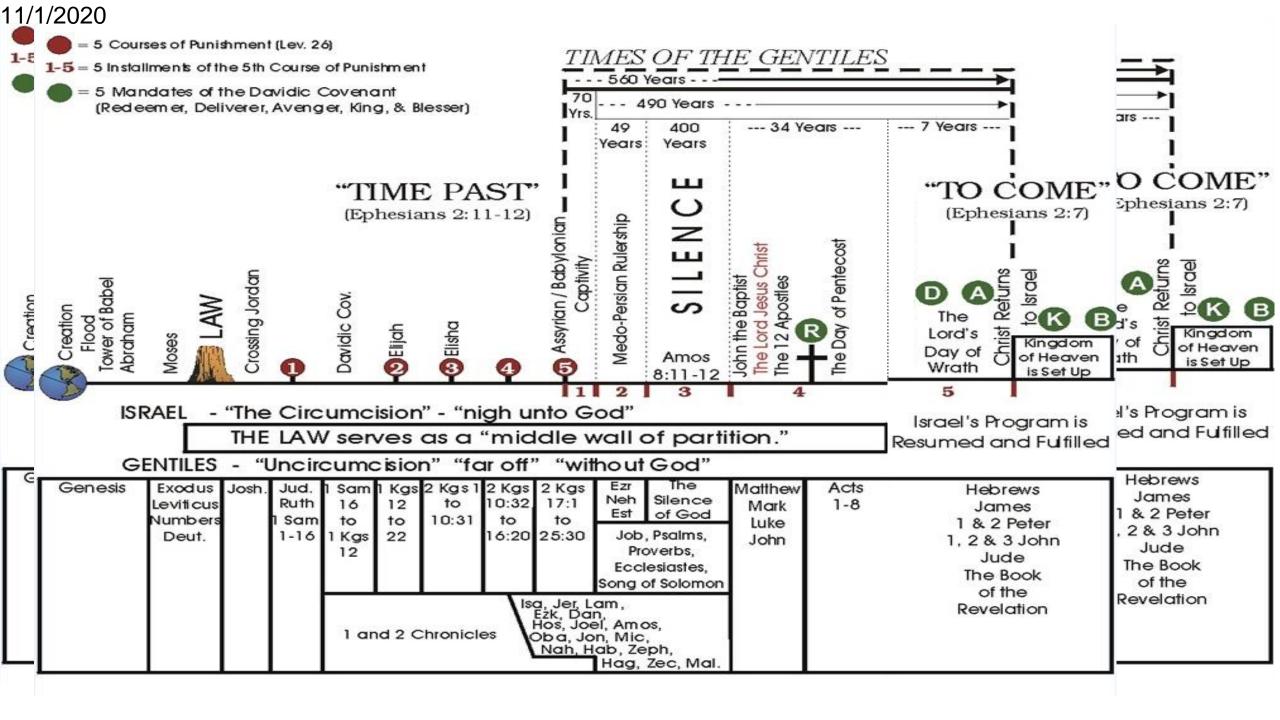
## Where Did Israel Go Wrong? (Pt. 3)

## Two Manifestations of the Righteousness of God

## Rom. 9:30-10:4



- Israel went wrong in assuming they had their own righteousness through the flesh that automatically made them right before God.
  - a. Natural righteousness—they were automatically right before God because they were the natural descendants of Abraham through the line of Isaac/Circumcision (Rom. 9:6-7; Mat. 3:8, 5:17-20).
  - b. Law Righteousness—they were right before God because they possessed the Law but ignored the fact that they broke the Law, didn't teach it properly and covered it up with the traditions of the elders, thereby falling under its curses (Rom. 2:13, 17-24).

- 2. In following after a law to establish their own righteousness they had to "dumb down" and "easify" the Mosaic Law to make it "doable."
  - a. They changed the Mosaic Law's focus on the greater internal things of the heart, and instead focused on the lesser external things (Mat. 5-6, 23:23).
  - b. It was all just an illusion. They just fooled themselves. They were just hypocrites (Mat. 5:17-38, 23:23)
  - c. They covered up God's Law with their own oral law based on the traditions of men (Mat. 15:9).

- 3. In doing this they missed out on the one righteousness that is the starting point for all righteousnesses. Before everything else, they needed to follow in the footsteps of Abraham and avail themselves of faith righteousness. Abraham believed God's Good News to him, and God counted his faith for righteousness, bringing him into a permanent right relationship with Himself based on the Person and Work of Christ on the Cross (Rom. 3-4; Gen. 15:6; Rom. 9:6-7).
  - --It is only after participating in Faith Righteousness that God would be able to work through them to carry out His plans and purposes for them.

- 4. It all <u>must</u> begin here with Faith Righteousness.
  - a. In error, Israel started with Isaac and/or with circumcision and/or with the Law, but they needed to go back further in their history.
  - b. Rom. 4 explains that they needed to go back before all those things, back to when God preached Good News to the idol-worshipping Abraham, an ungodly sinner on enemy status before Him, and Abraham believed God and his faith was counted for righteousness.
  - c. Only after that did God establish a Covenant with him, making him His friend.

- 5. There is one Righteousness of God, but it is MANIFESTED in two ways:
  - a. The NON-Pauline Scriptures—OT, Gospels, early Acts and Hebrews thru Rev--manifest the Righteousness of God in Saving His Friends and Destroying His Enemies. This has to do with:
    - 1. Israel's National Salvation for life in the Kingdom.
    - Justification of His covenant friends before Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming for Life in the Kingdom.

- b. The Pauline Scriptures, however, manifest the Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies because He Has No Friends:
  - Individual personal salvation of all born into the world —ungodly sinners on enemy status before God.
  - 2. Justification of His enemies before God and His Tribunal unto eternal life—being related to God through Christ.

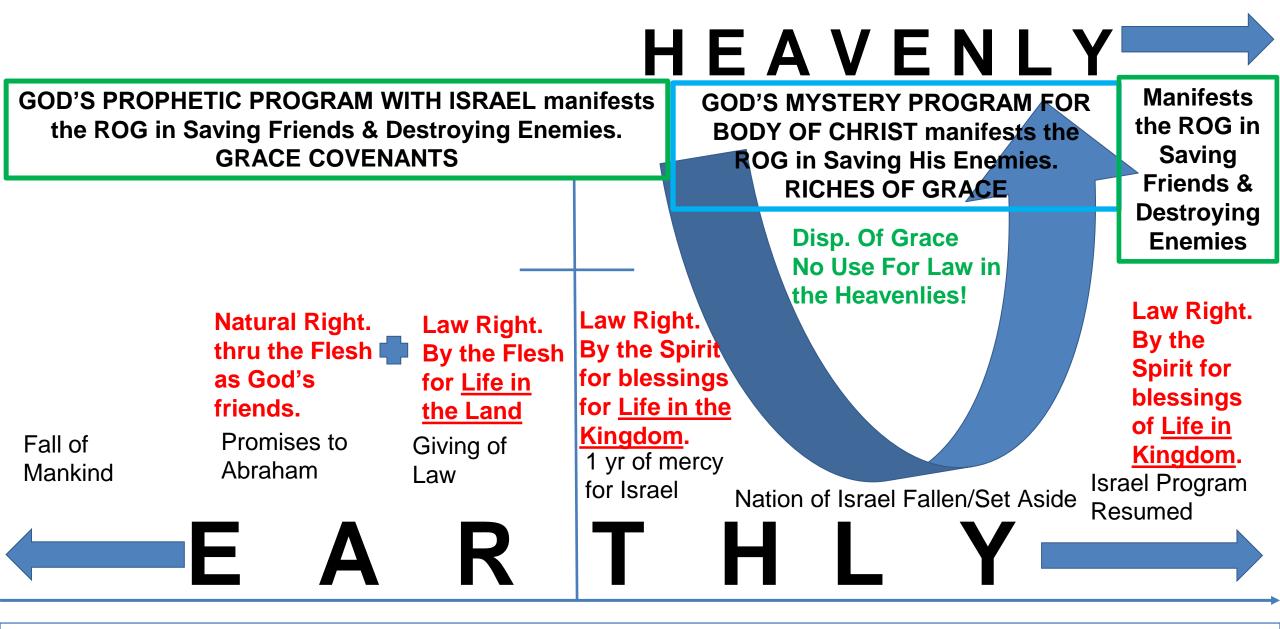
- The Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies because He Has No Friends is the foundation stone that supports all of God's plans and purposes—all His dispensational activities with fallen sinful humanity because it is based on Christ and His Cross.
  - --It addresses fallen humanity's most basic problem of all: All are born into the world ungodly sinners on enemy status before God, the children of fallen Adam, and the Disobedience and Wrath (Eph. 2:1-3).

- If you try to make the NON-Pauline Scriptures fully explain how God saves ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him—the way all children of Adam are born into the world (Eph. 2:1-4)—it will always result in confusion.
  - a. You will think that in order to be saved you first need to make yourself a friend of God through religious systems —their sacraments, rituals and rites so that He can save you.
  - b. This is the basis for all fleshly religious and theological systems since the Fall of Adam with their fig leaf rituals and rites that they claim can make a sinner enemy the friend of God.
  - c. This completely does away with the one essential element
    —Faith Righteousness.

 d. This is the main reason for the erroneous teachings of Calvinism—God saves His friends, so He must have pre -determined who would and would not be His friend so that God could save His friends.

8. This is the root error of all man-made religious and mancentered theological systems. It is what separates fleshly religious activity from a spiritual relationship with God through Christ. 9. The only way to avoid this error is through rightly-dividing the Bible, beginning with this distinction in the manifestations of the Righteousness of God.

- 10.God chose to manifest how He saves His enemies through the Apostle Paul for 2 major reasons:
  - a. Because it is based on the Crosswork of Christ, it couldn't be manifested until after the Crosswork of Christ.
  - b. God in His infinite wisdom decided that it must be manifested not by His friends (Peter and the 12) but by His worst enemy Saul, who became out Apostle Paul.



AS UNGODLY SINNERS ON ENEMY STATUS BEFORE GOD FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH MAKES US PARTICIPANTS IN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD THROUGH THE CROSS OF CHRIST: JUSTIFIED UNTO <u>ETERNAL LIFE (</u>ROM. 3:21-25).