

The Gospel of Faith

JEW AND GENTILE JUSTIFIED BY FAITH
ROMANS 3:21-31

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Unity through the Gospel
can be the hardest thing to
do, yet be the simplest. All
it takes is a little faith.



SERMON OUTLINE

- 1.Context of Romans
- 2.Context of Passage
- 3.Meaning of Christmas
- 4.Problem of Human Divisions
- 5.Christ is the Solution
- 6.Challenges
- 7.Final Response & Application



1. CONTEXT OF ROMANS

Romans was written by Apostle Paul to share his understanding of the Gospel with learned and educated Jews and Gentiles in Rome



2. CONTEXT OF THE PASSAGE

Romans 1:18–3:20

The Wrath of God will be poured out on all who commit sin. (1:18–32)

The “self-righteous” Jews will also be judged equally as the Gentiles (2:1–16)

Discussion of the merits of being a Jew (2:17–3:8)

ALL have sinned and will be under punishment (3:9–20)

Romans 3:21–31

The hope of JUSTIFICATION through the shed blood of Jesus

No one has any grounds for BOASTING

The Law is upheld

Romans 4

Application: Is Abraham the father of faith of the Jews only?

Explanation on why Abraham is the father for Jew AND Gentile also

How Abraham’s faith was ‘credited to him as righteousness’



The Righteousness of God Through Faith

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.

27 Then **what becomes of our boasting**? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? **Is he not the God of Gentiles also?** Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one — who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

3. MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

1. The birth of HOPE, LIGHT and SALVATION, for both JEW and Gentile
2. A time for PROCLAMATION to both JEW and Gentile
 - a. Angel to Mary/Joseph;
 - b. Angels to Shepherds;
 - c. Star to Wise Men;
 - d. Pharisees to Herod;
 - e. Shepherds to Bethlehem;
 - f. Baby to Simeon/Ana)
3. Faith in God and His GOOD NEWS brings SALVATION to all mankind



4. PROBLEM OF HUMAN DIVISIONS

1. **SIN** causes us to NOT believe, NOT trust, NOT accept, NOT want God's plan
2. **PRIDE** causes us to NOT humble ourselves to listen and obey God's gentle call
3. **ATTRACTIONS OF THIS WORLD** (Money, Fame, Power) keep us distracted from the GOOD NEWS of God
4. **TRADITIONS** and **MINDSETS** are hard to break and change



5. CHRIST IS THE SOLUTION

In the midst of suffering (Jews), lust for power (Herod), busyness (Jews of Bethlehem), ignorance and pride (Pharisees), Christ still came to save. Despite the hardness of our hearts, Christ still came in tenderness and weakness to save us



6. CHALLENGES

Long standing traditions die hard

Our mindsets and
preconceived notions
sometimes get in the way of
God wanting to break
through into our own lives

God's salvation was not immediate

Sometimes our expectations
of God need to be realigned

Many Jews still reject YESHUA today

God's ways are usually only
fully accepted by a few



7.FINAL RESPONSE AND APPLICATION

World

Others

Self

Faith starts as a SEED

Belief in God is a radical thing, and requires a huge shift in mindset

Living by faith needs to be nurtured

We must allow ROOM for Him in our lives

We must rely on Christ to break down the walls

Only He can bring Shepherd and Wise men together in worship



FINAL RESPONSE: “FAITH MEANS...”

Giving Him more time

Clearing our schedules

Allowing God to have ‘more of us’

Trusting Him more

Relinquishing control

Taking away ‘executive control’ over certain areas of our lives

Humility

trusting in God’s timing and providence

Learning to acknowledge that we are not always right (God is)

Willingness to leave our comfort zone

trusting God’s plan for our future

Trust that God’s plans for us, although uncomfortable, are better than our own





**“Are you willing to trust Me
more?”**