

Romans

**The Righteousness of God
proven through Messiah,
King Jesus**

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Chapters 1-11 – God's righteousness is on trial:

1) Is He really fixing life?

2) Has He done what He said He would do?

- *If Israel isn't believing in Messiah Jesus in Mass then what gives?*
 - *What was on God's mind when it came to Israel & the history of humanity?*
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You have misunderstood what God promised:

- *There is an “Israel” and an “Israel”, “children” and “seed”*
- *Do not mistake salvation FOR Israel with Israel’s ROLE in salvation history*
- *God has always chosen to act thru a portion of Abraham’s offspring to save mankind*
- *Ethnic Israel like the Gentile world is sinful & thus guilty before God & if God left Israel & salvations history to itself not only would they have ceased to exist but the promises of God along with them to reach the world*

Covers the Patriarchs thru the Exodus to the Exile of Judah

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Main Theme = Covenant Renewal thru Messiah – Redefining Covenant relationship with God

a) IF Israel walked away from God, they would be exiled

b) But after exile, He would restore Israel enabling them to keep Torah in a new way

Israel of the FLESH never grasped this

1) They missed how God had been trustworthy all along to fix life

2) And they missed how He had come thru on what He promised

- That Torah never could produce life
- That relationship with God was always thru faith
- The covenant family God was building always meant Gentiles too

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And who is the RENEWED ISRAEL that God has
been faithful to restore?

Children of Faith – Both Jew & Gentile

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Romans 10:1-2 - Who is the “THEY” in verse 1?

➤ *Ethnic Israel...nothing has changed from the beginning of chapter 9*

And remember what is Paul's goal in writing to the Gentile Christians in Rome?

➤ *To share Paul's huge desire to share salvation with the Jews (Covenant Family)*

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Romans 10:1-2

Zealous as they are, they have missed the story culminating in Messiah and thus they have missed salvation itself

They looked for life from Torah even though:

a)it never promised it

b)it chokes them by pointing to their sin

**And as a result Torah became a stumbling stone...just like
Messiah has become**

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Romans 10:3 – And what are they “ignorant” of?

Remember back, what does it mean to say God’s righteousness?

a) God’s loyalty to His covenant to Abraham

b) His obligation to fix the world

“For being ignorant of God’s righteousness, & seeking to establish their own, they didn’t submit to God’s righteousness.”

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Romans 10:3

Israel has MISSED that God has pulled it off because they were looking in the wrong direction:

- 1) They never understood a joint family was God's goal (Gen. 12)*
 - 2) They never understood it was FAITH, not works, that accomplished Torah and gave life ("Abraham believed and it was credited to him as righteousness")*
 - 3) They never understood it was the Messiah Jesus that fulfilled God's loyalty*
 - 4) They never understood it was always a remnant that believed*
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Romans 10:3

And instead they set their own covenant history up:

- *Jews only*
- *thru possession & keeping of Torah*
- *according to race*

“THEIR OWN” is WAY more than just moral effort! It
is their status!

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Summary:

1) His fellow Jews are ignorant of what God was up to all along

2) Instead they sought to establish a covenant membership their way for Jews only

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Romans 10:4 – General Observations

Usually translated “END”, what does this mean?

1) In English “END” can mean termination/cessation or it can mean goal/fulfillment

Romans 6:21-22 “what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome (end) of those things is death. But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome (end) is eternal life.”

*“For end (GOAL) of Torah Messiah unto righteousness to
every believing one.”*

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Romans 10:4 – General Observations

Usually translated “END”, what does this mean?

- 1) Messiah is the “end” meaning the fulfillment or goal of Torah*
 - 2) Messiah is the subject*
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Romans 10:4 – General Observations

BUT...you must pursue Torah the right way:

- 1) Must know that Torah never promised life*
 - 2) Must know that Torah requires a reliance, a dependence upon God...this is the only way we can DO what God wants – thru HIS POWER thru HIS SPIRIT!*
 - 3) And ultimately that Messiah was its aim! He fulfills it, He completes it, He pulls it off for us*
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Jesus has kept Torah on our behalf:

- *Messiah Jesus is the climax of the long Torah Story of God & Israel – He fulfills Torah, He is what Torah pointed to, and He is what enables us to keep Torah*
- *God's purposes in Torah (positive & negative) have reached their goal in Jesus*

Result = Righteousness is accessible to all who believe in Him

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Romans 10:5-11 = Deut. 30 comes right after Moses' blessings and curses – Mt Ebel/Gerizim

- *Deut. 28:1-4 list the blessings*
- *Deut. 28:15-68 list the curses with more warnings listed in 29:18-28 if they refuse to walk with God (Blight, mildew, barrenness, poverty, sickness and a hundred other evils in the land)*
- *They will ultimately be driven off their land which they are...EXILE*
- *But, after all these things, God will reverse the devastation*

Deut. 30 is a prediction of this great return from exile

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Deut. 30:1-2a, 6 “So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you, and you return to the LORD your God Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.”

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Deut. 30:11-14 “For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. “It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?’ “Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?’ “But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.

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Romans 10:5-11

Jesus IS THE life-giving, covenant renewing, community defining, Torah fulfilling gift

➤ *His coming down from Heaven & coming up from the grave are the events that make it possible*

And this is what Torah envisioned all along!

➤ *The covenant with God was renewed following the devastation of Exile (in our case exiled thru sin)*

➤ *Made available thru Jesus' coming down & resurrecting*

➤ *Thru confessing Jesus & believing Jesus raised God writes His Torah on your heart*_____

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Romans 10:12-13

*Literally = the supreme riches that are God's He now
shares with us*

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Romans 10:14-21 – 2 passages as backdrop

Romans 11:13-14 *But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them.*

Deut. 32:21 *'They have made Me jealous with what is not God; They have provoked Me to anger with their idols. So I will make them jealous with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,*

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Romans 10:14-15

Paul now presents 4 questions and a quote to explain the need for the Gentile mission:

- 1) They must have faith*
 - 2) But to do this they must hear of Messiah*
 - 3) For this they need someone to announce*
 - 4) And finally to announce someone must be sent*
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Romans 10:16-21

1) Israel had been warned for centuries that Gentiles would be coming in to receive the blessings

2) Israel cannot claim ignorance that the Gospel was not clear

Jesus should not have been missed!

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Romans 10:16-21

Paul has completed his retelling of Israel's Story so they have the real facts as to what God promised & if He has indeed done what He said He would do:

- 1) From Abraham thru the Exodus thru Exile to Messiah*
 - 2) And with Messiah's arrival & resurrection a new mode of belonging with God, of Torah observance, of the God given status of righteousness to all who believe*
 - 3) And as has been long-awaited the Gentiles pouring in to God's family*
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Closing Reflections:

- 1) Complexity of the Story & God's pursuit - This passage alone runs from Isaiah to Leviticus to Deuteronomy, Isaiah again, then Joel, Isaiah once more, Psalms 2 times, Deuteronomy again, finishing with Isaiah*
 - 2) Leads to the Crescendo of Jesus*
 - 3) All to place us back in His family together & give us life*
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