

Journeying Through the Book of Romans

Season 3: The Relationship Between Faith and the Law



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Scripture

- **Romans 3:9-31;4:3,11**

What then? Are we better than they? Not at all, for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; What then? Are we better than they? Not at all, for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin.

There is none righteous, not even one There is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless. There is none who does good, there is not even one. There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes knowledge of sin. But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where then is boasting? It has been excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since indeed God who justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.

^{4:3}For what do the Scriptures say? Abraham believed God, and it was credited to Him as righteousness.

¹¹...he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them, and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised or the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

- **Romans 3:21 (AMP)**
But now the righteousness of God has been clearly revealed apart from the Law...
- **Matthew 5:17**
“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.”
- **Genesis 22:18**
And in your seed, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

Other Scriptures

- Romans 2:13; 3:20-21
- Leviticus 23:22
- Matthew 5:17; 13:52; 26:28
- Hebrews 5:14
- Romans 11:18
- Genesis 22:15-18
- Galatians 3:16
- Deuteronomy 28

Main Points

- Concepts in the Book of Romans:
 1. The whole world is guilty before God, Jew and Gentile, alike.
- Conviction is a prerequisite to truly knowing the work of God’s salvation.
- God’s righteousness has come to us, apart from good works, through a gift of grace, in the person of Messiah Yeshua.
- There is evil in our souls that we need to be **cleansed** and **forgiven** of.
- Faith is truly taking hold of God in **trust** and in an **expectation** that He’ll do what He said He’s going to do.
- The Law is a **self-revelation** of HaShem (God).
- The Law gives us glimpses into God’s character and nature.
- Abraham is the father of **everyone** who believes, Jew **and** Gentile.
- The 3 Primary Covenants
 - 1. The Abrahamic Covenant
 - 2. The Mosaic Covenant
 - 3. The New Covenant

Discussion Questions

1. Who does Paul speak to in the first three chapters of Romans and what is his message?
2. If the law can’t justify, then what did Paul say could save from sin?
3. What is saving faith? Is this true for Jews only or also for Gentiles?
4. Does this make the law irrelevant? Explain.
5. What is the purpose and value of the law for believers today, Jew or Gentile?
6. Talk about the 3 Primary Covenants and what each represented.