

Paul digresses for the love of his countryman in the flesh

In the book of Romans, Paul so eloquently taught of the resurrection by faith, to fall back into old covenant expectations of a future saving and Savior for his old cohorts.

In Romans Chapter 9, Paul pours out his heart for his flesh lineage saying "I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for **my brethren, my ^[a] countrymen according to the flesh,** ⁴ who are Israelites,

Showing us that he is fully aware of their demise.

But then in Romans chapter 11 Paul was trying to justify **his countrymen according to the flesh**, the Israelites. Paul now uses an old covenant concept to support his hopes for them saying "The Deliverer will come out of Zion. And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; And

27 For this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins".

But these are provisions, or promises given to us in The New Covenant already in effect as of Paul's writing this. It is evidenced by him writing it after the cross where the sin of humanity was already dealt with as he wrote in previous chapters of the same book.

However, then Paul applies this old testament concept toward his countrymen of a future saving.

Paul is confused. He says this as tho this old covenant promise has a future fulfillment of another act for another payment for sin and another saving for his kinsman according to the flesh? "When I take away their sins?" Mmh. That is steeped in old covenant lingo that anticipated God's sacrifice of His Son.

Jesus Christ said "all the Law and the prophets were till John the Baptist, now the Kingdom is preached and all are entering". Jesus Christ came ushering in that Kingdom. Now all the law and the prophets are fulfilled and expired documents. Meaning that the old covenant promises have no forward speaking relevance to us in the New Covenant era. We are the recipients of all the old

testament promises and there is no 3rd covenant to supercede the one in force by the Only Begotten. There is no newer Covenant that could be used to verify Paul's ascertainment here that **"this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins"** . This old only testifies to what we have. All the sins of humanity have been dealt with in regard to being saved. Everybody past present and future must go there to receive forgiveness of sins for salvation. There is no other payment to be rendered. **"This is My covenant with them when I take away their sins"**.

Even as Peter said of the prophets "¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to ^[e]us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you". These are our testimonies, what they wanted, we have the deliverer, forgiveness of sins and salvation. That's what a Savior does. And God's only Begotten does things right because He does them once. That is what righteous means. A right that needs no addendums, corrections, modifications or to be repeated.

And here from Peter explaining Paul's writings "as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which some things are hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures".

You must understand that Paul's Epistles are progressive in nature. Meaning, he grew as he pressed in as do we.

Things are taken out of context when you mix the 2 covenants and that's what Paul did in Romans 11. However God was taking Paul to greater heights. And the clarification of the Resurrection is necessary for the expiration in his mind and ours of the old covenant. Even as Jesus Christ appeared to Paul as the bright light on the road to Damascus. He told Paul, that you must testify of the things you have seen and the things I will yet show you", showing for us the progressive Revelations of Christ coming to him over and over and not just a first and second coming.

This is why Paul said to Timothy "I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all long-suffering, as a pattern (or a progression) to those who are going to believe on Him "

In this way Paul laid the necessary building blocks, or doctrines, that are necessary to give us a platform to build upon. Even as Paul said to those in Corinth, "According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the **foundation**, and another builds on it." And that foundation is unto the resurrection. You cannot build in Gods Kingdom with your old nature.

This is the starting point of the New Covenant in the expiration of the old because the resurrection was where the old was suppose to take you as far as the old would take you.

In Acts 26 Paul was on trial with the Gentile King Agrippa, to defend himself from the punishment of death from the Jews. Paul testified to the resurrection as an Old Covenant objective saying "⁶ And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers. ⁷ To this *promise* our twelve tribes, earnestly serving *God* night and day, hope to attain. For **this hope's sake**, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews. ⁸ **Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?**" (Means resurrection.

Peter refered to Noah's flood as a baptism. Then we have the Red Sea crossing after the Israelites (not Jews) painted the top of their front doors with blood so that the angel of death passed over. To then go through the water where all their enemies were drowned. Hmm, sounds like Baptism to me. Then also the second generation with Joshua crossed the Jordan River to cross over to possess the land of promises. These are all resurrection patterns to learn to walk in newness of life. This is the objective of baptism, and the book from Paul we call Romans.

And since the old way of walking it out didn't work, God sent His Son to show us the "new and living way to the Father".

Warning: Anyone who has not received the resurrection as a foregone conclusion, has denied the Son of God and the purpose of the cross. I would not want to be found there. In other words, if you have not received the washing of sins unto the resurrection as a foregone conclusion already gifted to you from the cross, you are floundering in the faith and put yourself back under the old covenant. Because that's what they were looking for too as we have just explained.

And what is worse than rejecting the gift of God by His Son, and more blasphemous, is to expect a second coming Jesus to save you from your sins and your woes and your shortfalls in your shortcomings as a human. This was the demise of the whole old testament, and why even the Jews said "it is expedient that one man should die for man's sins."

It was Paul who opened up Romans saying that he was prepared to preach the gospel message of Jesus Christ which is the power of God for salvation. as not being a new testament concept alone. And it was Hebrews that says that the gospel message was preached to them as well as to us but did not profit them not being mixed with faith.

Paul was in transition and his Revelations at the time of Romans, was to solidify the Resurrection, a firm foundation to stand upon and build your faith. this is why the book of Romans was ranked first among the Pauline Epistles right after the book of Acts which would be better off called, the defense of the gospel. because that was what Paul was to do in that book and that is what it ended up and it's conclusion with him in his own rented home preaching the kingdom of a hand as something he had never said before according to the book of acts.

The complete expiration of the old was still foreign to Paul for even the whole book of Romans primarily dealt with the various concepts of the washing off the old man at baptism, the redemption, to be declared righteous, for justification unto the life of the resurrection. Of which all of these are foundation stones and primary principals of Gods Kingdom now.

The works up to baptism are all old covenant concepts. Think of John the Baptist. He was last and greatest because that is as far as the Prophets take you. Now you need new stuff to grow your faith.

Even as David affirmed ""Blessed *are those* whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
And whose sins are covered;

⁸ Blessed *is the* man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin." (Romans 4)

We know these are the objectives of the old covenant because even Paul spoke of his countryman of the flesh about the resurrection. When Paul was on trial in Rome he said "Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead am I being judged?" Paul went on to say of them "they strove night and day hoping to attain. They knew this.

It was the Pharisees that believed in the baptism of life to pursue the resurrection as evidenced at the Red Sea where the angel of death passed over those who appropriated the blood, to eat the Passover in haste, to be baptised in the Red Sea which assayed their fears and killed all their enemies, to walk in a new life with a clean slate with new tools "to lay hold of" their inheritance. Even in the face of the giants, they failed to acquire because they refused to acknowledge Gods word as being strong enough to empower them to walk through their enemies and obstacles. For this they we're rejected.

Hebrews chapter 2 warned us not to do what they did saying "Therefore we must give ^[a]the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just ^[b]reward, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation." As many of the Old Covenant seekers did.

And again from Hebrews chapter 6. ⁴ For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ ^[c]if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame."

And "6 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to ^[a]perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and this we will do if God permits". This shows us the baptism and resurrection are first principals.

This is why the foundational Testimony of baptism is that, your old person with it's sin is washed

away to be raised (resurrected) to walk in newness of life. This is your starting point like it was for the Israelites at the Red Sea crossing, and again at the Jordan river with Joshua because the first generation failed.

For this reason, the book of Romans is foundational, a place to stand upright and righteous, meaning right standing with God or upright to move on to reach out to lay hold of why Christ laid hold of you, which is Glory.

Paul affirms this in Romans 3 that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" describing the object and completion of salvation. Being Gods Glory in each one of us. That the Glory is the objective of the gospel and your target after baptism. But there are many more steps, and fortunately for us, Paul goes through these in his other Epistles.

Paul affirms this in Romans 8 ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, for Him to be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."

There is however a big gap of missing pieces between being Justified and being Glorified that Paul does not discuss in the Epistle to the Romans. Which is again proof that the book of Romans teaches the first steps of faith into Baptism and the expiration of all the law and prophets because that is as far as they go as we just showed you with the Red Sea.

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This is why the Pharisees were chided by Jesus Christ, Him saying "you are not entering the kingdom not are you allowing those who are trying to do so" thereby being condemned and unfit. This is where Paul started out and consented to kill early believers.

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there was only one sacrifice for all time as the writer of Hebrews put it,

²⁶ He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, **once** at the end of the ages.

Paul had earlier on in Romans defined the true Jew with circumsion of the heart, and the remnants shall be saved, but not the circumsion of the flesh. So his eyes were opening.

By the time Paul wrote Galatians he wished those of the circumsision would just "cut themselves off". Which is better rendered to "castorate themselves". So Paul made his cut from that bunch but it wasn't easy. For even after Paul's 14 years in the wilderness, he went to Jerusalem to speak to those who were apostles before him and was seen having Timothy circumsised showing us that even then Paul was confused from the start. But by the time he wrote Galatians not only did he break away from the mutilation, Paul goes on to plead for the castoration of that whole old testament culture saying ""Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman".

It is now the modern Jews and their sympathizers that use these old covenant carnal saving concepts to justify another Jesus to come upon another Israel (meroniously meaning a land and not the people) and another man-made temple for another man Messiah, to save the world, which spits in the face of the saving at the cross. Save, saving, savior, do you get it?

So Paul defending his carnal liniage in Romans is from his old man. He then in his own words says "even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown to you (meaning the promise to the gentiles in Abraham) that they also may obtain mercy".

Which saying is true. But it is by faith to anyone. Faith has always been the method. But that doesn't mean all who went before without faith, will receive what those who have faith do. At best they would be judged according to their works with the rest of mankind at the judgment after the thousand year reign when those who missed out on the elect of the age and are judged according to their works as seen here in Revelation 20, And they lived and reigned with Christ for ^[a]a thousand years. ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection". Meaning us who received it. We've received a whole lot more. We have moved on from those basic tenants of the faith that the new covenant allows.

In closing this topic of Paul trying to elevate his cohorts and predisessors of the flesh to resurrection status in Romans

It was Paul who went on to say that "⁷ What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded".

Who also said earlier on "For they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel, ⁷ nor *are they* all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." ⁸ That is, those who *are* the children of the flesh (or genetic lineage), these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed."

Which is why Abram was promised his seed as the sand of the seas, but Abr-ah-am seed was as the stars of Heaven, showing us the two seeds, Ishmael and Isaac. But the real seed that was to be blessed was from Genesis 12 to Abraham that "in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. And that word seed meant singular referring to Christ. That the nations and the gentiles if all who except Christ by faith, are those who are "in Christ" as joint heir's of the things that he has, and God is no respecter of persons.

Amen