



making sense of ...

Paul...

and a few key ideas...

gospel...

righteousness of God...

faith in Christ/faithfulness of Christ...

... the letter to the Church in Rome

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and a few key ideas...

Pie...

N.T. Wright...



δόξα - glory

βασιλεύω - to reign, have dominion,
be king



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Romans 3

²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

δόξα

1/ the condition of being bright or shining
(brightness, splendor, radiance)

2/ a state of being magnificent
(greatness, splendor)

3/ honour as enhancement or recognition of
status or performance

(fame, recognition, renown, honor, prestige)

4/ a transcendent being deserving of honor
(majestic being; i.e. angel)

Romans 3

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All miss the mark (sin) of being the image bearers of God that is being truly human in the way that we were created to be.



N.T. Wright.

"In Jewish literature of the period, losing God's glory is closely associated with the fall of Adam, just as the sense of regaining Adam's glory is one of the key features of the expected redemption."

(Romans, 470)

What was the task of humanity?

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Genesis 1:28

“Increase, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it and rule the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky and all the cattle and all the earth and all the creeping things that creep upon the earth.”

What happened?

Sin...

missing the mark of the
human task

There is good news (gospel)...

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Jesus is Lord
and humans can once
again fulfill this task...

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God...

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.

¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

βασιλεύω

to reign, have dominion, be king

There is good news (gospel)...

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death reigned

death reigns no longer

Christ reigns

humans are called reign with him



N.T. Wright.

"Hence too the promise that those who receive the abundance of divine grace will 'reign in life' (v.17). Here again is the *goal* of salvation, the restoration of the truly human destiny, of the covenant of vocation in which humans are called the royal priesthood... the Adam project, for humans to share in God's rule over creation, is back on track"
(Revolution, ch.12)

Romans 8

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

the return of the king...

in Christ

in Christ

our glory is restored

in Christ

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our task is renewed

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live out these implications



the communion table...