

20230702 The heart of worship

(Love blossoming in the heart dressed by grace_

Understanding the Gospel Part 11

Romans 9:30-33

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³¹ but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal.

³² Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone.

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“See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

1. God’s love – given, not earned

Romans 9:4-5

⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises.

⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

⁷ The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Isaiah 44:21

²¹ “Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant.

I have made you, you are my servant;

Israel, I will not forget you.

Isaiah 43:1

¹ But now, this is what the LORD says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”

2. Righteousness – The right relationship with God only by faith

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