

L4: Justification by Faith Alone With and Without the Law

Sermon Review: Review/Summarize

- Terms: life, death, soul, justification, salvation, manifest, witness, mystery, prophecy
- Overview of Romans 1-3:8

Sermon Preview:

- Romans 3
- Romans 4
- The New Testament
 - Pauline Ableness of New Testament

Sermon:

- 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
- The New Testament
 - 2 Corinthians 3
 - Able Minister - by virtue of God's dispensational judgment
 - Gentile believers partakers of their spiritual things
 - Ministration of righteousness (Romans 1-5)
 - Ministration of unrighteousness (Romans 6-8)
 - Righteousness - Romans 3-5
 - "spirit" - Romans 6-8, 12ff
 - The mind of Christ
 - Same for us as it is to them, but different circumstances

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize