

“THE FINAL WORD” (PART 3)

A four-part series in the book of Romans

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THE GOSPEL...

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CHAPTER 9: ISRAEL IN THE PAST

Romans 9:6-8; 14-15 (NIV)

6“It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. 7Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” 8In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.

14What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! 15For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.””

-God orchestrated events so that people’s rejection of Him actually accomplished His redemptive purposes.

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CHAPTER 10: ISRAEL IN THE PRESENT

-Religion vs. Relationship

-Performance vs. Personal

Romans 10:4; 9-15 (NIV)

“Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

9If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For it is with your heart that you believe

and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” 12For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

-God's new covenant family is based upon FAITH.

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CHAPTER 11: ISRAEL IN THE FUTURE

Q: Has God written off His people?

A: Absolutely not!

Romans 11:17-23 (NIV)

17“If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, 18do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. 19You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” 20Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. 21For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. 22Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. 23And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.”

THE BIG PICTURE:

-Because of their FAITH in Jesus, Jews and Gentiles are now TOGETHER Abraham's family- the NEW HUMANITY that's being transformed by God's Spirit.

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Romans 11:33-36 (NIV)

Doxology

33“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34“Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” 35“Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” 36For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.”

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