

The Gift of the Gospel

Romans 10:1 – 10:15



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My goal today in preaching this message is that you would all walk away with:

- A deeper and fuller understanding of the gospel.
- The confidence to share the gospel. And to share it often.
- Your questions concerning the gospel answered (feel free to raise your hand and ask away).



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Our Topic Today:

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- The fatal error the Jews were making was in relying on their own works to produce righteousness.
- In doing so, they were rejecting the righteousness of God available in Christ.
- They were also seeking to establish their own righteousness based on law.

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- Israel missed the point—Jesus!
- It's sad for Israel but it's great for us
- But don't worry because God is not done with His chosen people Israel

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Paul has ably demonstrated in the first several chapters of Romans how futile this is. Plainly put, by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified (Romans 3:20).

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- It's so simple that many miss it
- Believe that Jesus is your resurrected Savior
- Confess that with your mouth
- Voila!

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- If you want to try to be declared righteous by following the law (doing good works) then go ahead
- You not going to get very far.
 - If you break even one commandment then you are guilty of breaking them all.

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The fact is, all that can be done has been done. Why do you want to do what is already done? All that can be felt has been felt; why do you want to feel it? 'It is finished,' said Christ, why do you strive to do it over again?

– Spurgeon

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- I'm not telling you to go around breaking commandments
- The law still reflects God's moral standards
- The law from the beginning was meant to point us to the fact that we need a sinless Savior to fulfill it for us.

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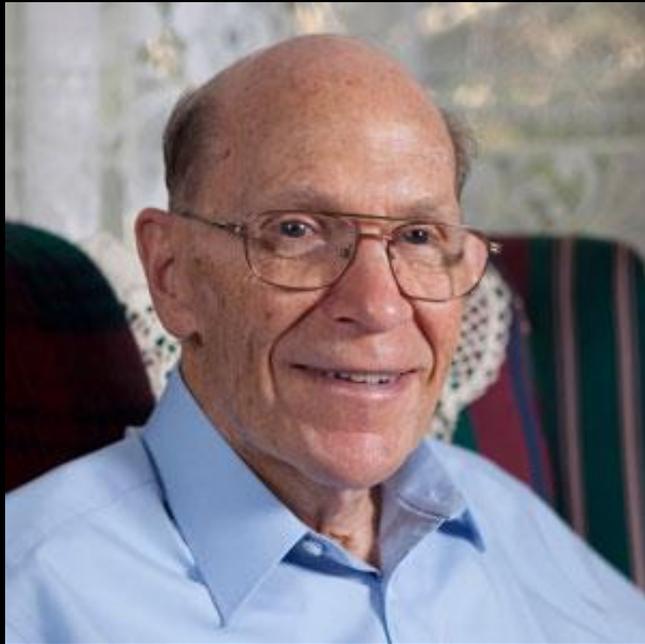
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Salvation is a three-part work

- We were justified
- We are progressively being sanctified day by day until the end of our earthly lives
- We will be glorified when we die

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The gospel is not only the most important message in all of history; it is the only essential message in all of history.

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- Romans 3:19—26 [*A very clear gospel passage*]

“Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

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But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

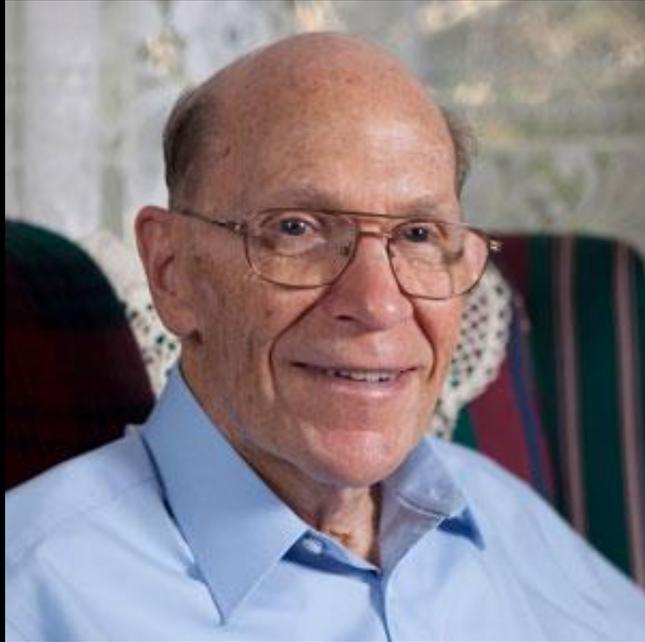
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This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

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- Romans 3:19—26 summed up
 - No one can be declared righteous before God by doing a whole bunch of good stuff
 - But there is righteousness from God [meaning it's not found in ourselves]
 - Faith in Jesus Christ makes you righteous [He paid our debt by suffering and dying on the cross]
 - All the sins you've ever committed and will commit are wiped clean when you choose faith
 - This righteousness is available to all without discrimination.

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God is the “God of all grace” (1 Peter 5:10) and is disposed to deal with us by grace, but not at the expense of His justice. But with justice satisfied, God can now deal with us in grace, both in our salvation and in our day-to-day relationship with Him.

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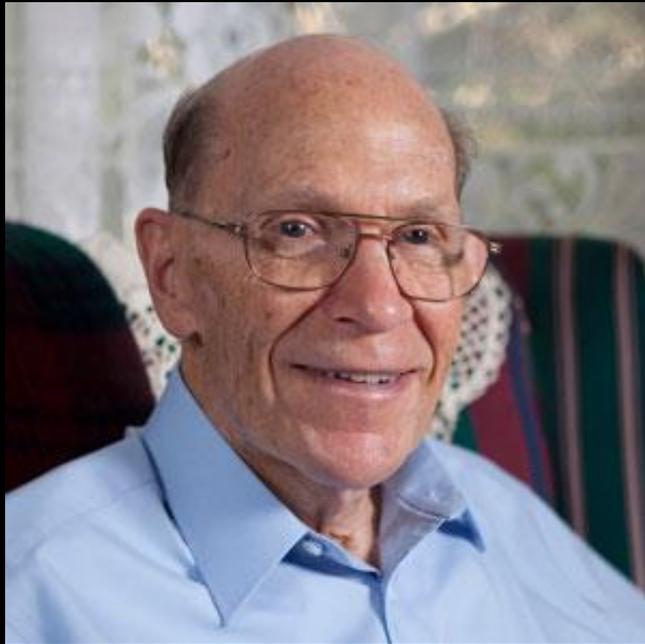
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This is the gospel by which we were saved, and it is the gospel by which we must live every day of our Christian lives. In Romans 3:24, Paul said we are justified by grace, referring to what we might call our point-in-time salvation, the day we trusted in Christ....

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...In Romans 5:2, however, Paul spoke of “this grace in which we now stand.” Here he refers to our day-to-day standing before God as being on the same basis as our justification—that is, on the basis of grace. But this grace—unmerited favor to those who deserve wrath—comes to us through the Lord Jesus Christ.”

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But the righteousness of faith is based on Jesus, and we don't have to "work" to get Jesus. It is not as if we have to ascend into heaven or descend into the abyss to gain Jesus. We believe and receive."

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- Someone's got to be preaching so that people can hear
- The great commission commands all of us Christians to share the gospel, and share it often.
 - (Matthew 28:19,20)
- If I were to define a Christian in one sentence I believe that sentence would be: One who shares with himself and with others the gospel by his/her own words and actions.

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- A Christian isn't at his core a "pew warmer" he is a gospel sharer. He is a missionary where ever he is.

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