

ROMANS



A Sneak Preview

Romans

1:1-7

LAYING A SOLID FOUNDATION

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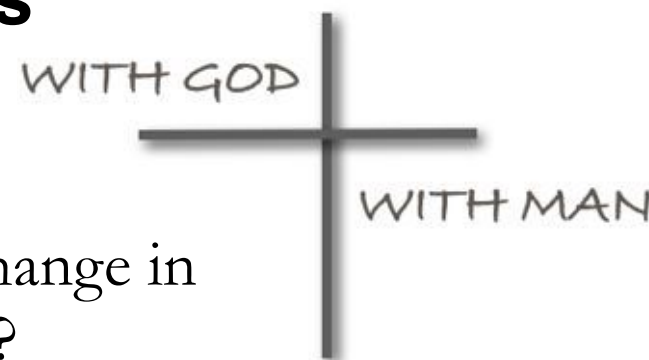


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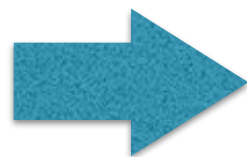
* Purpose of the Book of Romans

• God's goals for Romans

- What does He want to teach me or change in my life through the Book of Romans?
- Laying a solid foundation for the people of God
- The gospel of Jesus Christ is presented, defended and applied so that God's people, no matter what nationality, completely set themselves apart for God (Rom 12:1-2).



Romans:
Chapters 1-11



“I urge you **therefore**, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (Rom 12:1-2).



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* Two Powerful Quotes

“I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.”

– John Wesley 1738

“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. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH**’” (Romans 1:16-17).

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* The Situation of the Book of Romans

- The city of Rome
- The believers in Rome
- Persecution against Jewish people and Christians
- The time of its writing (15:26; 16:1)
- The occasion for its writing
 - ➔ Clarify the gospel due to the absence of an apostle's presence
 - ➔ Provides that key Jewish-Gentile Christian perspective for peace
 - ➔ A Jewish gospel tract - save his Jewish brethren
 - ➔ Announce his plans for a trip to Rome and far West (1:8-15 and 15:20-32).

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* An Outline of the Book of Romans

- A. Righteousness **R**evealed: Gospel (Rom 1:1-17)
- B. Righteousness **O**bsolute: Sin (Rom 1:18-3:20)
- C. Righteousness **M**ade: Justification (Rom 3:21-5:21)
- D. Righteousness **A**ttained: Sanctification (Rom 6-8)
- E. Righteousness **eN**larged: Worldwide (Rom 9-11)
- F. Righteousness **S**pread: Service (Rom 12-16)

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* A Survey of the Book of Romans

					
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1:1-17	1:18-3:20	3:21-5:21	6-8	9-11	12-16
The Cross	The Ditch	The Road	The Plan	The World	The Kingdom
God's righteousness is shown through the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.	Man's sin and guilt is evident through its presence and judgment.	God presents us as righteous before God through faith in Christ.	The Lord calls us to live out righteous lives by Christ's power within us.	God makes His Name great by spreading His grace to the whole world.	God's Name is glorified by His people living out righteous lives.
What is the gospel of the Lord Jesus?	Why does man need God's provided righteousness?	How does God make sinful man righteous in Christ?	How does God enable man to live righteously?	How has God obligated the church to proclaim Christ's righteousness?	How are God's people to live out God's righteousness in this world?

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The Gospel's Message (Rom 1:1-7)

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The powerful gospel message and its implications for our lives is presented in Romans 1:1-7.

- **Romans 1:1-7 answers the question, “What is the Gospel?”**
- **God’s righteousness is shown through the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. (1:1,9,15,16)**

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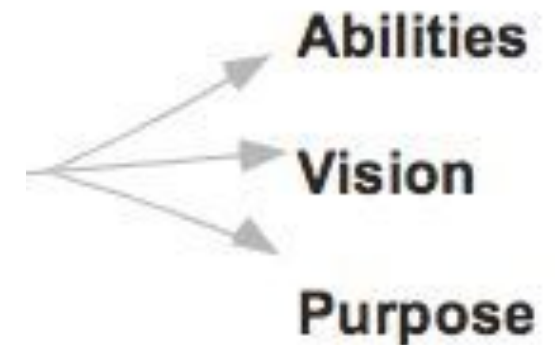
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1. The Proclaimer of the Gospel (1:1)

¹Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God.

- Paul the slave of Christ Jesus
- Called as an apostle
- Purposed: “Set apart for the gospel of God.”



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2. The Promise of the Gospel (1:2)

²Which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures.

- “Beforehand” – Purposed rather than accidental
- “Through His prophets” – Recorded in the ancient holy Scriptures
- “Promised” – God’s commitment to rescue and restore mankind



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3. The Person of the Gospel (1:3-5)

³Concerning his son, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, ⁴who was declared with power to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for His name's sake.

- Gospel is all about Jesus (3)
- Jesus' earthly **birth** (3)
- Jesus' **death** (4)
- Jesus' **resurrection** (4)
- Jesus' **lordship** (4)
- Jesus' grace and gifts (5)
- Jesus' mission (5)

Note Romans 12 where Paul clearly sees each believer a member of Christ's body and each having a spiritual gift and responsibility for the body of Christ and the lost.

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4. The People of the Gospel (1:6-7)

⁶Among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; ⁷to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Review 1:3-5. Jesus' work and purpose changes our relationship to Him.
- Participation in the calling (6-7a)
 - Indian restaurant owner example

WE = YOU

- Partakers of the benefits (7b)
 - ➔ Grace is the favor God bestows on us unworthy creatures to know and obey Him.
 - ➔ Peace is the calmness within our hearts and minds that governs our lives in a tumultuous world.



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Summary

Jesus is alive working powerfully in our lives along as well as other genuine believers of God, the church.



Discussion questions

1. What truth about Christian faith or life do you wrestle with most?
2. Do you see yourself as God's specially gifted servant carrying out God's greater purposes? Explain.
3. What has God called you for? How has He specially gifted you for this purpose? What are you doing about it?

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