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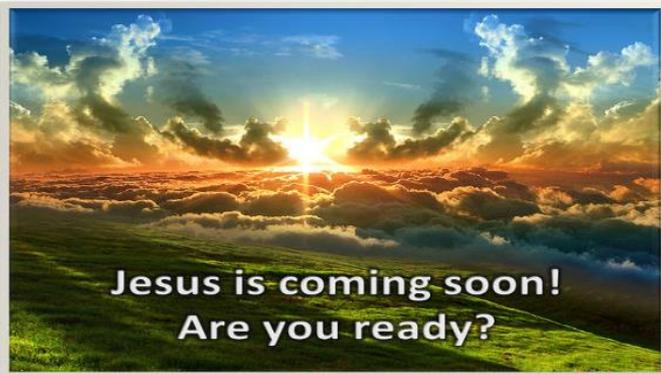


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A screenshot of the Facebook page for New LIFE Fellowship - Johns Island, SC. The page header shows the church's name and location, along with a cover photo of a lake and a boat. The page has 527 likes and 5 visits. The 'ABOUT' section describes the church as a simply biblical, family-integrated church family meeting at Haut Gap Middle School on Sundays at 10 AM. A post from yesterday at 5:58 AM is visible, featuring a teaching on the Book of Romans by Pastor Andy Thomas. The post includes a video thumbnail with the text 'THE BOOK OF ROMANS' and 'New LIFE Fellowship - Teachings'.

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**Doctrinal Foundations: Romans**  
08/02/2015 ID #:206

**#GOD, #ISRAEL, THE #MESSIAH AND THE #GOSPEL - Part 2**

The Relationship of Israel to the Gospel of Christ, God's Sovereignty, God's Mercy, and God's Word, etc.

**Romans 9**

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**Doctrinal Foundations: Romans**  
07/26/2015 ID #:205

**God, Israel, the Messiah, and the Gospel**

The Relationship of the Gospel of Christ with Israel, God's Sovereignty, and the Mission of the Gospel

**Pastor Andy's most recent message on Romans 9:1-5**

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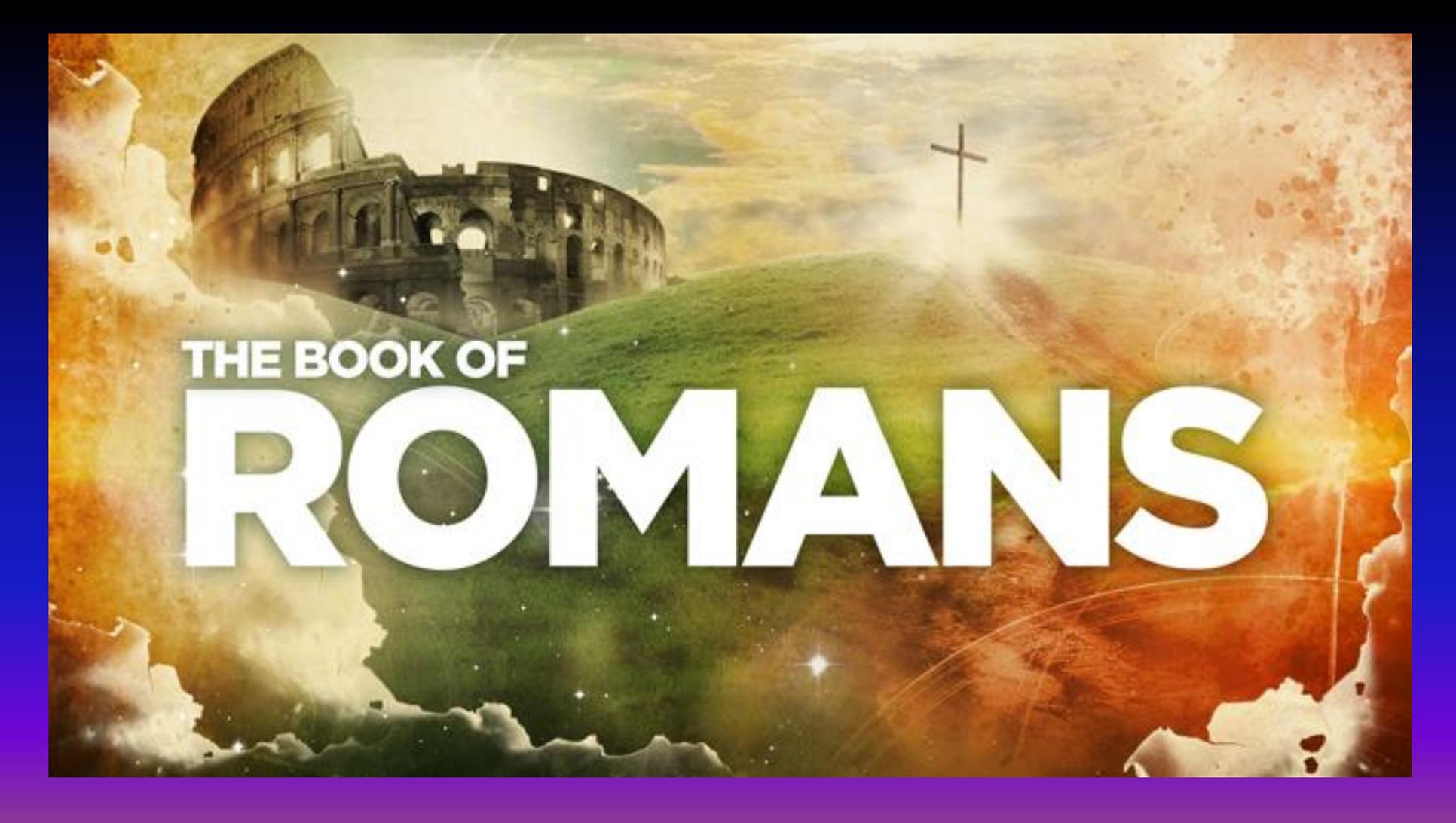
## REMINDER:

Instead of “pudding” snack sermons, or  
Home Depot “workshop” sermons ...  
we serve

**Biblically Meaty Teachings of God’s Word**

**So, Come Hungry for God and His Word...**





THE BOOK OF

# ROMANS

# Israel and God's Righteousness

1. Romans 1 thru 8 → The Gospel in all its dimensions
  2. Romans 9 thru 11 → Israel and the Gospel
  3. Romans 12 thru 16 → How we are to live out the Gospel in our lives
- So, let's highlight some things from last week first

# Israel and God's Righteousness

Paul's introduction of Romans Chapter 9 (vv. 1 – 5)

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, <sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> who are ISRAELITES, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ (i.e.: Messiah) came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

# Israel and God's Righteousness

In the last few verses of Romans 9 – Paul explains the reason that the majority of Israelis are “lost” and not “saved” in Christ ...

We see this in **Romans 9:30-33** (a partial hardness of heart, just like the hardness of heart that Pharaoh had)

## Israel and God's Righteousness

Romans 9:30-33 <sup>30</sup> What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; <sup>31</sup> but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. <sup>32</sup> Why?

**BECAUSE THEY DID NOT SEEK IT BY FAITH**, but as it were, **BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW**. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. <sup>33</sup> As it is written:

“Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, **AND** whoever **BELIEVES ON** Him will **NOT** be put to shame [or ‘will not be disappointed’].”

## Israel and God's Righteousness

The LOSTNESS and Partial Hardening of the heart of the majority of the Israelites is because they were and are pursuing “God’s Righteousness” by their own self-righteousness... their own self-effort of seeking to follow the “law of God” their own way → based upon their own religious, ritualistic, traditional “works” of “righteousness” to seek to earn their right to be made righteous before the Holy God of Israel and to “maintain” their “right standing” before God. You see, they think that because they are the genetic descendants of Israel (Jacob) and they do “good works” they are “OK” with God and God is “OK” with them, etc.

# Israel and God's Righteousness

Paul's introduction in Romans Chptr 10 is similar to that of Chapter 9 → and he is *dove tailing* what he ended up saying at the end of Chapter 9 – and continues that thought of Israel missing the mark of God's Righteousness by pursuing their own, instead... Paul is still passionately praying for Israel ... grieving over them, etc... ... the apostle Paul is an example to us ...

**Praying for the lost ... yet not forgetting God's Word and Mission in the process... not letting others who are lost, that are close to us, CRUSH us, so that we are unusable to God for His Gospel Mission through us ...**

# Israel and God's Righteousness

Romans 10:1-13

Brethren, my HEART'S DESIRE AND PRAYER to God for ISRAEL is that THEY MAY BE SAVED. <sup>2</sup> For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but NOT according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For they, BEING IGNORANT OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, and SEEKING TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, have NOT SUBMITTED TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD. <sup>4</sup> For CHRIST is the END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS to everyone who believes.

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Romans 10:1-13

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) <sup>7</sup> or, “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But, what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, **THE WORD OF FAITH** which we **PREACH**):

# Israel and God's Righteousness

Romans 10:1-13

<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the **LORD JESUS** and **BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART** that God has **RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD**, you will be **SAVED**. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and with the mouth **CONFESSION** is made unto **SALVATION**. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Whoever **BELIEVES ON** Him will not be put to shame [or 'will not be disappointed']." <sup>12</sup> For there is **NO DISTINCTION** between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. <sup>13</sup> For "**WHOEVER** calls on the **NAME** of the **LORD** shall be **SAVED**."

# Israel and God's Righteousness

1. Again, just to reiterate: the Driving Force of the Gospel of Christ and its spread is **COMPASSION** and Love for Lost People. It is not just “duty” or “obligation” but **God's Love** must be the Driving Force our Love for Lost People, People Groups, nations:

**Brethren, my HEART'S DESIRE AND PRAYER to God for ISRAEL is that THEY MAY BE SAVED.**

(Romans 10:1; compare with Romans 9:1-5 & Matt. 9:35-38)

Paul is an example of someone who is Praying for the Lost to be saved. He is specific, **NOT** just saying “Please God, save the lost ...” but being **SPECIFIC, TARGETED.**

# Israel and God's Righteousness

2. Israel is in her state of “lostness” and her heart is “partially hardened” **BECAUSE ...**

Rejection of submitting to Receiving God's Righteousness, God's Way. This is not because God wants her that way → she just is → **BECAUSE** of her response ...:

<sup>2</sup> For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but **NOT** according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For they, **BEING IGNORANT OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and **SEEKING TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS**, have **NOT SUBMITTED TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**. <sup>4</sup> For **CHRIST** is the **END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS** to everyone who believes. (Rom. 10:2-4) → Ref.: Romans 1 thru 8 (the Righteousness of God)

# Israel and God's Righteousness

**3. Receiving God's Salvation, Receiving God's Righteousness in the New Covenant ... NO Distinction if you are Israeli or Gentile ... it's still the Same Way ... through Christ, ALONE ... (John 14:6)**

**REPENTANCE** – turning away from sin - also turning away from False beliefs, even the kind that Israel is holding → “self righteousness” of performance based traditions, rituals, and religious works of the “law”, etc... They need to turn away from the “establishment of their own righteousness” and turn to God, in Faith, in Trust ... Trusting in Christ and His Finished Work of Redemption (Crucifixion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection...)

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**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

**Now I make known to you, brethren, THE GOSPEL which I preached to you, which also you RECEIVED, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>by which also you are SAVED, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ DIED FOR OUR SINS according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that He was BURIED, and that He was RAISED on the third day according to the Scriptures**

# Israel and God's Righteousness

## 3. Receiving God's Salvation ... NO Distinction

**Ephesians 1:13-14:** 13 In Him (in Christ) you also TRUSTED, **AFTER** you HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION; in whom also, having BELIEVED, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Romans 10:9** → ... if you CONFESS with your mouth the LORD JESUS and BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART that God has RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, you will be SAVED.

“CONFESS ... the LORD Jesus ... BELIEVE ... God raised Him from the dead...” → not just “magic” religious words . . .

# Israel and God's Righteousness

## 3. Receiving God's Salvation ... NO Distinction

An Israeli and/or an Gentile person ... Both are Saved the same way ... now ... in the New COVENANT ... no difference ... the New Covenant in Christ (in the Messiah of Israel) ... is NEW and NOT like the OLD Covenant of God through Moses to Israel ...

It is NOT like that (see Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Hebrews 7:12)  
No human has a special advantage over any other human

“Whoever shall call upon the Name of the LORD shall be saved ...” Romans 10:13 → “whoever ...” is that you today?

# Israel and God's Righteousness

## 3. Receiving God's Salvation ... NO Distinction

Remember God's main purpose of Choosing Israel was for the Salvation of all human beings of all nations.

**Isaiah 49:6** - God says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel;

I will also **MAKE You a LIGHT** of the nations (i.e "Gentiles")  
So that **My Salvation may REACH** to the ends of the earth."

# Israel and God's Righteousness

## 3. Receiving God's Salvation ... NO Distinction

Jesus proclaimed to the “woman at the well” that “salvation is of the Jews” (John 4:22) ... but it is also FOR the Jews, as well. Just because God Chose the Israelites to bring His Salvation to the ends of the earth ... did not mean that they were left out of needing His Salvation, as well. The Gentiles, the lost heathen nations definitely need His Salvation ... but so did & does Israel.

# Israel and God's Righteousness

## 3. Receiving God's Salvation ... NO Distinction

So, just like Paul ... in the same way, we need to have that same type of passionate prayer for all the lost of all the unreached people groups all over the world ... our lost loved ones, family members, relatives, friends, workmates, Neighbors, etc... we should be prayer warriors for the lost around us.

And in those prayers, pray that God would open up Effectual doors for the Gospel through your life to those around you... that God would give you massive, miraculous favor with the lost around you, for the Gospel's Sake... that we all, would be used mightily of God, Effectively and Fruitfully for the Gospel's Sake

→ AMEN 😊

**See y'all Next Time we Gather...**

**@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week**



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