

# GCFSM SUNDAY

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## PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

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Chapter 9 of Romans talks about Paul's concern for his fellow Jews. Israel was dispersed because they rejected God to lead them. They did not pursue God's redemptive plan for them. They were chosen as God's people but because of their rejection of God's rule, the kingdom was divided - the Northern and the Southern Kingdom. The Southern Kingdom was taken on by Babylon and become slaves there until such time when God helped them to return to their own nation.

In their situation, the promise of God still remained for them, as the Lord promised Abraham that they would become a great nation. He would bless them; he would make their name great. They would be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Through them, many nations would be blessed.

Yet, Israel did not become a nation until 1948. *"Israeli Independence was declared by the United Nations. They approved a plan to partition Palestine into a Jewish and Arab state in 1947, but the Arabs rejected it. In May 1948, Israel was officially declared an independent state with David Ben-Gurion, the head of the Jewish Agency, as the prime minister"* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli\\_Declaration\\_of\\_Independence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Declaration_of_Independence)).

For the promise of God to be fulfilled through Israel, they needed to pursue righteousness through faith. As God's chosen people, righteousness was a very important word for them to seek.

In line with our perspective of our study of the book of Romans. The word 'righteousness' should be understood as (1) God's SALVIFIC WORK experienced by believers; (2) God's FAITHFULNESS manifested in His promises; (3) God's MERCY received by sinners to stand right before Him.

Today, I pray for all of us that as God's chosen people, by His Sovereign will, that we would pursue righteousness through faith. We can pursue righteousness by faith by being good stewards of Divine Privileges (9:1-5); be secure of Eternal Destiny (9:6-18), and be submissive to His Divine Sovereignty (9:19-29).

Our previous sermons taught us that we have been totally condemned, yet the Lord Jesus Christ brought us out through His death on the Cross to pay for the sins that we can never repay. We experience justification. Moment by moment, the Lord allows us to be changed by His Word and through prayers, because of His sanctifying work in us through the Holy Spirit. By these, we must be assured of the direction in pursuing righteousness through faith. We can respond by surrendering our life to Christ completely; seek the will of Christ diligently and strive to be right with Christ daily.

My prayer is that today's message would speak to your heart so you would pursue righteousness by faith with the help of Christ Jesus through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. May the power and presence of Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen! ✱

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **40 DAYS OF PRAYER**  
Grow Deep in Intimacy  
with Christ  
July 25 - September 2, 2022
- **RISING ABOVE THE WAVES!**  
Women of Grace Ministry  
August 23, 2022 Saturday  
8:30 - 3:00 PM  
Speaker: Ms. Eleanor Cordova
- **POSITIVE PERSONALITY  
DEVELOPMENT IN OLD AGE**  
Seasoned Citizen's Ministry  
August 27, 2022 | 9:00 AM  
Speaker: Dr. Summer Parcon
- **ROMANS STUDY TIME**  
Every Sunday at 9:00-10:00 AM

- **JOIN A GROWTH GROUP**  
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