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The Revealing Of God's Righteous Gospel Romans 1-4

Main Idea Of The Text

Sin has affected all of humanity, but because of the righteousness of God, justification by faith is made possible through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ

Understanding The Text

- *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”” - Romans 1:16-17*
 - *My brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. - Romans 9:3-5*
 - *³⁰ What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³² Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. - Romans 9:30-32*
 - *Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. - Romans 10:1*
 - *¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” - Romans 10:11-13*

- ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. - **Romans 1:18**
 - ⁶ He will render to each one according to his works: ⁸ for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. - **Romans 2:6-8**
 - ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. - **Romans 1:24-25**
 - ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. - **Romans 1:28**
 - There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek. - **Romans 2:9**
 - Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? - **Romans 2:4**
 - But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God. - **Romans 2:29**
- “None is righteous, no, not one;
¹¹ no one understands;
no one seeks for God.
¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.” - **Romans 3:11-12**
- For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. - **Romans 3:20**
 - ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his

grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. - Romans

3:21-26

- Righteousness - God's attribute of acting in accordance with what is right, in that He is the final standard of what is right.
 - Propitiation - A sacrifice that bears God's wrath to the end and in doing so changes God's wrath toward sinful man to favor.
 - Justification - An instantaneous act of God in which He thinks of our sins as forgiven and the righteousness of Christ belonging to us, declaring us righteous in His sight.
- *For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. - Romans 3:28*
 - *“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” -Romans 4:7-8*
 - *His faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. - Romans 4:22-25*

Applying The Text

- **Do I hunger and thirst for righteousness?**
 - *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. - Matthew 5:6*
- **Do I base my salvation on the atoning work of Christ or on the religious things that I do?**
 - *For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin - Romans 3:20*