

The Righteousness of God in Romans

- The OT Basis for Paul's Righteousness of God Framework
 - Genesis 15 and Psalm 143
- Paul's R.O.G scheme in Romans
 - Romans 1:17; 3:5; 3:21, 22, 25
- The big question: is the Righteousness that God has within himself different from the righteousness we receive by faith? (Rom 4:13)

Romans 2-3

- Romans 3:21-26 as the main passage for understanding R.O.G
- Do we read 22 as "faith in the Messiah" or "the faithfulness of the Messiah"?
- Notes on theology of Chapter 2:
 - Notes on theology of Chapter 3:
- Benefits of reading 3:22 as "faithfulness of the Messiah": the narrative of the OT remains Paul's logic as he talks now about the salvation of the world. The faithfulness of the Messiah stood in for the faithfulness of Israel, which in turn means blessing to the Gentiles. Since the Messiah is the Son of God, this act revealed the Righteousness of God. Thus, it is by *faith* and not the law we are saved.

Incorporation into the Messiah

- Paul sees that God did for Jesus in the resurrection what Paul thought God would do for all of Israel.
- Thus, Paul sees that Jesus has *incorporated* Israel into Himself.
- Jesus now redefines the *shape of God's chosen people (Israel), and that shape is crucifixion/resurrection.*
- Thus, to be saved is to share in the saving benefits of Jesus, by - literally - being united to the Messiah.
- Notes on *in Christ* in Phillipians:
 - Notes on *in Christ* in Ephesians:

Further Reading:

On the Righteousness of God displayed on the cross: NT Wright, *The Day the Revolution Began*

On a theological account of *In Christ* theology: Marcus Johnson, *One With Christ*