

By God's grace, without earining it, all are granted the status of being considering righteous before Him, through the act redeeming us from our enslavement to sin that was accomplished by the Messiah Yeshua !!!

Romans 3:24

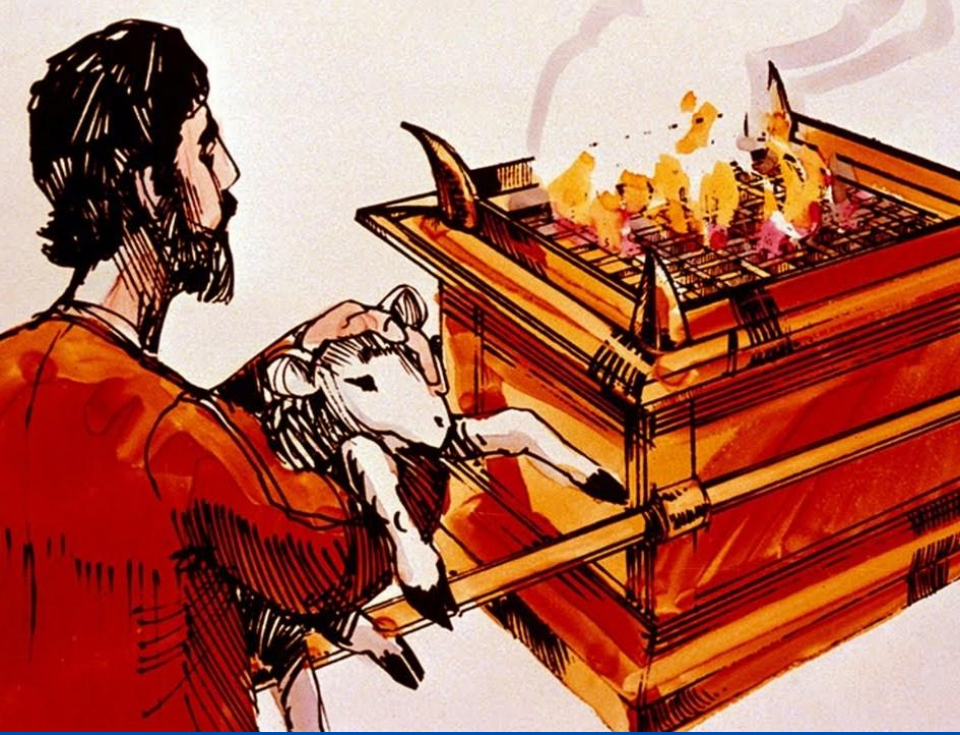


- The Law and the Gospel of Christ are connected
- They serve 2 critical, but different, purposes
- God gave us both, because we need both
- Both the Law AND the Gospel were given to Israel, and only later was the Gospel taken to gentiles

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF HOW THE GOSPEL WORKS



- Vs. 25 explains Vs. 24
- Jews skeptical:
- 1) Believed being Jewish brought them righteousness
- 2) They didn't see Messiah as part of a direct involvement in their relationship with God
- Paul is skeptical that these Believing Jews of Rome know the right doctrine



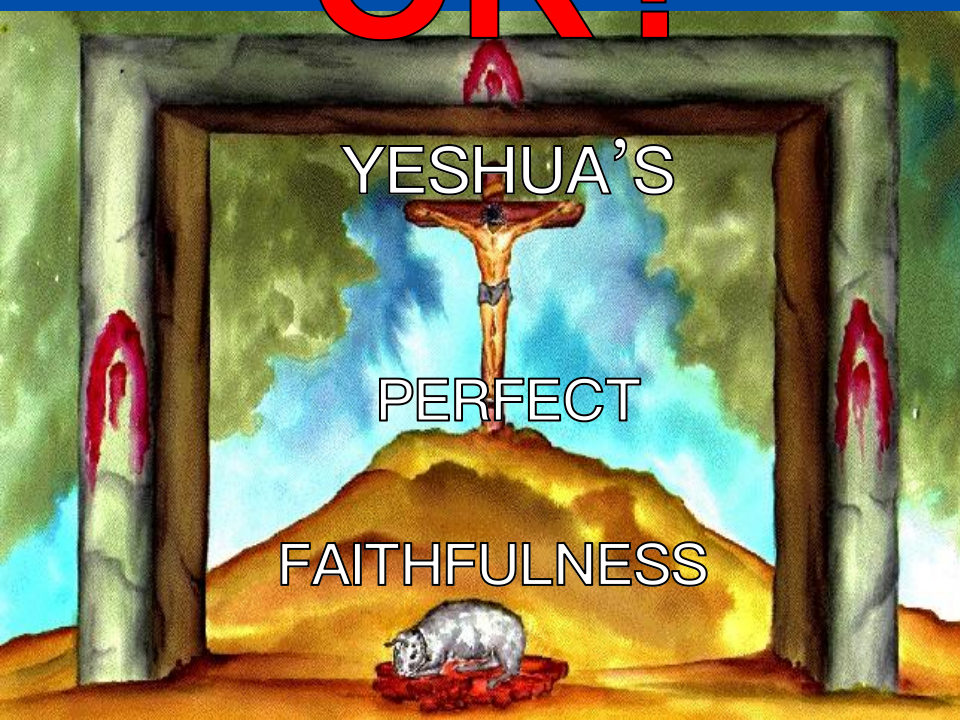
YESHUA THE MERCY SEAT

- Blood of Yeshua meets the Torah requirement of blood to atone for sin
- *Hilasterion = kapparah*
- *Kapparah = Mercy Seat*
- Since Babylonian exile, there was no Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies
- Blood was sprinkled on the floor!!





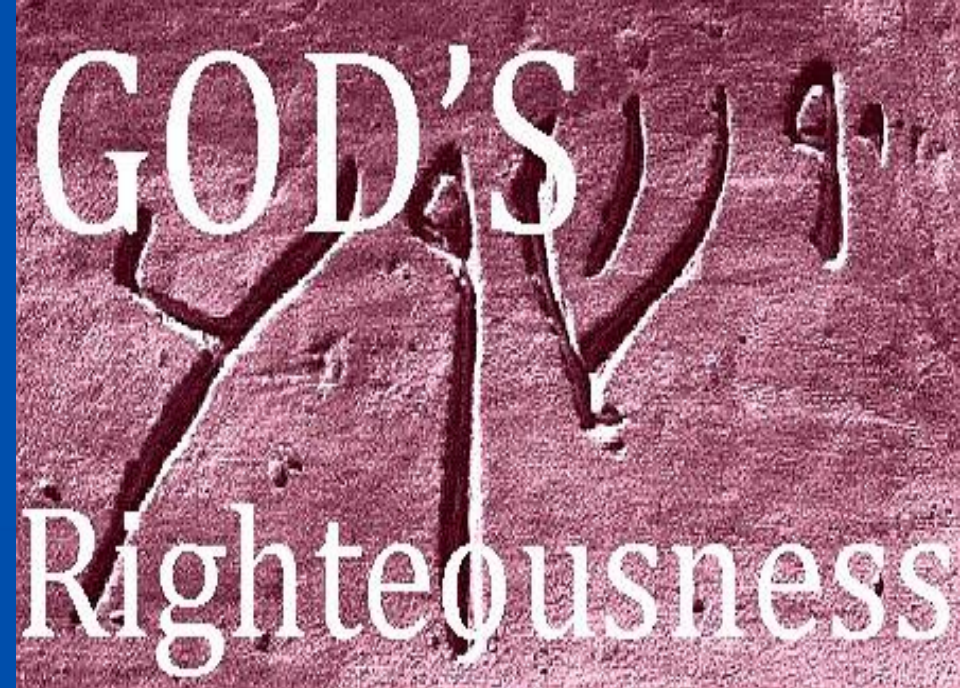
OR?



WHOSE FAITH?

- Our faith? It takes a change in word order to make it that
- Yeshua's faith? Complies with the Greek word and verb order
- We are to trust in Christ's perfect faithfulness
- Our faith will never be perfect

- God's righteous = His saving will
- Human righteous = doing right, or being right before God
- God passed over past sins and postponed punishment until Yeshua came
- Sinner whose sins are atoned for:
 - 1) doesn't deserve it
 - 2) hasn't earned it
 - 3) is given as a free gift
- God is the God of Jews and gentiles

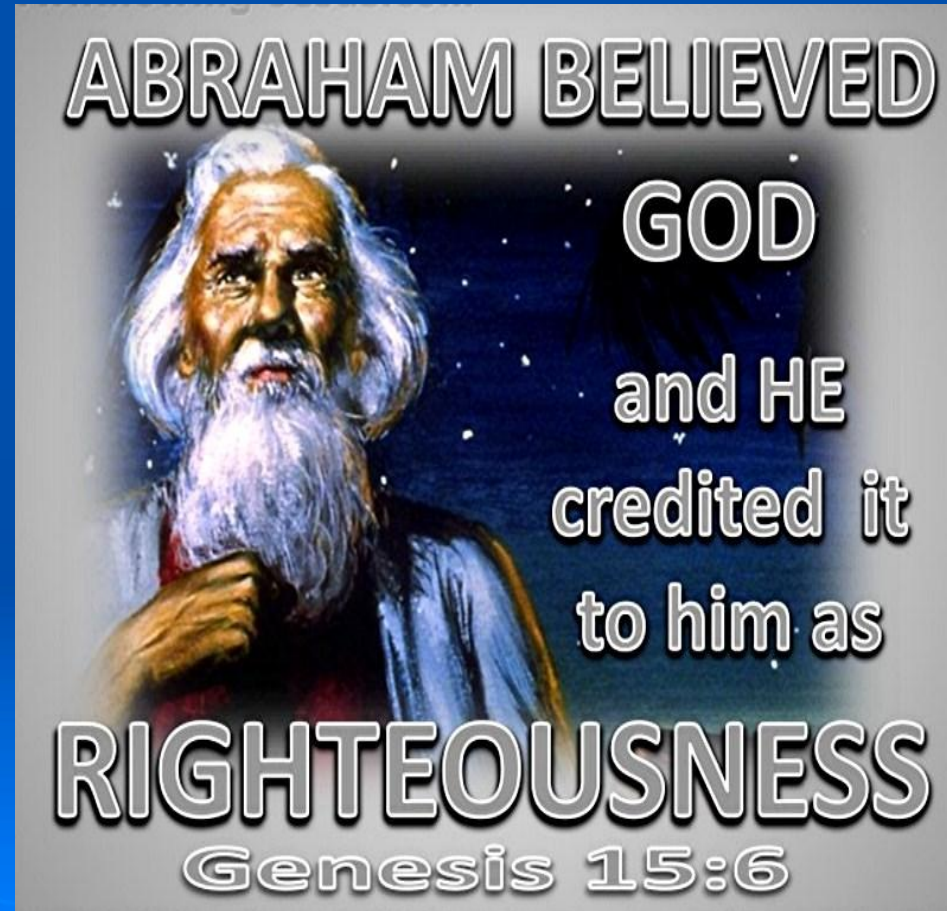




- Paul's "ruling": Since there is only one God, then He righteouses the circumcised and the uncircumcised based on their trust
- Since the Law doesn't save, does that mean that it is abolished? HEAVEN FORBID !!
- Matthew 5:17 - 19

ROMANS CHAPTER 4: A MIDRASH ON GENESIS 15:6

- Paul says trusting confirms the Law of Moses
- *Z'kut Avot* = merit of the Fathers
- Jews believed that Abraham was righteous on account of his deeds
- NT redemption is directly connected to Abraham
- Law didn't exist until 600 years after Abraham
- Book of Jubilees:
"Abraham was perfect in all his deeds..."



WORKS AND DEEDS



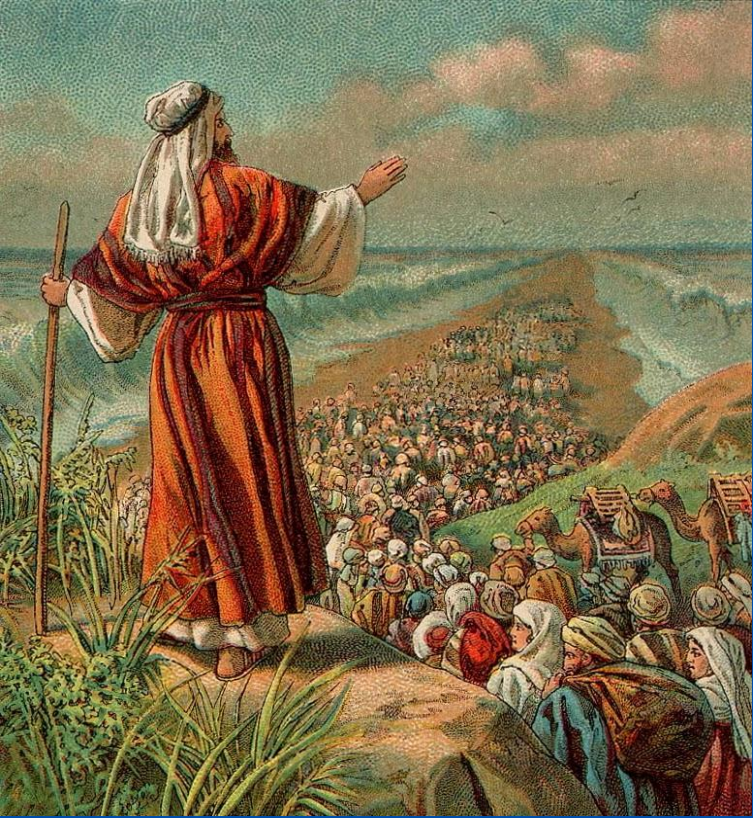
- An analogy: a person who works for a wage isn't paid as a "favor" (a gift)
- He has earned it by his hard labors
- If a person doesn't work but only receives righteousness through trust, he has not earned it and so it is a gift
- Paul uses Psalm 32 to help interpret Gen. 15:6
- God forgives and gives righteousness to sinners even though they don't deserve it



- “The way you are to go” = Law of Moses
- Psalm 32:10 **“Grace surrounds those who trust..”**
- Grace is an OT principle
- Grace is an attribute of God
- The Law was grace because an animal could pay the price for human sin
- Abraham was righteous **BEFORE** he was circumcised
- He was not circumcised until 29 years after Gen. 15:6
- Circumcision is a sign of trusting!

grace.





FOR PAUL, THE LAW IS NOT DEAD

- Israel was delivered (redeemed) before they received the Law
- Their redemption from Egypt was God's grace
- Israel did not earn it or merit it
- 1John 3:4
- The Law remained the standard
- There is only 1 Law because there is only 1 God

**SIN WAS ~~IS~~
TRANSGRESSION
OF THE LAW.**
(1 JOHN 3:4)