

Romans: The Glory of the Gospel
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Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

We naturally categorize: Conservative or liberal, good or bad... **Bible** determines **righteous or unrighteous**.

- God's **righteousness imputed** to **unrighteous sinners** who **put faith in Jesus**.

Romans written 57 A.D. by Paul (Roman name) from **Corinth** to **Christians in Rome**.

- **Born to Jewish parents in Tarsus, also Roman citizen, raised strict Pharisee.**
 - **Imprisoned Christians and put Christians to death He oversaw execution first Christian martyr.**
 - **Met Jesus on way to Damascus to capture Christians and became saved.** Acts 9

Romans **begins new section of New Testament** – 21 epistles... **Letters to churches**.

- **Romans purpose: strengthen divided church in Rome through letter.** *Romans 1:11-12*

Not first epistle written but first because it **THE foundational letter of New Testament**.

- **Clearest most complete and logical**, systematic presentation of Christian doctrine and faith in Scripture.
 - **Key to understanding all Scripture... theological masterpiece!**
See outline at the end.
- **Romans 1-11 salvation doctrine.... Romans 12-16 transformational gospel living.... penalty/power:**
 - Chap **1-4 foundation to understand Romans and Scripture** in general. *Romans 1-4*

In Bible **only two categories'** people: **not good or bad** but righteous or unrighteous.

- **Thief in hole and good man on mountain** both "fall short" **touching the stars**.

Father stands ready to rescue and redeem **unrighteous sinners through His own right, imputed to those who put their faith in Jesus Christ.** *Romans 1:16, 3:22-26, 2 Corinthians 5:21*

- Not **made** right but **declared right** when **receive gift of salvation by faith** in Jesus.

- **Justification and salvation** immediate, **complete**, permanent, and **unchangeable**.
 - **Justification** (declared righteous) **results** in: Justification slide

Christian's **STANDING** before God **never changes** (saved/justify) but **STATE** constantly **changing**.... peace/anxiety, victor/defeat. Romans 1:17, 7:25-8:1, Galatians 5:16-17

- **Two natures**, old **Adamic** and new **spiritual coexist** but in **constant opposition**.
- In **plane**.... **gravity not destroyed** but rendered **ineffective**.
 - **"In Jesus Christ" sin stills pulls** at Christian **but no longer** has **dominion over**.
 - Christian **liberated to love God and others**, live **holy** life, **not sin**.

Holy Spirit indwells so you **can love law** and hate sin, **live** a life that **pleases Lord** and **win battles consistently**, though **not perfectly** or permanently in **this life**.

- **More "wins"** if we have a **Holy Spirit** empowered, **Biblical** offensive/defensive **gameplan**. Romans 8:5, 13:14, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, Philippians 4:8, James 4:7
 - **Offense: choose to believe** and act on what **Bible says** about **you**.
 - **Proactive: read and study Word, pray ahead, worship!**
 - **Make no provision**....NO JUNK food at Sam's
 - No alcohol, careful what you watch or read...news feeds.
 - **Victor not victim mentality...take responsibility** for life.
 - **Defense: through** power of the **Holy Spirit** take **thoughts captive**, **resist** and **flee temptation** and **repent quickly** of sin.

When fall, Holy Spirit lovingly **help** up and **remind** you still **have ALL** of God's **love and grace**.

- **STANDING** before God **never changes** because **salvation's foundation** is **God's right imputed to unrighteous sinners** who **put faith in Jesus Christ**.... **not works**.
 - That **truly** is the **glory** of the **Gospel of grace**.

Outline of Romans

- 1:18-11:36 Justification by Faith
 - 1:1-3:20 "Need" for salvation - Sin
 - 3:21-4:25 "Provision" made for salvation - Justification by faith
 - 5:1-8:39 "Result" of salvation - Freedom
 - 9:1-11:36 "Scope" of salvation - Jew and Gentile
- 12:1-15:13 Transformed Life: affects of the gospel in daily life
 - 12:1-21 In relation to overall conduct
 - 13:1-7 In relation to civil authority

13:8-14 In relation to fellow man
14:1-15:13 In relation to weak brethren
15:14-16:27 Concluding remarks, instructions, benediction