

Thursday001 (5/7/20)

Rom. 5:1-11

Reconciliation (Pt. 1)

The Foremost Purpose of Romans is not man and his redemption but God and His Glory.

First, God presents the Apostle Paul and makes his apostleship the pattern that leads to righteousness and life and contrasts that with the pattern of sinful humanity that leads to sin and death. (Rom. 1).

Then He presents a warning to all people, especially the Jews, of the consequences of not following Paul and thereby misusing the riches of God's Long-suffering Goodness and rejecting His Righteousness (Rom. 2-3).

BUT NOW, through Paul's distinct apostleship, God is manifesting, fully revealing, fully explaining the Righteousness of God in saving ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him, which the Law and Prophets could witness to but could not manifest (Rom. 3-4).

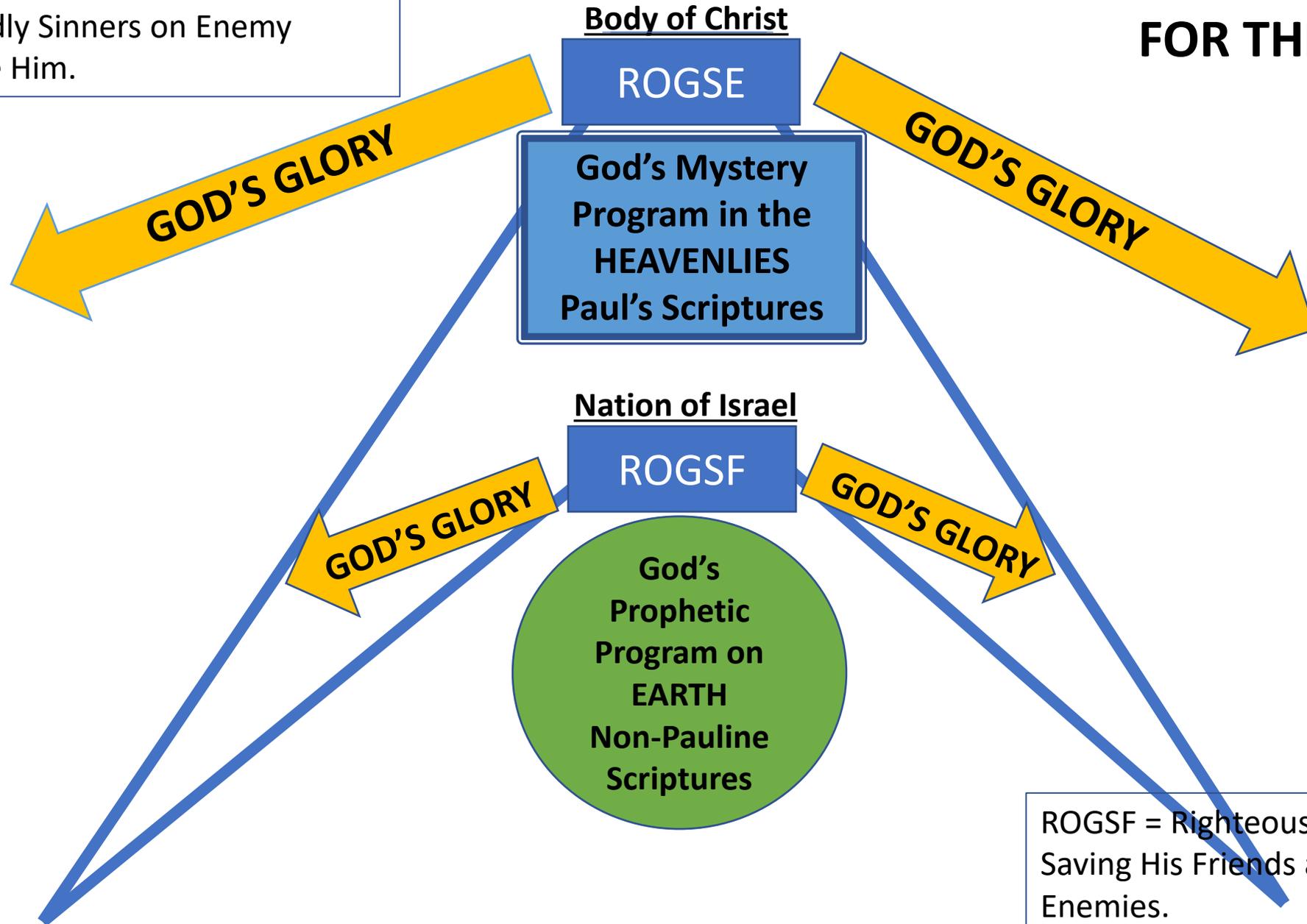
This Righteousness of God has been in effect since the fall of Adam, but it could not be fully manifested until after the Cross because it is based on the Good News of the Death of Christ, and it had to be manifested by an enemy of God Saul of Tarsus all in accord with the  
RICHES OF HIS GRACE IN CHRIST.

Rather the Law and the Prophets of Israel's Prophetic Program fully manifest the Righteousness of God in saving/delivering His friends and destroying His enemies, in accord with the GRACE RESIDENT IN THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT, mechanically implemented through the Davidic Covenant.

# THE WHOLE UNIVERSE

# GOD'S PLANS AND PURPOSES FOR THE AGES

ROGSE = Righteousness of God in Saving Ungodly Sinners on Enemy Status Before Him.



Body of Christ

**ROGSE**

God's Mystery Program in the HEAVENLIES Paul's Scriptures

Nation of Israel

**ROGSF**

God's Prophetic Program on EARTH Non-Pauline Scriptures

ROGSF = Righteousness of God in Saving His Friends and Destroying His Enemies.

Romans 5 takes the Righteousness of God that the Old Testament not only cannot manifest but cannot even witness to. It goes from the justification and the death of Christ to justification and life through Christ Jesus (Rom. 5:1 and 5:17-18).

Faith Righteousness takes care of our past, equips us for the present and guarantees our future (Rom. 5:1-3).

When Faith Righteousness is pressed by trials, it produces endurance, an approved experience and hope because it doesn't look for God's love in our circumstances but in the Cross of Christ (Rom. 5:4-5).

Faith Righteousness reasons from the greater to the lesser: If we know that Christ died for His enemies to reconcile them to God, then we know that He will do MUCH MORE for those whom God has reconciled to Himself?

Christ's death not only justified ungodly sinners FROM God's wrath (death) (5:9) but it also reconciled His enemies INTO the safety of His Life, His Resurrection Life (5:10).

Because of this MUCH MORE Christianity, we can rejoice/boast with absolute confidence that we are participants in God's Glory—peace, grace access, hope (5:1-2)--even in tribulations—patience, experience, hope (5:3-5)--and in the resurrection Life of Christ—Love of God, reconciliation with God, atonement (5:6-11).

God uniquely describes the Body of Christ's Mystery Program in terms of reconciliation (Rom. 5:10-11; 11:15; 2 Cor. 5:18-20)

One might expect that Paul would say that having saved His enemies much more He will save His friends. But Paul never uses "friend" terminology. To say someone is reconciled does not mean the same thing as that He is a "friend."

God reserves “Friendship” terminology as the basis for the Nation of Israel’s Prophetic Program.

The Bible only calls one person the friend of God, and that is Abraham (2 Chron. 20:7; Is. 41:8; James 2:23), bringing his descendants, the nation of Israel, into a “friendship.”

--Moses and David come close but not quite (Ex. 33:11, 1 Sam. 13:14, resp.)

This is because the purpose of Israel’s Prophetic Program is to fully make known the Righteousness of God in saving His FRIENDS.

The purpose of the Body of Christ’s Mystery Program is to fully make known the Righteousness of God in saving His ENEMIES (Rom. 5:10).