

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

Rom. 4

FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

The State of Professing Christianity

- 1. The vast majority of historic Christianity, even true believing Christianity, has rejected Paul's distinct apostleship.**
 - This should not surprise or upset us because it began in the very days of Paul himself and hasn't gotten any better since with him gone (2 Tim. 1:8-15).**
- 2. Just like fallen humanity in Rom. 1:18-32, once you reject God's revelation you reject God's Works (the Cross of Christ), God's Word for today (Pauline Grace) and God Himself, which opens the door for Satan and Sin to blind them from the truth.**
 - a. This is the condition of professing but unbelieving Christianity (Apostate Christianity) unto everlasting death.**
 - b. This is the condition of those who believe Paul's Gospel unto salvation but have rejected the rest of his distinctive teaching, unto a walk that is not pleasing to God.**
- 3. Rejecting Paul's apostleship leaves a vacuum that is filled with human, fleshly foolishness.**
 - a. They exchanged God's Glory for corruptible creation—rituals and rites, religions.**
 - b. They exchanged God's Truth for the Lie—feelings, circumstances, situations.**
 - c. They exchanged God's Produce of New Creation Order for Vanity—Man-made religions and man-centered theological systems, making the Cross of Christ no effect--NOTHING!**

How To Convey Pauline Truth

- 4. Once you appreciate what God has revealed through Paul's distinct apostleship, you will go to God with prayers of thankfulness for all He is doing today, and that will engender a desire to serve God by serving others and telling others about it.**
- 5. Pauline Grace is very simple but even the simple things become complex when explaining to others from whom it has been hidden.**
 - How do you break through the ignorance?**
- 6. There is no one way. Everyone is at different stages.**
 - a. The most critical thing is that you yourself have a basic understanding.**
 - b. If you do not understand it adequately, you won't be able to share it with others.**
- 7. Too many Grace Believers are willing to spend years in school, years in training for their secular jobs, which provide only temporary things with corruptible value, yet unwilling to invest some time into God's training that leads to eternal things of infinite value.**

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8. One of the most important things to remember about sharing Pauline Truth with others is that they will automatically think you are trying to take something away.

--You have to make sure they understand that is not the case. You are trying to give them something real and eternal.

WHAT GOD IS NOT DOING TODAY	WHAT GOD IS DOING TODAY
NATIONAL ISRAEL'S PROPHETIC PROGRAM TO RESTORE HIS GLORY ON THE EARTH	THE BODY OF CHRIST'S MYSTERY PROGRAM TO RESTORE HIS GLORY IN THE HEAVENLIES.
WATER BAPTISM	SPIRITUAL BAPTISM
CONDITIONAL BLESSINGS (LAW)	UNCONDITIONAL BLESSINGS (GRACE)
YOUR PLANS AND PURPOSES	GOD'S PLAN AND PURPOSE
PHYSICAL/MATERIAL THINGS	SPIRITUAL/HEAVENLY THINGS
GOD AND HIS WILL ARE UNKNOWABLE	GOD AND HIS PERFECT AND GOOD WILL ARE KNOWABLE
SLAVERY	FREEDOM
HAPPINESS	JOYFULNESS

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9. Invariably the question comes down to prayer.

a. Phil. 4:4-20

b. 1 Cor. 7:8-24

10. It is easy to tell someone what not to pray about but much harder to explain what they should be praying for.