

GREAT NEWS II: Righteousness

ROMANS 3:21-4:25 (P. 784)

July 15, 2012

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REVIEW:

- Paul is sold out to sharing the gospel and calling people to the obedience it prompts.
- If only we could be righteous, we could avoid God's wrath.

SPECIFICALLY LAST WEEK PAUL RANTS AGAINST THE WICKED, THE HYPOCRITES, EVERYONE!

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GETTING RIGHTEOUS (3:21-22)

TEASE EACH PART OF V. 21 • LAW AND THE PROPHETS :: RIGHTEOUS=>BLESSING & PS 110, ISA 42

~~ JESUS REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS. ~~

Righteousness is given.

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS GIVEN! // NOT EARNED, NOT LABELED, BUT GIVEN! PAUSE

WHAT GOD DEMANDS AND WHAT WE LACK IS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

WHAT JESUS LIVED AND WHAT HE OFFERS US IS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

GIVING RIGHTEOUSNESS (3:22-26)

JUSTIFIED = JUST AS IF I'D NEVER SINNED (TO BE MADE RIGHTEOUS)

Righteousness is given by God,***in grace, to those with faith.***

BUT HOLD ON... THE ISSUE IS RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT FORGIVENESS.

RECEIVING RIGHTEOUSNESS (3:27-31)

BECAUSE RIGHTEOUSNESS IS GIVEN...

PERFORMANCE MEANS NOTHING // HERITAGE MEANS NOTHING // FAITH UPHOLDS THE LAW.

ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE (4:1-17)

- Abraham believed and righteousness was ***given***.
- God gave righteousness as a ***blessing***.
- God gave righteousness ***before*** circumcision.
- Abraham is the father of all ***believers*** regardless of ritual.

BUT WHAT IS FAITH? (4:18-25)

Abraham was persuaded that God would ***do*** what he ***said***.

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