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Years ago, someone asked me what I would talk about if I only had 10 minutes left to live. I do not remember what I answered back then, but I know what my answer would be today: **The Manifestation of the Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies Because He has no Friends** (Rom. 3:21-26; 5:6-11). This is the Righteousness of God that has been in effect since before the Law, before Israel was brought out of Egypt as a nation, before the promised son Isaac, before circumcision, before the establishment of the Abrahamic Covenant and, therefore, before Israel's whole Cove-

nant system. The Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies has been in effect going all the way back to Adam's Fall. Ever since mankind fell into the pit of sin and death through Adam, they have resided there as ungodly sinners on enemy status before God. They could do nothing to remedy their hopeless plight. If they were going to escape their dire predicament, God would have to do it for them. And that is exactly what He did! God, of His own initiative, went to them preaching good news, and for those who believed, their faith was counted for righteousness, resulting in

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INTRODUCTION

Too often, believers who begin to understand Paul's distinct apostleship through rightly dividing the Bible suddenly feel like they don't know how to pray. Many just stop praying. What a horrible disaster! Grace believers above all should have a full and fruitful prayer life. Why

isn't this the case? Perhaps a little blame goes to grace teachers ourselves, some of whom are quick to make fun of and ridicule what others pray about, but are slower to do the difficult job of explaining what exactly we should be praying about. Most of the blame, however, goes to historic Christianity, and, unfortunately, not

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justification unto eternal life. Everyone since the fall of Adam was saved in this way, or they were not saved at all.

Abraham is the patriarchal example of this. God came to Abraham when his name was still Abram, an idol-worshipping Gentile on enemy status before God in the land of Ur of the Chaldees, and He preached Good News to him—that in him and his physical seed through Isaac all the nations of the earth would be blessed. Abram believed God and his faith was counted for righteousness (Gal. 3:6-8; Gen. 15:6). He was instantly and everlastingly justified unto eternal life.

Now let's fast-forward 2,000 years to some other idol-worshipping Gentiles, ungodly sinners on enemy status before God in the land of Galatia, and we see the same Righteousness of God in effect there. God came preaching Good News to the Galatians—the Good News of the Death and Resurrection of Christ—through the Apostle Paul. The Galatians believed God and their faith was counted for righteousness (Gal. 3:1-6). They were justified unto eternal life. And the same Righteousness of God is in effect for us today. If you are saved, you were saved in this way, or you are not saved at all.

But here is the thing we must realize if we are to rightly understand the Bible, and why I believe it so important that I would talk about it in the final 10 minutes of my life: While the Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies has been in effect since the Fall of Adam, it was not *manifested*, made known or explained fully until God revealed it to and through the distinct apostleship of Paul. We will see the reasons for this as we go along in this article.

THE “BUT NOW” MANIFESTATION OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; ²² even

the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: ²³ for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴ being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵ whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; ²⁶ to declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus (Rom. 3:21-26).

This passage teaches us many things about the Righteousness of God that is being manifested, made known, and fully explained today by the Apostle Paul:

1. It is the BUT NOW Righteousness of God (3:21a). It is a new revelation of His Righteousness that is now being made known through Paul's apostleship. It forms the basis for Paul's Gospel, the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the Revelation of the Mystery, which had been kept secret since the world began BUT NOW is made *manifest* through the prophetic Scriptures of Paul, not the least of which being this letter to the Romans (Rom. 16:25-26).
2. It is *manifested* without or apart or separate from Israel and her Law (3:21b).
3. The Law and Prophets *cannot manifest* this Righteousness of God --that is Paul's responsibility--but they can *bear witness* to it (3:21c). In other words, this Righteousness of God now being made known

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through Paul is separate from what was revealed in the Old Testament but having said that, it is also in perfect accord with it. The Old Testament Scriptures can *witness* to many things about this revelation of God's Righteousness. They can *witness* to the utter sinfulness of fallen humanity (Rom. 1-3). They can *witness* to the complete inability of the flesh, including Israel's flesh even with all her divine advantages, to produce righteousness based on the Law (Rom. 3:9-20). They can *witness* to the concepts of redemption and propitiation (satisfying sacrifice) and the never changing attributes of God like His Holiness and Justice (Rom. 3:24-25). They can *witness* to forgiveness of sins and Faith Righteousness (Rom. 4), and to many other things like these. But what they **cannot do** is ***manifest***, make known or explain fully the BUT NOW Righteousness of God. Only the Apostle Paul can do that.

4. Even though this Righteousness of God has been in effect since the Fall of Adam, it could not be ***manifested*** until the Apostle Paul for 2 major reasons.

First, the Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies is based on the Faith of Christ (3:22a), Christ's faithful work on the Cross, as proclaimed in Paul's Gospel, the Good News of the Death and Resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-4). In other words, because this Righteousness of God is based on the Death and Resurrection of Christ, it could not (to state the obvious) be ***manifested***, made known or explained fully until after the Death and Resurrection of Christ!

Second, in His infinite wisdom, God decided that this Righteousness of God in Saving His ***Enemies*** was best manifested by an ***enemy*** of God. And the best one for that in that day was Saul, who became the Apostle Paul. He was not just a participant in the persecution of Christ and His people. He was the leader of the persecution against Christ and His people! He was in open hostility to God. He was God's worst enemy (Acts 9:1-6; Acts 26:9-11). Therefore, this Righteousness of God **could not** be manifested by Peter and the 12. They were the friends of God. It had to be Paul, the ultimate enemy of God (1 Tim. 1:12-16).

5. This Righteousness of God is offered to all but is participated in or received by those who believe (3:22b).
6. It brings everyone—Jew and Gentile alike—together under sin (3:9, 22c) and in unbelief (Rom. 11:32) without distinction. Therefore, it is not only apart from the Law (3:21), it is also apart from Israel and her Prophetic Program as recorded in the Old Testament, Gospel Accounts and ministry of Peter and the 12, which always operated on the basic premise of a firm distinction being made between Jew and Gentile.
7. This revelation of Paul is a manifestation of the Righteousness of God because it explains how God can justify ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him (Rom. 3:23; 4:5; 5:10) while maintaining His infinite Holiness and perfect Righteousness (3:24-26).
8. It is based on the redemption Christ procured for sinners on the Cross (3:24), which completely satisfied the infinite Holiness of God (3:25), thereby allowing God to justify sinners while simultaneously demonstrating His Righteousness (3:26).
9. Because it is based on the Person and Work of Christ, God justifies sinners strictly by grace and faith, never by Law and works (Rom. 3:22-24; 4:5; 11:6).

In short, what God is revealing today in Paul's Letters is a distinct ***manifestation*** of the Righteousness of God, whereby He fully explains how He justifies ungodly sinners on en-

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emy status before Him while at the same time demonstrating His absolute and perfect Righteousness. Or, put another way: How He saves His *enemies because He has no friends!*

But this begs the question: If all of this is true, what Righteousness of God had God been manifesting in His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel as recorded in the non-Pauline Scriptures?

THE MANIFESTATION OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN SAVING HIS FRIENDS AND DESTROYING HIS ENEMIES.

Through His Prophetic Program, which had been spoken about since the world began in the non-Pauline Scriptures, God explained how He was going to re-establish His Glory on earth through the Nation of Israel. This program kicked into high gear when God proclaimed Good News and made promises to Abram/Abraham, which He codified in the unconditional Abrahamic Covenant. It is very important to note the chronology of events in Abram/Abraham's life. Paul makes much of this in Romans 4. **First**, Abraham believed God and His faith was counted for righteousness (Gen. 12:1-15:6). **Then**, God entered into a formal Covenant with Abraham (Gen. 15:8-21)

One of the first promises God gave to Abraham sets the pattern for how this Covenant with Abraham would operate: **I will bless them that bless you** (Abraham, Israel and God) **and curse them that curse you** (Abraham, Israel and God) (Gen. 12:6). Or, put another way: I will bless your (and My) friends and destroy your (and My) enemies. In other words, the Abrahamic Covenant is struc-

tured around a "friendship" principle. God only calls one person specifically His "friend" in the Bible, and that person was Abraham and through him his collective physical descendants, the Nation of Israel.

Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gave it to the seed of Abraham thy friend forever? (2 Chron. 20:7; Is. 41:8)

It is this "friendship" basis for the Abrahamic Covenant that is written about on almost every page of Israel's Prophetic Scriptures—The Old Testament, the Gospel Accounts, the Ministry of the Twelve and Hebrews through Revelation. Here are some examples:

Melchizedek said this to Abram:

Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: ²⁰ and blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. (Gen. 14:19-20).

Moses said this at the Exodus:

Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever.
¹⁴ **The LORD shall fight (your enemies) for you, and ye shall hold your peace** (Ex. 14:13-14).

And on the way to Sinai, God tried to teach them about the grace resident in His I AM Jehovah Name:

Thy right hand, LORD (Jehovah), has dashed in pieces the enemy (Ex. 15:6).

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But Israel rejected what God wanted to do for them unconditionally, graciously. They instead entered the into the Law Covenant with Him, declaring: WE WILL DO all that You say (Ex. 19:8)! But in the very moment they said WE WILL DO, they ruled out THE LORD WILL DO everything for them, and they spent most of the next 1500 years under the Curses of the Law because they failed to do His will. Under the Law Covenant, they contracted with God to save them from their enemies based on their obedience. If they obeyed, they would be delivered from their enemies and dwell safely in the Land of Canaan. If they didn't obey, they would be handed over to their enemies and removed from the Land (Lev. 26). Of course, in their rebellion against God and rejection of His Word, as a Nation they did not obey, and as a Nation they were brought under the curses of the Law.

Throughout Israel's 1500 years of history, her constant desire and prayer was that God would fulfill His promises to Abraham. That He would manifest THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN SAVING HIS FRIENDS AND DESTROYING HIS ENEMIES. Turn almost anywhere in the Old Testament, and you will read something like this:

And if ye go to war in your land against the *enemy* that oppresses you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your *enemies*. (Num. 10:9).

But *when* ye go over Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and *when* he giveth you rest from all your *enemies* round about, so that ye dwell in safety. (Deut. 12:10)

And Joshua said unto them, Fear not,

nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your *enemies* against whom ye fight. (Josh. 10:25)

And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your *enemies* on every side, and ye dwelled safe. (1 Sam. 12:11)

And whole Psalms are written like this"

Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine *enemies*;

Make thy way straight before my face.

9 For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth;

Their inward *part is* very wickedness;

Their throat *is* an open sepulchre;

They flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy thou them, O God;

How long shall mine *enemy* be exalted over me?

3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God:

Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of* death;

4 Lest mine *enemy* say, I have prevailed against him;

***And* those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.**

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy;

My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

Let not them that are mine *enemies* wrongfully rejoice

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over me:

Neither let them wink *with* the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace:

But they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me,

And said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*.

22 *This* thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence:

O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment,

Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness. Ps. 35:19-24

Therefore, says the Lord, the LORD of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: Ah, I will ease Me of Mine *adversaries*, and avenge Me of Mine *enemies* (Is. 1:24).

And when ye see *this*, your heart shall rejoice,

And your bones shall flourish like an herb:

And the hand of the LORD shall be known towards his servants,

And *his* indignation towards his *enemies*. Is. 66:14.

All thine enemies shall be cut off (Micah 5:9).

The LORD revenges and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on His *adversaries*, and He reserves wrath for His *enemies* (Nah. 1:2).

And they shall be as mighty *men*, which tread down *their enemies*

In the mire of the streets in the battle:

And they shall fight, because the LORD *is* with them,

And the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah,

And I will save the house of Joseph. (Zech. 10:5-6)

The list could go on and on, but it demonstrates that the overwhelming concern of Israel's Prophetic Scripture is their longing for God to manifest His Righteousness in Saving His Friends and Destroying His Enemies. And this did not change with the arrival of Christ in His earthly ministry:

For he hath visited and redeemed his people (Israel),

69 And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us (Israel)

In the house of his servant David;

70 (As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets,

Which have been since the world began:)

71 That *we* should be saved from our *enemies*,

And from the hand of *all that hate us*;

72 To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers,

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- And to remember his holy covenant;
⁷³ The oath which he swore to our father Abraham,
⁷⁴ That *he* would grant unto us, that *we* being delivered out of the hand of our *enemies*, Might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before him,
 All the days of our life. (Lk. 1:71-74)

Nor did this even change after Christ's Death and Resurrection under the ministry of the 12:

But *those things*, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent ye therefore ... when *the* times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; ... ²¹ whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all *things*, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. ²² For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; ... ²³ And it shall come to pass, *that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people* ... ²⁵ Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.(Acts 3:19-26)

How different this is from what we read in Paul's Epistles that today God is SAVING HIS ENEMIES! He is BLESSING ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him (Rom. 5:6-11)!!

In summary:

The non-Pauline Scriptures, which have to do with God's Prophetic Program to re-establish His Glory on earth, are designed to manifest **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN SAVING HIS FRIENDS AND DESTROYING HIS ENEMIES.**

The Pauline Scriptures, which have to do with God's Mystery Program to re-establish His Glory in the heavenlies, are designed to manifest **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN SAVING HIS ENEMIES BECAUSE HE HAS NO FRIENDS.**

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

So, why is this so important that I would spend the final 10 minutes of my life talking about it? Because without exaggeration, when we appreciate these two manifestations of the Righteousness of God presented in the Bible, it explains everything: **ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING!**

It explains the difference between the "salvation" Paul manifests—justification unto eternal life for sinners—and the "salvation" that the non-Pauline Scriptures manifest—deliverance of national Israel from her enemies.

It explains God's one and only method of salvation of sinners—justification by grace

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through faith. Law and works are not only not required, they are ruled out (Rom. 4:5). Law and Works do play a role in Israel's Prophetic Program in the manifestation of God's Righteousness in saving national Israel from her enemies.

If we go to Israel's Prophetic scriptures for the basis of justification unto eternal life, it will always result in confusion and ruin for believers and unbelievers alike. For unbelievers it leads them away from the Righteousness of God that is now being manifested in saving His enemies on the basis of grace and faith, confusing it with the Righteousness of God manifested in Israel's Prophetic Scriptures, whereby God saves His friends and destroys His enemies. They will conclude that they need to make themselves acceptable to God. They will think they need to become His friend first, and then He will save them. And this makes them the prey to religious systems and their rituals, which ruins everything.

And for believers it removes the assurance of salvation they need in order to serve God. When Israel's Prophetic Scriptures mention "salvation," they are not usually referring to justification unto eternal life, but to Israel's national deliverance from her enemies and entrance into her Kingdom. If you want to have a full explanation of salvation unto eternal life, you can only get it from the writings of the Apostle Paul.

It explains the false premise of man-made theological systems, like Calvinism. Theologians, who do not rightly-divide the Bible, and who have replaced Israel with the Body of Christ, read the non-Pauline Scriptures, see God saving His Own people, His friends and conclude that God only saves the "elect." But in doing so, they make the same mistake that the Pharisees made in Jesus' day. They don't go far enough back into Abraham's history. Before the Law, before the Nation Israel, be-

fore the promised son Isaac, before circumcision, before even the Abrahamic Covenant was established, which made Abraham God's friend ... before all that, God just preached Good News to Abram, an idol-worshipping Gentile, an ungodly sinner on enemy status before Him. Abram believed God and his faith was counted for righteousness. ***First***, he was justified unto eternal life as an enemy of God in accord with the Righteousness of God manifested in Paul's Scriptures. ***Then*** he was made the "friend" of God in accord with the Righteousness of God manifested in Israel's Prophetic Scriptures, whereby God would save or deliver him by destroying his enemies.

It explains why there is evil in the world. To destroy all evil from the world, God would have to destroy all ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him. The Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies is now being manifested in His Grace and Peace so that as many enemies as possible might be saved BEFORE He returns to manifest the Righteousness of God in destroying His enemies in His Wrath and Judgment.

It explains how we serve God today. Today, we are not to desire or pray for the destruction of our and God's enemies as Moses and David and all the prophets did. Rather, we are to extend God's grace and peace to His enemies, desiring and praying that they might be eternally saved. We are Christ's Ambassadors of Reconciliation to a fallen world:

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor. 5:18-20)

**BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
AND BE SAVED!! (Acts 16:31)**

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only to its larger apostate unbelieving element, but to its smaller believing element as well. They have promoted a great lie about the purpose of prayer, and that needs to be corrected.

Contrary to historic Christianity, getting saved isn't our way of making God our servant. Getting saved is God's way of making us His servants!! And prayer isn't our way to get God involved in our things! Prayer is God's way of getting us involved in His things!! Understanding this is the first step of spiritual maturity. In the natural realm, one of the high points of parenting comes when we see our young children, who start life thinking they are the center of the universe and that the whole world revolves around them, learn that this is not the case, and we see them begin to help and serve, empathize and respect others. We rejoice because this is a sign that they are growing up and maturing.

Well, the same thing is true with believers in the spiritual realm. God is pleased when He sees baby believers grow in the Lord and mature spiritually, learning that they are not the center of the universe, God is. The whole world doesn't revolve around them. It revolves around God. Getting saved and doing things like praying is not the believer's way of getting God to do what they want. Getting saved and praying is God's way of getting believers to do what He wants! And the twain shall never meet because:

**My (God's) thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways,**

And my thoughts than your thoughts.
(Is. 55:8-9)

The whole premise of rightly dividing God's Word is that it allows us to know what God is *really* doing today, thereby allowing us to act and pray in accord with that, having the same plans, purposes, desires and wishes that God Himself has. But be forewarned, your flesh isn't going to like this. The flesh doesn't want to be involved in God's things! The flesh wants God involved in its things!! To follow the desires and wishes of the flesh is to succumb to the fatal error about prayer that most of historic Christianity has subscribed to.

All the prayer in the world isn't going to get God to do what you want Him to do. All the prayer in the world isn't going to get God to do something He isn't doing today. Prayers that are contrary to God's will for today aren't signs of faith and spirituality but signs of unbelief and carnality. Such prayers are no better than the superstitious prayers of the pagans and are futile if they are not in accord with God's plan and purpose for today in His Mystery Program for the Body of Christ.

God does not respond to prayers based on human knowledge or worldly wisdom. Nor will He respond to prayers taken out of context from the non-Pauline Scriptures that have to do with the Nation of Israel's Prophetic Program not the Body of Christ's Mystery Program. The only prayers God responds to are those based on what He is doing today in the Body of Christ's Mystery Program as found in our Apostle Paul's Letters.

When we pray in the light of Paul's distinct apostleship, we are guaranteed many things, two of which are:

1. The God of Peace will be with us, and the Peace of God will guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:5-9).

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2. In our weakness, when we don't know what to pray about specifically, the Holy Spirit knows the heart of faith based on God's Truth for today and makes intercession for us, bringing our prayers into perfect accord with God's Will found in Paul's Scriptures (Rom. 8:26-27).

So, what does God expect believers to pray about in the Dispensation of Grace? For that we must go to the Apostle of Grace, our apostle, the Apostle Paul, and pray based on what we have learned and received, heard and seen from and in Paul (Phil. 4:9):

The Apostle Paul's Prayers

Before beginning this study of Paul's prayers, we must keep in mind two important things about the historical context in which they occur.

1. Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians were written during the Acts Period, which was a time when God was transitioning from the Nation of Israel's Prophetic Program to the Body of Christ's Mystery Program. The things associated with Israel's program during this time ceased when the transition period ended.

2. The Apostle Paul, well, to state the obvious, was an *apostle*. We need to realize that not everything God did for and through Paul is applicable to every believer ever since. Paul had many special deliverances and provisions in the beginning of his ministry that were not available even for him at the end of his ministry (i.e., he performed many miraculous signs of his apostleship at the beginning of his ministry, which ceased later in his ministry and were never generally applicable to any except the apostles).

Paul begins almost all of his letters praying to God about how thankful he is for faithful Grace Assemblies of Grace Believers. Those who have believed, received, appreciated and are now operating in accord with what God is doing through Paul's distinct apostleship, what he **calls his Gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the Revelation of the Mystery** (Rom. 16:25). This is one prayer that never changes. It is as relevant in an early letter like Romans as it is in a late letter like Colossians.

PAUL'S #1 PRAYER TOPIC: GRACE CHURCHES AND GRACE BELIEVERS

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you, always in my prayers, ¹⁰ making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end you may be established ... now to Him that has the power to establish you according to my (Paul's) Gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the Mystery, which was kept secret since the world began.
(Rom. 1:8-11 with 16:25).

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴ since we heard of

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your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which *ye have* to all the saints, ⁵ for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel ... whereof I (Paul) am made a minister according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the Word of God, even the Mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations. (Col. 1:3-5 with 1:25-26).

Paul's #1 prayer topic is thanking God for Grace Churches with their faithful Grace Believers. By Grace Believers I am not referring to those who are just "saved by grace" (as wonderful as that is!!). Rather, Grace Believers are those who are, yes, "saved by grace," but who then go on to remember, participate in, embrace and advance the Grace apostleship of Paul. The Philippians were an example of a Grace Assembly made up of Grace Believers:

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, ⁵ for your *FELLOWSHIP in the gospel* from the first day until now; ⁶ being confident of this very *thing*, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ: ⁷ even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in *MY* heart; inasmuch as both in *MY* bonds, and in the *DEFENSE and CONFIRMATION of the gospel*, ye all are *PARTAKERS of MY grace*. (Phil. 1:3-7).

PAUL'S #2 PRAYER TOPIC: SALVATION FOR ALL

Brethren, my heart's desire and pray-

er to God for Israel is, that *they* might be saved.
(Rom. 10:1)

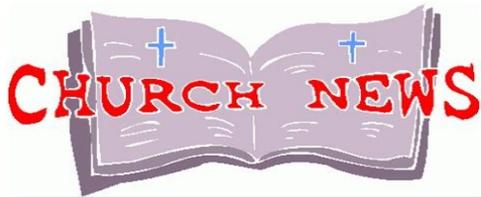
I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; ² for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. ³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; ⁴ who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
(1 Tim. 2:1-4)

Paul prays for salvation of the whole world—Jew and Gentile alike. In accord with national Israel's Prophetic Program, Jesus Christ should have returned to destroy His enemies in His Wrath and Judgment. The Nation of Israel had joined hands with the Gentile nations in rejecting the world's Creator, and Israel's Messiah and King! The whole world was ripe to be DESTROYED by His Wrath and Judgment against His enemies, beginning with Israel and especially for the Gentiles. But instead of doing that, Jesus Christ returned to SAVE His enemies in His Grace and Peace, beginning with His worst enemy, Saul, the leader of Israel's rebellion against God, and made him our Apostle Paul, the example of salvation by pure Grace, especially for the Gentiles.

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[THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY](#)

On Sundays (9:30-11:00 AM Fellowship and Bible study) we are continuing our study of the Gospel of Matthew. To join the meeting click here:

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We preach *Christ Crucified*¹; we worship *Jesus Christ According to the Revelation of the Mystery*²; and we study the Bible using the principle of *Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth*³.

1. 1 Cor. 1:23 2. Rom. 16:25 3. 2 Tim. 2:15

Due to the Coronavirus regulations we are not meeting in person at this time.

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Morning Service: 9:55 - 11:15

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