

# L3: The Gospel of God: Witnessed & Manifest Pt. 2

## Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- Careful with terms: justification, life, death, soul
- The Immutability of God's Justice/Righteousness
  - Man's Unrighteousness
  - The Law of Faith
- Part of Paul's apostleship is separated unto the gospel of God that was promised in the scriptures of the prophets concerning the death, burial, and resurrection.
  - Acts 17
  - 1 Cor. 15
- Part of Paul's apostleship is separated regarding the mystery of Christ
  - Prophesied blessing going to Gentiles through Israel fall
  - Gentile partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel election is the body of Christ

## Sermon Preview:

- More definitions
  - Prophecy - Acts 3:21; Luke 1:67-80 (:70-71)
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- Romans 1-5 Overview
- The Gospel of God - The Gospel of Christ (Romans 3 & 4)

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  - Acts 24:14-16
  - Acts 26:22-23
  - Acts 28:23
- **Paul's Two-Fold Apostleship**
  - 1) Manifest the Gospel of God - promised by prophets
    - Dispensation of the gospel (1 Cor. 9:17)
    - Dispensation of the grace of God
      - His grace in Christ to all the world
  - 2) Mystery of Christ

- Israel fall - reconciled the world
- Not imputing trespasses
  - Enduring with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction
- **3-Threads**
  - 1) Just shall live by faith**
  - 2) Progressive revelation of the redemption in Christ Jesus**
    - The doctrine of the seed
      - Adam
      - Abraham
      - David
      - Christ
    - Death, sin, and the schoolmaster of the law
      - Adam to Moses
      - Moses to Paul
    - The law of faith
      - Abraham (not under law)
      - David (under the law)
  - 3) God's election & purpose (prophecy & mystery)**
    - Prophecy - that made known
    - Israel of God- Covenants of promise, adoption, glory
      - God's kingdom on earth
    - Mystery - hid in God
    - Body of Christ - promises, adoption, glory
      - God's kingdom in heavenly places
    - The Fellowship of the Mystery
      - Gathering them together in one
- **Romans 1-5 Overview**
  - Romans 1:16-18 - The Heart of God's Gospel
    - "power of God unto salvation - to the Jew first, and also to the Greek {first}"
    - "therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith"
      - "righteousness of God" - Romans 10:3
      - "the law of righteousness" - Romans 9:31
      - "from faith to faith"
        - From before the law, to under the law, to the prophets, to

Christ, to Paul

- The Gospel of God reveals the righteousness of God through it all
  - "the just shall live by faith"
    - The expression found in Hab. 2:4 that communicates "the law of faith"
- Romans 1:18-2:11 - Gentile Worthiness of Wrath - without law
  - Romans 5 - Adam to Moses
  - 1:18-32 - gave up, gave up, gave over
  - 2:1-11 - judgment
    - Acts 17:22-31 (in the scriptures)
- Romans 2:12-3:8 - Israel's Worthiness of Wrath - with law
  - Romans 5 - Moses to Paul
  - Israel stiff-necked, natural righteousness, break the law
    - Acts 13:29-41 (in the scriptures)
- Romans 3:9-20 - All Proved Under Sin, Guilty, Unjustified by the Law
  - Proved by argument, not proved historically, for it had been proven historically
    - Romans 3:10-12 - Gentile Iniquity
    - Romans 3:13-18 - Israel Iniquity
- Romans 3:21-31 - The Righteousness of God witnessed is Manifest, The Remedy
  - The Faith of Christ Manifest, but it is equal to His righteousness witnessed before it
  - The Faith of Christ is also God's righteousness that He may be just for the remission of sins that are past
    - "but now", "past" - dispensational proper use according to context
    - We cannot confuse "but now", "past" regarding the gospel of God to that of "but now", "past" regarding God's judgments of Israel's fall, reconciling the world, and Gentile salvation.
    - If we do, we make the mistake of saying that justification by faith is a dispensational matter when it isn't.
    - The reason why the terms "but now" and "past" are used regarding "the gospel of God" is because "the faith of Christ" wasn't fully revealed.
    - Yet, the mystery of Christ isn't manifesting something that was progressively revealed like "the gospel of God", but something that was hid not revealed even in witness form.
  - **God Set Forth Christ as Propitiation - God's Faith**

- **:21 - the righteousness of God without the law is manifested**
  - The righteousness of God without the law witnessed
    - When they believed in the righteousness of God without the law they were justified.
  
- **:22 - the faith of Christ upon all them that believe**
  - Believe today and the past
  
- **:23 - faith alone because all have sinned**
  
- **:24 - justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**
  
- **:25 - how could one in the past, when the redemption in Christ wasn't provided**
  - **"God hath set forth"** - determined
  
  - **"to be a propitiation"** - satisfaction of His justice, judicial appeasement
  
  - **"through faith in His blood"** - God alone satisfied in His Son's blood and had faith in His Son's blood
  
  - **"to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past"**
    - These are not our past sins, but rather "the...sins that are past"
  
  - **"through the forbearance of God;"**
    - God had faith in His Son's blood thus forbore not having perfect payment and forgave sins on that basis, if they had faith alone
  
    - Not through the blood of bulls and goats
  
    - Hebrews 9&10
      - Hebrews 10:22
        - Luke 7:29-30 - the water of His Word, pure water
  
        - The Water of His Word the Spirit uses to cleanse us, to sanctify us, that we may use our bodies.
  
        - Physical water can only purify the flesh, but never the inner man that the body may be used.

- Did they need to do it yes, but it was indicator of how God was viewing them
  - What they know and do, to what God knows and does
- **:26 - "to declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of Him which believeth in Jesus"**
  - ◻ God declared :25, Paul declares :26
- Romans 4:1-25 - Justification by faith (attaining to the righteousness of faith)
  - The response to being imputed God's righteousness
  - God's Righteousness without works - Abraham (not under law)
  - God's Righteousness without works - David (under law)
  - God's Righteousness without circumcision - Abraham before circumcision
- Jesus was Christ - as the Christ what He had fulfilled and what was coming

**Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize**

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