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NT #31

Romans 1-6
The Power of God unto Salvation

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Paul's letter to the Romans is yet another parallel between Paul and Alma the younger. Common themes include denunciation of sexual sin, the need for true humility, and God's ~~deeds~~ certainty of rewarding us for our deeds. Alma 41:12-15

Gentiles did evil: rejected the clear evidence of God: Romans 1:18-32 led to idolatry
Jews did evil: failed to keep their covenants under the Law of Moses: Romans 2-3

Romans 1-3
Everyone sins, and stands condemned before God without his grace, but the gospel is the power of God unto salvation

Romans 3:21 → inflection point (Alma 36)

Ch. 1 - Gentiles do evil

Ch. 2 - Judgment, hypocrisy & Jews do evil

Ch. 3 - Jews vs. Gentiles? All do evil → we are reconciled through Christ

Ch. 4 - Example of Abraham → we receive God's promise through faith

Ch. 5 - Christ's sacrifice is more than equal to the fall of Adam

Ch. 6 - ~~The~~ saved is to change, become slaves of Righteousness

ideas:

Changing meaning of words

- in the constitution of the U.S.

- the word translated "faith" in the N.T. probably meant "allegiance"

Law = law of Moses
works = acts performed in obedience
→ ergo to the law

grace: Christ's

faith: pistis (Romans 3:3)

- grace was not new in the N.T.

- the Jews had long received disproportionate forgiveness from God through temple ordinances

- Paul explains the temple wasn't the source of this grace (hesed, righteousness, ~~being~~ mercy, loving kindness) "Behold thy mother"