I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

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

FOCUS	REVELATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS			VINDICATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS			APPLICATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS	
REFERENCE	1:1 to 8:39			9:1 to 11:36			12:1 to 16:27	
DIVISION	NEED OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS	IMPUTATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS	DEMONSTRATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS	PAST	ISRAEL'S PRESENT REJECTION	ISRAEL'S FUTURE RESTORATI ON	CHRISTIAN DUTIES	CHRISTIAN LIBERTIES
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Israel rejection of Christ, God's purpose, & gospel.

Rejection not Total & Not Final



But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to Him who formed it, "Why have You made me like this?" Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?



"Romans is the chief part of the New Testament and the perfect gospel. It is the absolute epitome of the gospel." Martin Luther

"When anyone understands this Epistle, he has a passage opened to him to the understanding of the whole Scripture." **John Calvin**



What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. ³² 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. 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."



Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.



But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people."



I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, ³ "Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"?



And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.



Israel's Rejection Not Final

Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. For God has [h] committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.



Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?"

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.



Are we relying on our own un/righteousness?

Where are we disobedient?

Are we just living or are we striving to holiness?

