

Romans Verse-by-Verse Part 16

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The final 2 verses of the previous paragraph:

Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. **20** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

We stopped there..... leaving ALL mankind (Including Israel) in a hopeless, miserable and lost state.....

BUT NOW..... gotta love the little 3-letter DisJunctive ConJunction.

BUT NOW..... means WASN'T BEFORE!! But NOW means that GOD HAS CHANGED HIS DEALINGS WITH MANKIND! Something NEW that WASN'T BEFORE has come on the scene...

THAT **DOES NOT MEAN** THAT GOD HAS CHANGED HIS CHARACTER, HIS DEITY ATTRIBUTES, OR HIS ETERNAL HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

So why is this SIMPLE pair of words (all of 6 letters) SO DIFFICULT for people to accept??

If you took someone back to **Exodus 19** and said, "Do you think God started something NEW here???" **The person would most definitely answer in the affirmative....**

Why then can't people see the BUT NOW of the revelation of the mystery???

The only answer I can come up with is **2 COR 4:3** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Don't let opposition DISCOURAGE YOU or DEFLATE you..**2 TIM 3:12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. **13** But evil men and seducers shall wax **worse and worse**, deceiving, and being deceived. **14** But **continue thou** in the things which thou hast learned and **hast been assured of**, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

Things are going to get worse.... be PREPARED for this.

Rom 3:20 (The CONCLUSION of the Prosecutions Final Argument) Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. **21** **But now** the righteousness of God **without the law is manifested**, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; (that means UP UNTIL the BUT NOW.... the righteousness of God without the law HAD NOT YET BEEN MANIFESTED!!)

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What about **Deut 6:24** And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the

LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day. **25** And **it shall be our righteousness**, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

What about **Ex 30:10** And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it [is] most holy unto the LORD.

Didn't GOD ALMIGHTY HIMSELF install this Law Program and tell these people to BELIEVE (faith) in His Covenant and DO all the things CONTAINED in the covenant???

The OT guy who had FAITH in Jehovah God's Covenant.... kept all the statutes and commandments the best he could..... brought all the appointed sin offerings when he messed up. **NOW God says He can't be justified by that?!?!?!?**

The answer is???? **ABSOLUTELY YES.** This man CANNOT be justified in the sight of ALMIGHTY GOD by sacrificing rams and turtledoves on an altar.

JUSTIFICATION. Being Justified in the sight of an HOLY GOD...by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight:

"Justified" = **Just-As-If-I** never sinned.

Dictionary: to declare innocent or guiltless; IN THE SIGHT OF AN HOLY GOD..

HEB 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can **never with those sacrifices** which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto **perfect.....4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.....**

People who understand the Grace Message tend to be intellectually LAZY and say, "Well, in the OT it works, but for us it's GRACE"

It's NEVER deeds of the law that saves someone..... No sin-cursed son of Adam has EVER EARNED HEAVEN. No ONE has ever lived a life so Holy that Almighty God is obligated to say, Come on in ...you're HOLY!

Rom 3:23 For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;

This then begs the question of the ages.....**Job 25:4 How then can man be justified with God?** or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman? **5** Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. **6** How much less man, *that is* a worm? and the son of man, *which is* a worm?

God saves BY HIS GRACE and THROUGH FAITH in His instructions in EVERY DISPENSATION. Ours, however is a dispensation STANDS ALONE, without a required performance demonstration of our faith

Imagine you are an OT member of Israel. You stand before God and he declares:

“Mephiboshef, you stand here guilty of a lifetime of sin. You had impure, sinful thoughts every day of your adult life, you committed 13 million sins against ME - A holy God. On WHAT BASIS would you have me declare you to be RIGHTEOUS??”

Mephiboshef answers and says..... “I killed this GOAT..... so I’m GOOD RIGHT??!”
WRONG

We DO NOT HAVE the righteousness needed to be just before God.... We need a FOREIGN RIGHTEOUSNESS imputed to our account

Def: Impute to attribute (righteousness, guilt, etc.) to a person or persons vicariously; ascribe as derived from another.

God IMPUTES righteousness to those who throughout history believe his Word and respond positively to His instructions: Example: **Gen 15:5** And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. **6** And he believed in the LORD; and **he counted it to him for righteousness.**

Phinehas: **Num 25:6** And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping *before* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. **7** And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; **8** And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

PSA 106:28 They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. **29** Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them. **30** Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed. **31** And that was **counted unto him for righteousness** unto all generations for evermore.

Phinehas BELIEVED Jehovah God and His Covenant, and he responded positively to God’s instructions..... and God IMPUTED (counted unto him) RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Back to Mephiboshef standing before GOD. Mephiboshef “I believed Your Word and Your Covenant. I knew I was a sinner and that you are Holy and You commanded me to keep your covenant. I failed many times and I knew it, so I followed your command to bring sin offerings for my transgressions at the appointed times and seasons..... so I did.”

God can then say, You BELIEVED ME, you responded positively to my instructions... I will IMPUTE my righteousness to you.... I will count that for righteousness.

GAL 4 describes elements of the law as ‘weak and beggarly’ I find that very interesting because the folks in the Old Testament were essentially writing a CHECK..... with No MONEY in the bank.

Isn’t that what POOR people do?? You write a check and HOPE you’ll have the money in the bank later??

These people did not have access to the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. WHY? Because the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ had NOT BEEN SHED YET!

God (in essence) HELD their check through His Longsuffering and Forbearance until the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ was offered to PAY for that check.

Back to the BUT NOW.....**Rom 3:21** But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; **22** Even the righteousness of God *which is by faith of Jesus Christ* **unto all** and **upon all** them that believe: for **there is no difference**:

This is the "BUT NOW" data....the NEW INFORMATION. This Gospel is TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RACE without exception or distinction. "Even the righteousness of God *which is by faith of Jesus Christ*" What is that faith? It is DEFINED in 1 COR 15:1-4 and the process of salvation is described in EPH 1:13

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: How do we GET this FREE JUSTIFICATION and REDEMPTION?? **25** Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood,

PROFITIOUS Def. 1. Disposed to be gracious or merciful; ready to forgive sins and bestow blessings; applied to God..... so then a PROPITIATION is Def. The act of appeasing wrath and conciliating the favor of an offended person; the act of making propitious.

Appeasing WRATH and Conciliating FAVOR..... **isn't that the GOAL of EVERY RELIGION on the PLANET??**

Do you see how OFFENSIVE the world's RELIGIONS are to God Almighty?? They're (in essence) SPITTING on the Cross of Christ!!!

YOUR BIBLE says right here that CHRIST did everything necessary to appease God's Wrath and Gain God's favor.....

verse **25** Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, (That's US... here in the dispensation of God's Grace) *to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past*, through the forbearance of God; ... There's the Pre-OT folks and the OT folks getting their check 'cleared' by the forbearance of God through the righteous blood of the Lord Jesus Christ

ROM 3:26 To declare, [I say], at this time (.. the BUT NOW) **his righteousness**: that he might be **just**, and **the justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.