

“The Romans Road Rebooted”—Part 6

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Just as there little DIFFERENCE between Jews and the American Church today, we also have the same STANDING in and of ourselves before GOD. (3:9-20)

1. We are all UNDER sin.

- **HYPÓ (STRONG’S GREEK DICT.)—Pronounced HOOP-O**

A primary preposition; under, that is, (with the genitive) of place (beneath), or with verbs (the agency or means, through); (with the accusative) of place (whither [underneath] or where [below])

✚ **This means we are all under the authority of sin, submitting to it willfully. It is our very nature.**

- **ROMANS 5:6-11 (ESV)**

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- **ROMANS 1:18 (ESV)**

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

2. Our RIGHTEOUSNESS and JUSTIFICATION is not determined by our WORKS or the LAW.

- ✚ **RIGHTEOUSNESS (WEBSTER’S DICT., 1828 ed.)**

Purity of heart and rectitude of life; conformity of heart and life to the divine law. Righteousness, as used in Scripture and theology, in which it is chiefly used, is nearly equivalent to holiness, comprehending holy principles and affections of heart, and conformity of life to the divine law. It includes all we call justice, honesty and virtue, with holy affections; in short, it is true religion.

The active and passive obedience of Christ, by which the law of God is fulfilled.

- ✚ **JUSTIFICATION (WEBSTER’S DICT., 1828 ed.)**

The act of justifying; a showing to be just or conformable to law, rectitude or propriety; vindication; defense. Absolution. In law, the showing of a sufficient reason in court why a defendant did what he is called to answer. In theology, remission of sin and absolution from guilt and punishment; or an act of free grace by which God pardons the sinner and accepts him as righteous, on account of the atonement of Christ.

- **PSALM 143:1-2 (ESV)**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! ²Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

- **ROMANS 3:20 (ESV)**

²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

- **ROMANS 3:20 (NIV)**

²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

3. Rather, the Law gives us KNOWLEDGE of our SIN.

- **EPÍGNŌSIS (STRONG'S GREEK DICT.)—Pronounced IP-IG-NO-SIS**

recognition, that is, (by implication) full discernment,

- **ROMANS 1:18-21, 28 (ESV)**

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened...

²⁸And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

Righteousness and Justification belong to GOD. (3:21-31)

1. Righteousness does not reach its complete FULFILLMENT by POSSESSION of the Law.

- **JOB 15:14-16 (ESV)**

¹⁴*What is man, that he can be pure? Or he who is born of a woman, that he can be righteous?* ¹⁵Behold, God puts no trust in his holy ones, and the heavens are not pure in his sight; ¹⁶how much less one who is abominable and corrupt, a man who drinks injustice like water!

- **ISAIAH 64:6 (ESV)**

⁶*We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.*

- **ROMANS 10:2-3 (ESV)**

²For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

2. Righteousness comes THROUGH FAITH as a GIFT by God through Jesus Christ to those who BELIEVE.

- **EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (ESV)**

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- **JOHN 6:44, 64-65 (ESV)**

⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

3. Jesus was the PROPITIATION for SIN.

- **PROPITIATION (WEBSTER'S DICT., 1828 ed.)**

The act of appeasing wrath and conciliating the favor of an offended person; In theology, the atonement or atoning sacrifice offered to God to assuage his wrath and render him propitious to sinners.

✚ ***When God brought Israel out of Egypt, He set up as part of the covenant relationship as system of sacrifices that had at its heart the shedding of the blood of animals.***

- **LEVITICUS 17:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

✚ **The sacrifices were “typical”; that is, as “types” they pointed forward to something better.**

✚ **Sins were forgiven when sacrifices were offered, but it was not the blood of animals that blotted out sins.**

- **HEBREWS 10:4 (ESV)**

⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

✚ **It was the blood of the “antitype,” Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross atoned for sins already committed, as well as sins that would be committed afterwards.**

- **ROMANS 3:25-26 (ESV)**

²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ 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.

- **ROMANS 4:3-8 (ESV)**

³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

- **HEBREWS 9:11-15 (ESV)**

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. ¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

✚ **Christ's blood was shed as a sacrifice.**

- **EPHESIANS 1:7 (ESV)**

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...

✚ **Christ redeemed His people by means of a ransom; His death was the price that freed us from guilt and enslavement to sin.**

- **GALATIANS 4:4-5 (ESV)**

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

- **COLOSSIANS 1:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ ...in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

✚ **In Christ's death, God reconciled us to Himself, overcoming His own hostility that our sins provoked.**

- **ROMANS 5:10 (ESV)**

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

- **2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19 (ESV)**

¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

✚ **The Cross propitiated God. That is to say, it quenched His wrath against us by expiating (atoning for) our sins, and so removing them from His sight.**

- **1 JOHN 2:2 (ESV)**

² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

- **1 JOHN 4:10 (ESV)**

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

✚ **The Cross had its effect because in His suffering Christ assumed our identity and endured the judgment due to us, that is, “the curse of the law”.**

- **GALATIANS 3:13 (ESV)**

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree...”

✚ **He suffered as our substitute, with the damning record of our transgressions nailed by God to His cross as the list of crimes for which He died.**

- **COLOSSIANS 2:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

- **ISAIAH 53:4-6 (ESV)**

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

- **LUKE 22:37 (ESV)**

³⁷ For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.”

4. The justified UPHOLD the LAW.

- **1 JOHN 3:4-10 (ESV)**

⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

- **1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11 (ESV)**

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.