

Survey of Romans & Introduction to Biblical Interpretation

Welcome back!

OUTLINE OF ROMANS:

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

I. 1:1-17 INTRODUCTION

1:1-7 Paul Greeted Them and Describes His Mission

1:1 The Prescript: Paul, a Slave of Christ, an Apostle of the Gospel

1:2-4 Defining the Gospel: About the Promised Son of God, Jesus Christ Our Lord

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1:8-15 Thanksgiving for Their Faith and a Prayer to Visit Them

1:8 Thanksgiving: Your Faith Is Being Proclaimed Throughout the Whole World

1:9-15 Prayer: My Request Is that I May Finally Also Preach the Gospel in Rome

1:16-17 Theme of the Letter: The Gospel—Righteousness from God Revealed in Christ

Theme Verses of Romans:

¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel, **for** it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷**For** in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous by faith will live.”

(Romans 1:16-17, NASB adapted)

II. 1:18—3:20 **GOD'S WRATH REVEALED AGAINST SINFUL HUMANS: THE NEED FOR JUSTIFICATION (Problems of *Sin* and *Wrath*)**

- 1:18-32 God's Wrath Against Unrighteous Men (Gentiles) Who Approve of Depravity**
- 1:18-20 They Are Without Excuse—They Rejected the Revelation of God in Creation
 - 1:21-23 They Did Not Honor Their Creator, But Worshiped Images of Created Things
 - 1:24-31 God's Judgment—He Let Their Increasing Wickedness Harm Them
 - 1:24-25 *Lustful impurity caused their bodies to be dishonored*
 - 1:26-27 *Homosexual passions degraded and harmed them*
 - 1:28-31 *Depraved thinking led to all kinds of improper deeds*
 - 1:32 They Know God Says They Deserve Death, Yet Approve Others Like Themselves
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- 2:1-4 They Are Without Excuse—They Do the Same as Those They Judge
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 - 2:5-11 *God is impartial—Jews and Gentiles will both be judged by their deeds*
 - 2:12-16 *God is impartial—Jews and Gentiles will each be judged by the Law they know*
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- 2:17-29 Jews Are Without Excuse—They Don't Keep the Law
 - 2:17-24 *Having the Law doesn't save Law-breakers*
 - 2:25-29 *Being circumcised doesn't save Law-breakers (25-27), but "heart circumcision" by the Spirit makes one a true Jew (28-29).*
 - 3:1-8 Questions about God's Justice
 - 3:9-20 Summary: The Whole World—Jews Included—Is Sinful and Accountable to God
 - 3:9 *Jews are no better than Gentiles; both are sinful*
 - 3:10-18 *Evidence from the Law of human (especially Jewish) sinfulness*
 - 3:19-20 *Conclusion: The Law proves all are guilty and will save no one*

Big Problems:

Sin → Wrath

**III. 3:21—4:25 _____ GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED IN CHRIST:
THE MEANS OF JUSTIFICATION (*Sinful Status* Problem Solved)**

3:21-26 _____ Thesis: God's Righteousness Is Revealed in Christ

3:21-24 _____ It Is Given, through Christ's Faithfulness, to All Who Believe—Justification

3:25-26 _____ It Is Shown, in Christ's Death, by God No Longer Overlooking Sin—Justice

3:27-4:25 _____ Justification Is by Faith, Not by Works

3:27-31 _____ Both Jew and Gentile Are Justified by Faith—None Can Boast

4:1-25 _____ Evidence from the Law: Abraham Was Justified by Faith—So Are We

4:1-8 _____ *Introduction: "Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness"*

4:9-12 _____ *Abraham was given righteousness through faith, not circumcision*

4:13-17 _____ *Abraham was given the promise through faith, not the Law*

4:18-22 _____ *Abraham's example: the kind of faith that counts as righteousness*

4:23-25 _____ *Conclusion: Righteousness is also credited to us through faith in Christ*

What is saving faith *fully convinced* about?

[Righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

(Romans 4:24-25, ESV).

1. God—He keeps his promises.

2. God has provided the way that I can become righteous.

- I have done bad deeds.
- My deeds matter; bad deeds are deadly.
- Apart from Christ, I am not in right standing with God.
- Apart from Christ, I will receive God's wrath.
- Jesus died: His death is God's plan for dealing with my sins.
- Jesus rose: His resurrection is God's way to give me right standing with Him.
- Jesus is my Lord—master, boss, ruler—possessing all power and authority, and deserving all my obedience.

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Second Sermon: Romans 5-8

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- Peace with God
- Stand in grace
- Exult in hope
- Exult in tribulations
 - Perseverance
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 - More hope
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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, as far as I know we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

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5:12—5:21 _____ B – Justification = No Condemnation:

In Christ All Will Live, Just as in Adam All Die

5:12 _____ Just as Adam's Evil Deed Brought Sin and Death to All Men...

5:13-17 _____ (Clarifications and Contrasts)

5:13-14 _____ *Sin and death existed even before the Law made men guilty*

5:15-17 _____ *Contrasts between Adam's trespass and Christ's gift*

5:18-19 _____ ...So Christ's Righteous Deed Brought Righteousness and Eternal Life to All Men

5:20-21 _____ The Law Made Sin Increase, But Grace Increased Even More Through Christ

“Original righteousness”:

***Christ frees us more certainly and
completely than Adam left us bound!***

6:1-23—7:6 _____ C – Grace Does Not Lead to Sin; It Frees from Sin and Death

6:1-14 _____ **A New You – Sin Has No Dominion over Us Who Died and Rose with Christ**

6:1-4 _____ *Grace is not a reason to sin, for we been baptized into Jesus' death and life*

6:5-7 _____ *We know that: In Christ, our old sinful self has died, freeing us from sin*

6:8-11 _____ *We know that: Like Christ, having died once to sin, we can forever live to God*

6:12-14 _____ *Since you have been freed from sin's reign, don't volunteer to serve it*

6:15-23 _____ **A New Master – Sin's Wages Cannot Match Righteousness's Gift**

6:15-19 _____ *Grace is not a reason to sin, for you have become slaves who obey God*

6:20-23 _____ *Sin pays with death; God gives sanctification which leads to eternal life*

7:1-6 _____ **A New Husband – Sin Bears Fruit Only in the Law's Bride, Not in Christ's Bride**

7:1-3 _____ *Marriage analogy: Death removes one from the bondage of the law*

7:4-6 _____ *Our death to the Law means our new “husband,” Christ, can bear fruit in us*

A New You = We cannot be forced to sin

A New Master = We see no benefit in sinning

A New Husband = We are not “impregnated” with sinful desires

7:7-25 _____ C' – The Law Is Not Sinful; But It Cannot Free from Sin and Death

7:7-12 _____ Is the Law Sinful, Since It Awakens Sin? No, It Convicts of Sin and Is Holy

7:13-25 _____ Does the Law Cause Our Death? No, Sin Does. The Law Drives Us to Christ

7:13 _____ *Sin is shown to be utterly sinful because it uses the good Law to kill us*

7:14-23 _____ *Our inability to keep the Law reveals sin is inside our flesh, binding us*

7:24-25a _____ *The resulting wretchedness drives us to Christ, who frees us from death*

7:25b _____ *Conclusion: With your mind serve the Law of God, or with your flesh the law of sin*

My Mind



Law of God



[No condemnation!]

“I Myself”

7:25b

Conflict

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Apart from Christ, the sinful flesh overpowers you!

Galatians 3:19-27 – Law as “schoolmaster”

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3. Who is he who condemns me? (9b)

Claimed by the Christ

- The Lord GOD helps me. (7a, 9a)
- He who vindicates me is near. (8a)

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1. Who is against us? (31b)
2. Who will bring a charge against God's elect? (33a)
3. Who is the one who condemns? (34a)

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Romans 9-11

**DEFENDING GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL:
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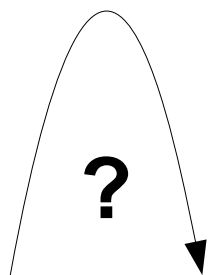
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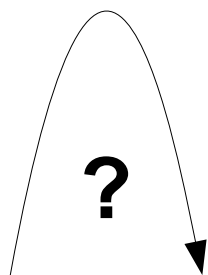
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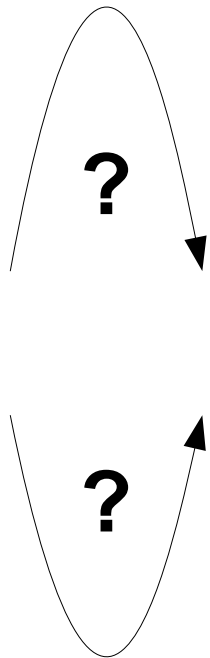
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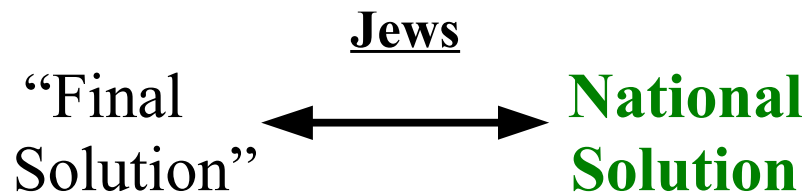
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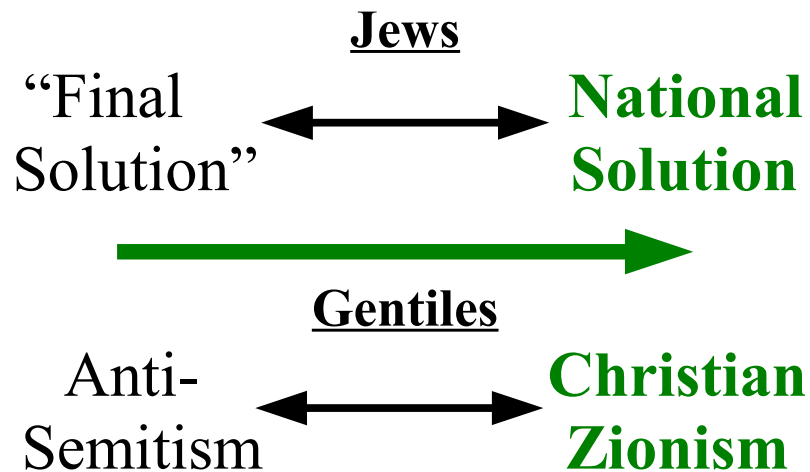
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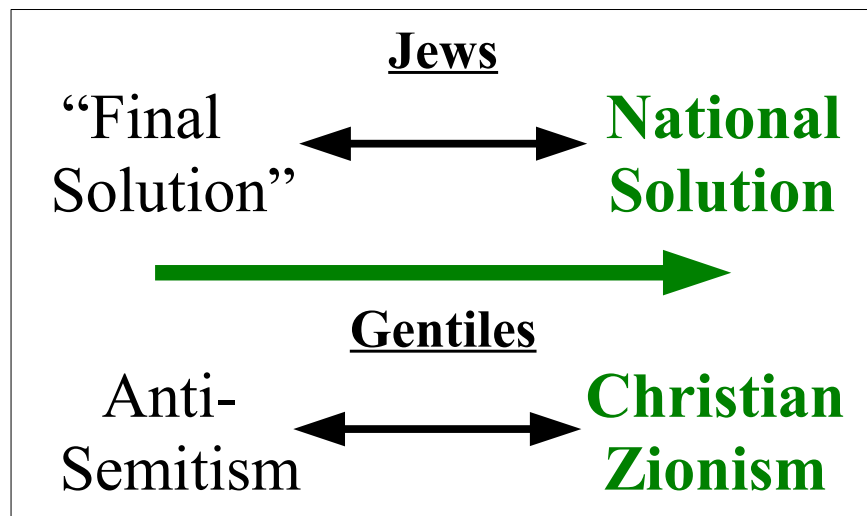
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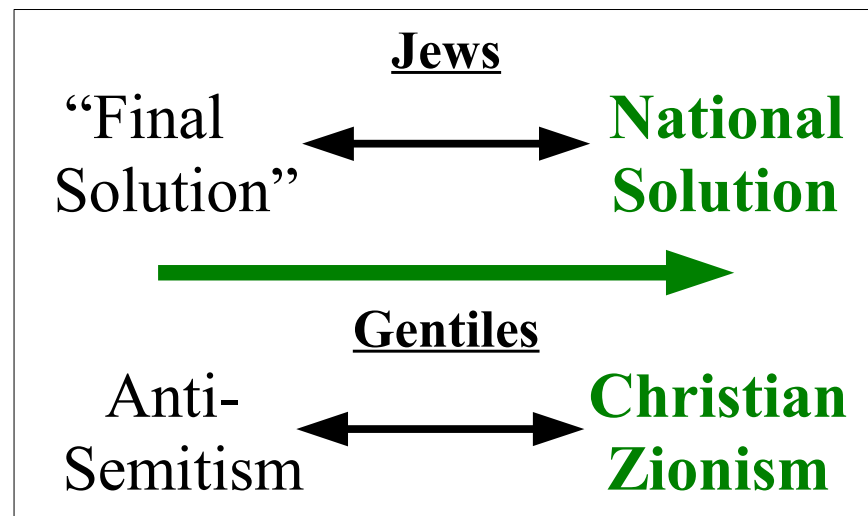
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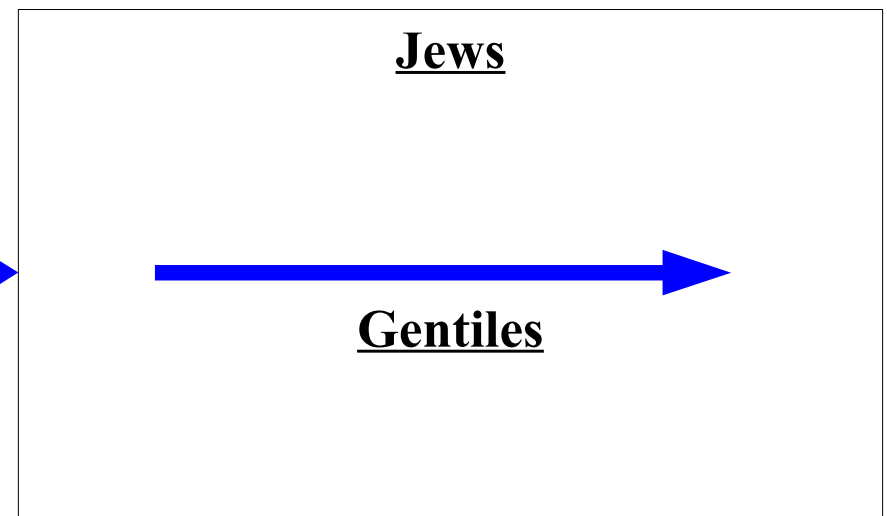
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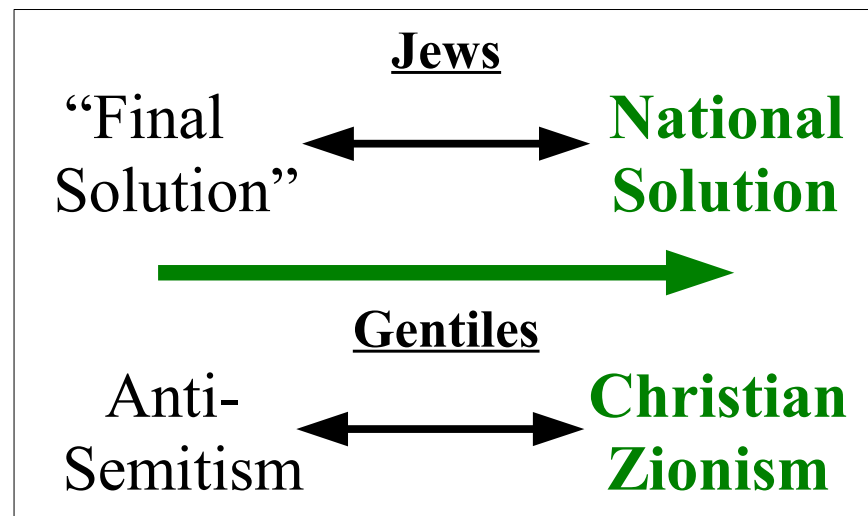
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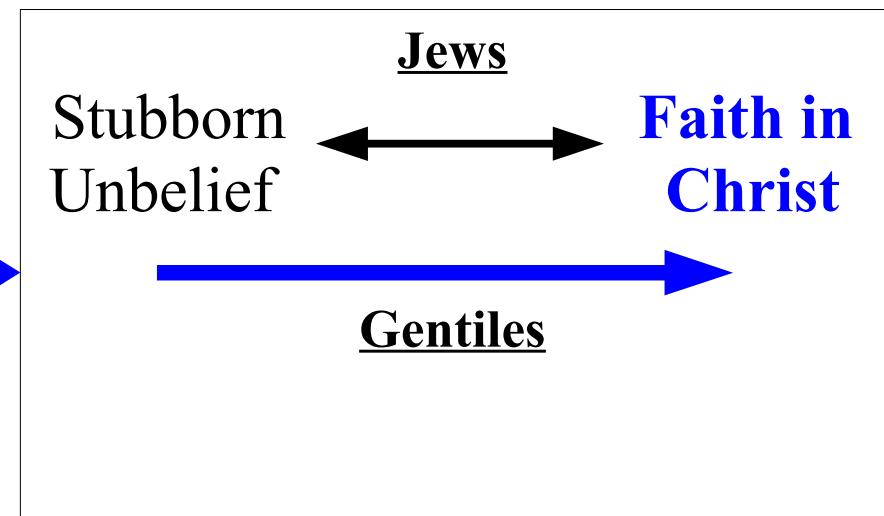
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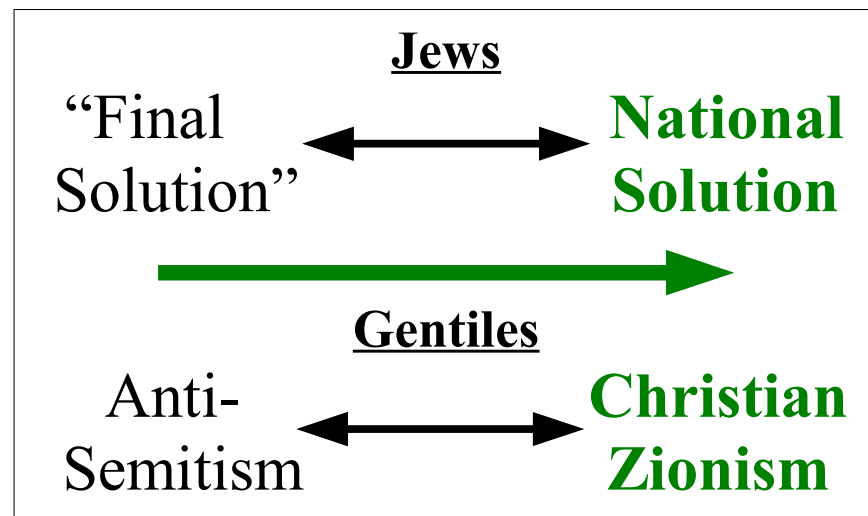
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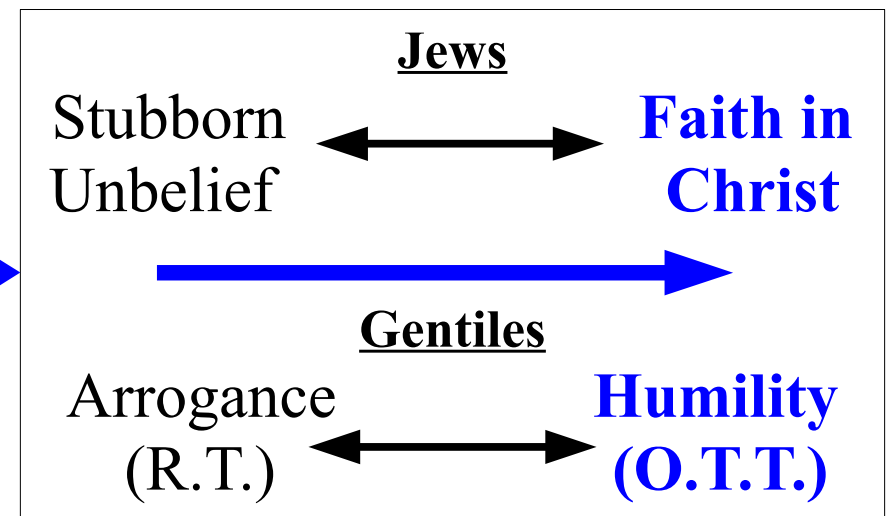
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