

Romans

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Not Just



Another Story

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30,000 ft. recap of Romans so far

Big Question:

**How can a just God allow anyone in his
presence?**

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**Ch 1. Paul writing to the churches in Rome,
and all people including gentiles are without
excuse**

Romans 1:18-23

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For 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.

Romans 1:18-23

²¹ For 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.

²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

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Ch 1. Gentiles without excuse

Ch 2. So are the Jews

Romans 2:1-3

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ² We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. ³ Do you suppose, O man – you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself – that you will escape the judgment of God?

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Ch 1. Gentiles without excuse

Ch 2. So are the Jews

Ch 3. Only by faith in Jesus

Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:21-26

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.



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This Week's Sermon:
Where is Boasting?
Romans 3:27-31

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Romans 3:28

28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

James 2:24

24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

Some people say this is a clear example of the Bible flatly contradicting itself. Or is it possible that James means something quite different from what Paul means? The question that James is addressing is a quite different question. He is facing this problem: What good is it if a man says he has faith, but has no works? James is dealing with people who say they believe. Anybody can say they believe, so he said, Show me your faith by your works. And then he goes on to say that faith without works is dead. Can that kind of faith save anybody? Of course the conclusion is 'No', and Paul would certainly agree. The only way you will ever know that my faith is real, is if you see it in my behavior. ~Sproul, R. C. (1994).(pp. 79-80).

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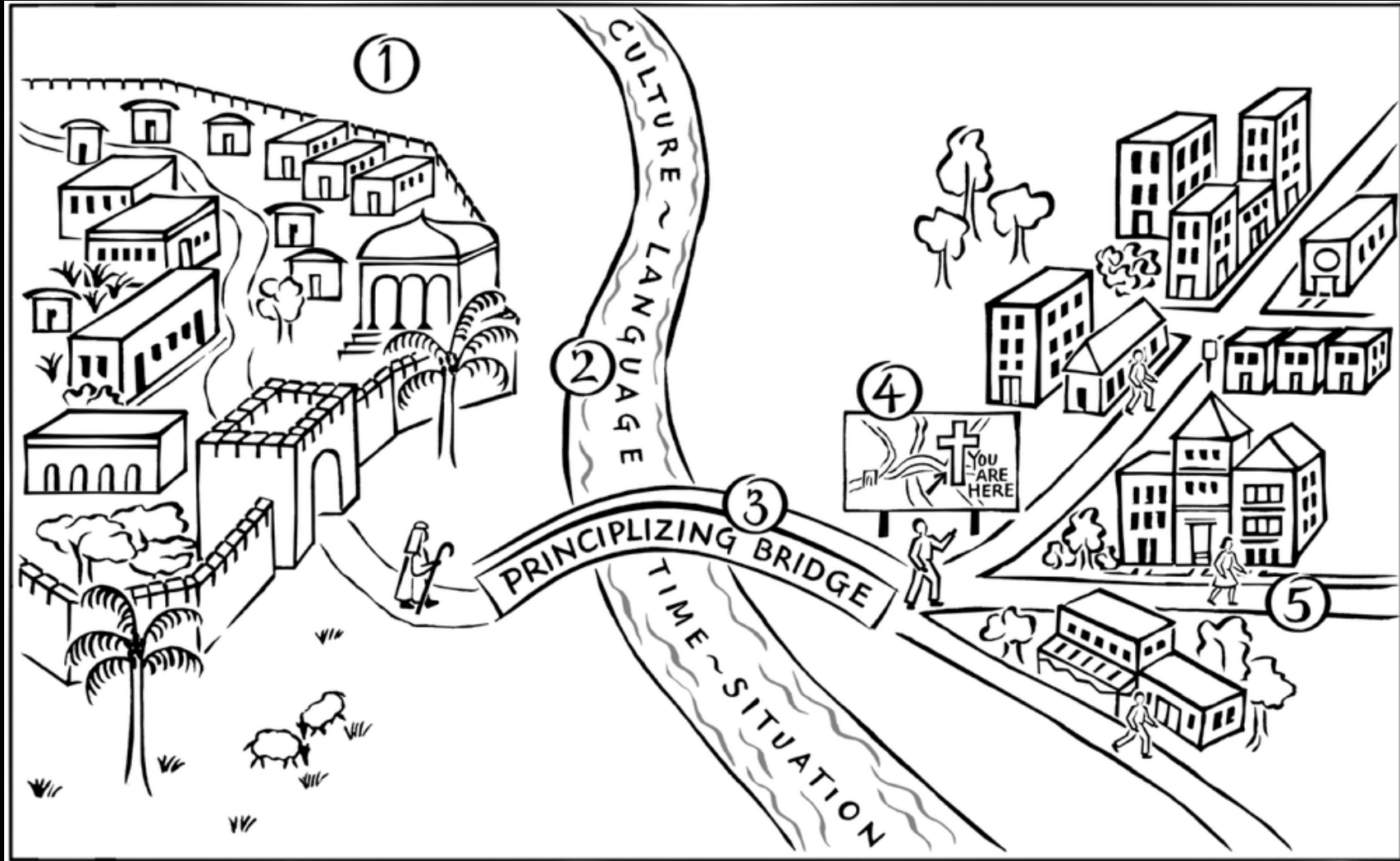
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Christianity is a faith that transcends all national, cultural, and racial distinctions. Neither is it time bound to a particular period of history. Rather, Paul boldly professes that it is a universal faith. This may not strike us today as a particularly profound truth, but to the ears of a first-century Jew this would have been shocking.

Charles Hodge comments on Paul's words by saying: 'We Gentiles may now look up to heaven, and confidently say, "Thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and though Israel acknowledge us not." ' ~Sproul, R. C. (p. 80).



Romans 3:27-31 HLV

²⁹ Or is God the God of Republicans only? Is he not the God of Democrats also? Yes, of Democrats also,

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²⁹ Or is God the God of Married couples only? Is he not the God of Singles also? Yes, of Singles also,

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²⁹ Or is God the God of Private School Kids only? Is he not the God of Public School Kids also? Yes, of Public School Kids also,

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- 3) Martha and Mary – good friends (Lk 10:38-43)

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- 6) The Last Supper - Mt. 26:20-30

So how do we grasp this in our town?

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Not: be nicer

So how do we grasp this in our town?

Not: try to treat everyone the way Jesus did

So how do we grasp this in our town?

It is: follow his example, and out of a renewed heart and mind love your neighbor as you have been so loved

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2: Works?

3: God of all people?

4: Overthrow the law?

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**NEXT
SEASON**

Hebrews 10:5-14

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he
said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O
God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ”

Hebrews 10:5-14

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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Gospel Application

You are a work in progress. There is a next season in the story of your life.

And let your boasting be in Christ Jesus.



BLOOD IS THICKER
THAN WATER

Matthew 26:26-29

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."