5-8; Psalms 147:19,20

Question 2 What if some did not believe? Rom 3:3

Answer: God is right Rom 3:4
Psalms 51:4



What good is being a Jew?



Question 3 Does our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God? Rom 3:5

Answer: God would judge both Jew & Gentile Rom 3:6
Gen 18:25; Deut 32:36; Psalms 50:4

Question 4 Does the end justify the means? Rom 3:7

Answer: Wrong to claim the more we sin the more grace was able to abound Rom 3:8

What good is being a Jew?



Are the Jews better off than the Gentiles? Rom 3:9

No - both Jews & Gentiles are in need of forgiveness and redemption in Christ Jesus

Both	*same condemned nature*	Romans 5:12
Both	*transgressors of divine law*	James 2:10
Both	*under control of sin*	Romans 6:19
Both	*possess deceitful heart*	Jeremiah 17:9

“All under sin”



Sin *manifest in character* Romans 3: 10 -12

Sin *manifest in speech* Romans 3:13 -14

Sin *manifest in conduct* Romans 3:15 -17

Cause of *all* sin Romans 3:18

“All the world may become guilty”



Law *flesh could not keep it* Romans 8: 3

All *are guilty* Romans 7:13

All *need a redeemer* Galatians 3:24

Law could only condemn the sinner

Flesh *is weak…something more is required* Romans 8:3

God manifest *in the flesh gained the victory* I Timothy 3:16

Righteousness of God revealed



On what basis is salvation possible?

God *meets the sons of flesh in his mercy seat (Lord Jesus Christ)*

Romans 3:21-31; Ephesians 1:7



To give his life a Ransom



Righteousness of God

"by **faith** of Jesus Christ"	Romans 3: 22
"unto **all** and upon **all** them that **believe**"	Romans 3: 22
"**his** grace"	Romans 3:24
"in **his** blood"	Romans 3:25
"**in** Christ Jesus"	Romans 3:24
"**his** righteousness"	Romans 3:25
"**his** righteousness"	Romans 3:26

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED?



"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:" Romans 3:24

Redemption : gk 'apolutioseos' to redeem by paying the ransom price - Exd 6:6; Isa 43:1-3
redeem -Heb 'gaal' to bring back from slavery, to free by revenge or payment i.e. Israel's redemption-Exd 35:8-10; 30:11-16; Deut 7:8; Job 33:18-28; Psa 74: 1-2; 106:7-10

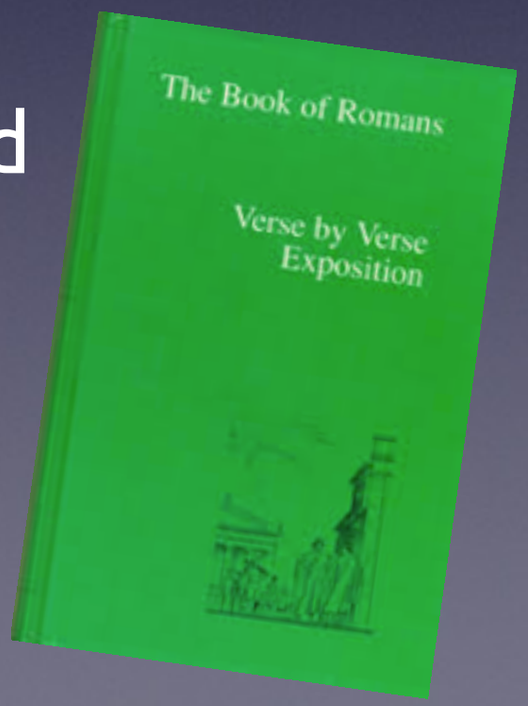
Jesus came to give one offering in place of the "many" under the law - Mark 10:45

Redemption



Purchase of redemption - It was necessary for Jesus to enter "market place" (agorazo) which he did bearing same nature; while in that arena, he paid necessary price (lutroo) by giving freely his "precious blood" for himself (Heb 13:20) and us (Luke 22:20). He has led us out (ekkagorazo) of the marketplace of humanity. (Heb 6:20)

H.P. Mansfield



BY WHAT MEANS HAS IT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED?



25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Romans 3: 24,25

Propitiation: 'mercy seat' Lev 16:14; Exd 25:17; Heb 9:5
Jesus Christ was Yahweh's meeting place with man 2 Cor 5:19
Christ is the mediator of the new covenant made to Abraham that by means of death for the redemption of sins that were under the first covenant Heb 9:15

God is Just



Was He right in imposing law? Yes - obedience developed

In punishing sin? Yes - rewards searchers

Death as a means of redemption? Yes - what flesh deserves

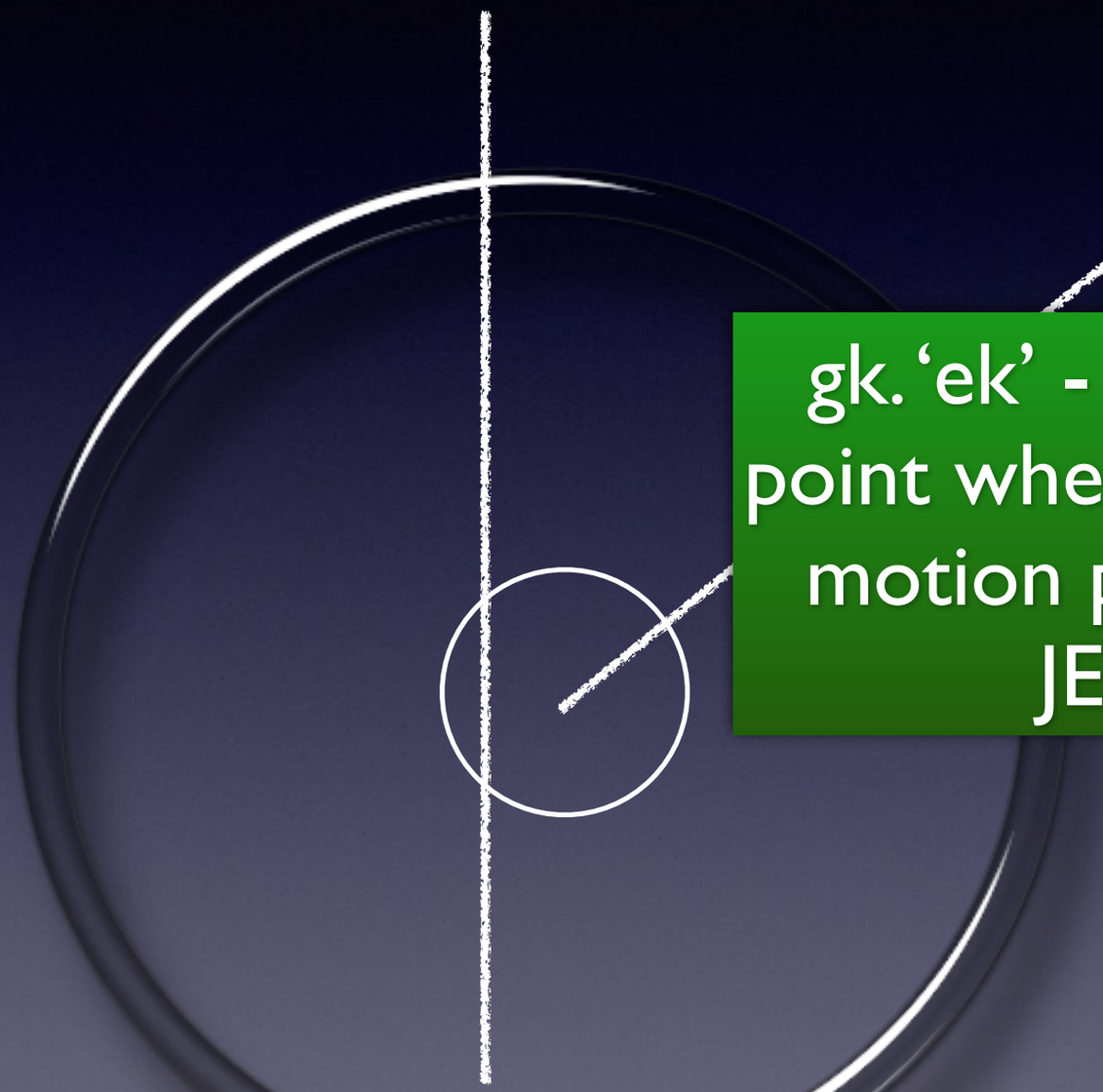
Jesus made of flesh? Yes - only God manifest in flesh can conquer it

Crucifixion? Yes purpose Jesus was born / Flesh must be put to death

Resurrection? Yes Jesus committed no sin



"Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith." Romans 3:30



gk. 'ek' - origin, the point where action or motion proceeds - JEWS

gk. 'Dia' - across, into, the channel
Rom 11:32-36 - GENTILES

Lessons Learned



- Jew & Gentiles all need salvation
- We are redeemed with a price
- Jesus declared God right, flesh profits nothing
- Jesus is our mercy seat - Rom 3:25
- We do not fulfill the law in trying to keep it, we fulfill the law by faith in that what flesh says is wrong and what God says is right

Practical Application: "Paul has shown that there is a righteousness available for man, through the work of Christ, this method excludes us from boasting and puts all men under the same conditions for the attainment of salvation"

Bro John Carter



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1. Abraham was justified by *faith* ***outside the law***
2. David was also justified by faith ***despite the law***
3. Abraham was justified ***before*** he was circumcised
4. Abraham was justified ***before*** the law existed
5. Abraham's life is ***an example of faith*** for us



Abraham



Jews gloried in…	Paul demonstrates …
WORKS	Abraham was justified <u>apart</u> from works Romans 4:1-8
CIRCUMCISION	Abraham was justified <u>before</u> he was circumcised Romans 4:9-12
THE LAW	Abraham was <u>independent</u> of the Law Romans 4:13-22

Imputed Righteousness



3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Romans 4:3

"counted" - translated 3 different ways : counted v3; reckoned v4,9,20 ; impute(d) v8,22,23,24

6 And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Genesis 15:6

Imputed Righteousness



"Abraham the sinner was justified by faith; Abraham the saint was justified by works"

bro John Thomas

" Essence of faith is confidence in God and not ourselves."

bro John Carter

David



God's Blessing: "justifying the ungodly"

"faith counted for righteousness"

"righteousness reckoned without works"

"iniquities forgiven"

"sins covered"

"sins not reckoned" Romans 4:5-8

Imputed righteousness without works - Psalms 32:1-2

Abraham



11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Romans 4:11

Abraham was not justified by circumcision

therefore

“father of all them that believe”



Of faith … by Grace

Romans 4:16

Faith Righteousness - condition of inheriting the promise, it is by faith that we receive the promise

VS

Law Righteousness - if you depend on law as ground of acceptance to life eternal,you think you can earn it

GRACE

MERIT



Purpose of Law

“ But because of the inherent weakness of the flesh which makes law ineffective as a means whereby man’s redemption may be obtained (8:3) - law reveals sin, and therefore convicts man of transgression.

But the law also reveals its own limitations, for it cannot cover sins, nor provide a remedy for failure. Only divine grace and mercy can meet these necessities, apart from which mankind has no hope of eternal redemption”

H.P. Mansfield

Lessons Learned



- Abraham was not justified by the works of law
- David could do nothing under law, saved by grace - Rom 4:5-8
- A changed life is the token of true circumcision
- We must crucify the flesh
- Christ died that offences might be forgiven
- *Practical Application*: like Abraham we need to be confident that what God has promised he will perform



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Justification



Justification came not by works — Romans 4: 1-8

not by circumcision — Romans 4:9-12

not by law — Romans 4:13-17

but by faith — Romans 4:18-25

Now we see the benefit of this!

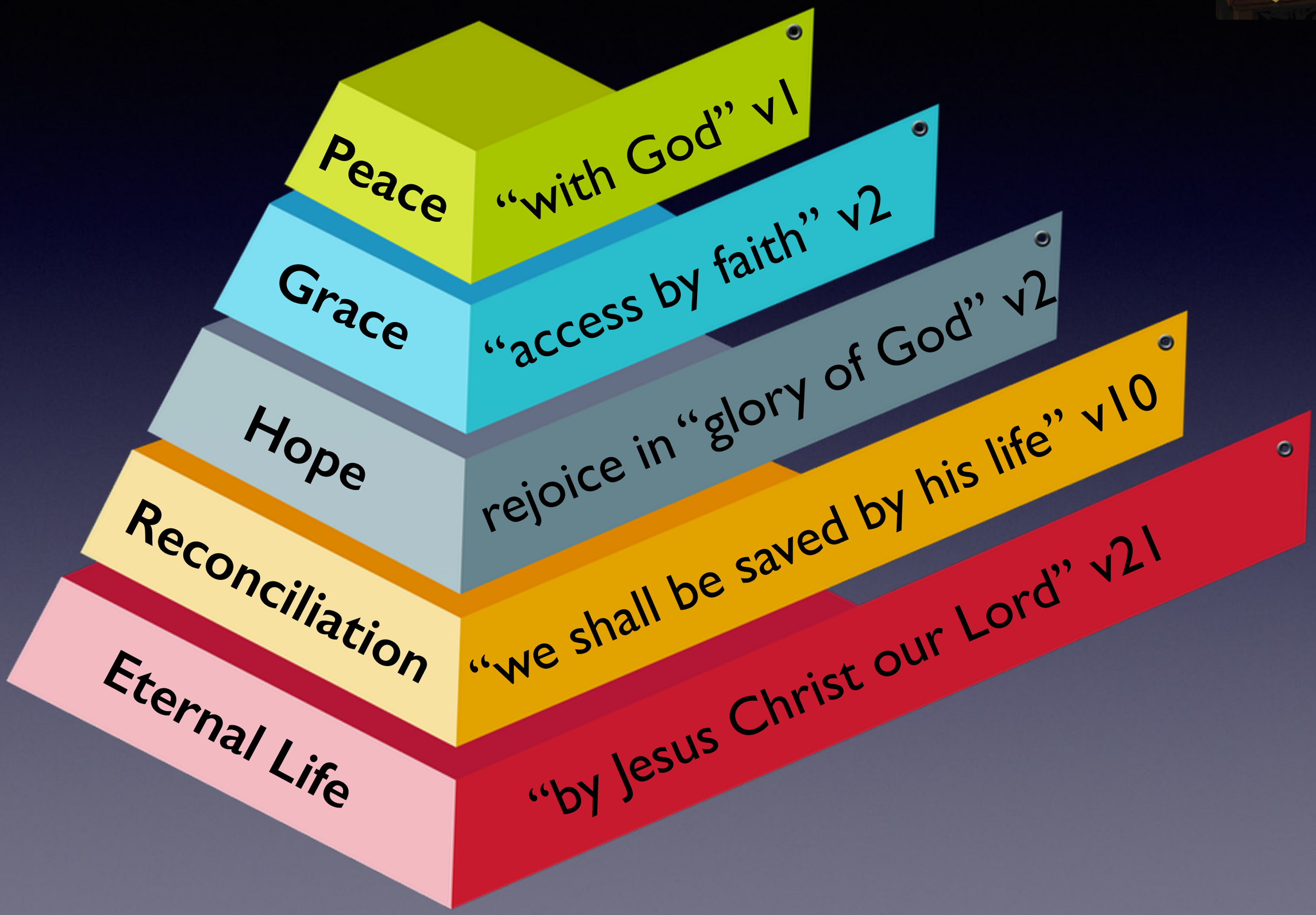
How the Gospel relates to Salvation



Way of righteousness has been made available	Romans 3: 21-26
Christ rose for our Justification	Romans 4:25
Justification is by faith	Romans 5:1
Justification through Christ	Romans 5: 1,11
Effects of Justification	Romans 5: 1-11

Effects of Justification







Effects of Justification

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

Isaiah 32:17



Glory in Tribulations

Romans 5: 3 -8

Tribulations

Patience

Experience

Hope

WHY? "Christ died for the ungodly" v6

"fellowship of his suffering" Phillipians 3:9,10

Power in Resurrection



Justified by his blood v9

Reconciled by his death v10

Result

"We are saved from wrath"

"We are saved by his life"

Power in Resurrection - 1Cor 15:17; Phil 4:13

Contrast - Romans 5



Federal Heads	One man Adam	One man Christ
The action	1 act of trespass	1 act of obedience
Action in relation to condemnation & salvation	Breach of God's law v12	Victory of the word over flesh v8,18,19
Person's affected by the action	All mankind v12	All mankind (in Christ) v15
Proximate effect of the action	Many transgressions v12	Grace & removal of transgression v15,21
Ultimate effect of the action	DEATH v 14,21	LIFE v21



“Adam sinned and was punished with death. His children inherit mortality and also a tendency to sin so inevitable in its sin producing power that Paul can say that through Adam’s sin all sinned, and therefore all die through him”

bro John Carter



For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive

1 Corinthians 15:22



"by one man" Rom 5:12 - 2nd Adam must be descendant of the first. All mankind is involved in the consequences of the fall of the man and the rise of the man

In Adam- by physical descent from him, by generation all die

In Christ - by union with him, by regeneration shall all be made alive

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Grace Reigns

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:21



How is all this possible?



Condemnation

" all men" Romans 1: 16 - 3:20

Justification

" through faith" Romans 3: 31-5:21

Sanctification

" separation" Romans 6:1-8:39

How? we need to be separate or set apart

Lessons Learned



- Power of Justification through faith in Christ
- Effects of Justification Rom 5:1,2,10,21
- Grace through righteousness
- *Practical Application*: to be considered righteous before our God we need to be sanctified. Not just set apart but dedicated to a new way of life

We are in Christ Jesus



30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

1 Corinthians 1:30





