

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

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Romans is considered to be theologically the most important of all the epistles (letters) written by Paul. This book has been nicknamed "The Greatest Letter Ever Written" and "The Gospel According to Paul." This is Paul's most comprehensive presentation of the gospel. It is also more formal than his other letters. Romans gives us a number of basic Christian doctrines such as: the righteousness of God, justification by faith, natural revelation, universality of sin, atonement, original sin, union with Christ, security in Christ, and spiritual gifts. In his sweeping presentation of God's plan of salvation, Paul moves from condemnation to glorification and from theological truth to practical behavior.

Paul writes this letter from Corinth to the Christians in Rome in anticipation of his future visit. His primary purpose was to teach the great truths of the gospel of grace to believers who had never received apostolic instruction. The theme of Romans is that righteousness comes from God alone who justifies sinners by grace alone through faith alone. Chapters 1-8 deal primarily with Christian doctrine; chapters 9-11 deal with the Gospel and Israel (past, present and future); chapters 12-16 give us practical application for living a Christian life. We could use these same divisions to say Paul deals with faith, hope and love.

Romans is a classic. To the unsaved it offers a clear exposition of their sinful, lost condition and God's righteous plan for saving them. New believers learn of their identification with Christ and of victory through the power of the Holy Spirit. Mature believers find hope, encouragement and challenge in its wide spectrum of Christian truth: doctrinal, prophetic and practical.

Key verses: *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith" (1:16-17). "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (5:1). "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (8:28). "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (12:2).*

Romans Road to Salvation: 3:10; 3:23; 6:23; 5:8-9; 10:9-10, 10:13; 5:1; 8:1; 8:38-39

OUTLINE

- I. The Doctrine of the Righteousness of God (1:1 – 8:39)
 - A. Introduction and Theme (1:1-17)
 - B. Condemnation: The Need for God's Righteousness (1:18 - 3:20)
 - C. Justification: The Imputation of God's Righteousness (3:21 – 5:21)
 - D. Sanctification: The Demonstration of God's Righteousness (6:1 – 8:39)
- II. The Gospel and Israel (9:1 – 11:36)
 - A. Israel's Past (9:1 – 29)
 - B. Israel's Present (9:30 – 10:21)
 - C. Israel's Future (11:1-36)
- III. The Application of the Righteousness of God (12:1 – 16:27)
 - A. Christian Service and Responsibility (12:1 – 13:14)
 - B. Christian Liberty (14:1 – 15:13)
 - C. Closing (15:14 – 16:27)

Jesus in Every Book of the Bible

Old Testament

- In **Genesis**, Jesus Christ is the Seed of the woman
- In **Exodus**, He is the Passover Lamb.
- In **Leviticus**, He is our High Priest.
- In **Numbers**, He is the Pillar of cloud by day and the Pillar of fire by night
- In **Deuteronomy**, He is the Prophet like unto Moses.
- In **Joshua**, He is the Commander of the Lord's army.
- In **Judges**, He is our Judge and Lawgiver.
- In **Ruth**, He is our Kinsman Redeemer.
- In **1st and 2nd Samuel**, He is the Seed of David.
- In **Kings and Chronicles**, He is our reigning King.
- In **Ezra**, He is our faithful Scribe
- In **Nehemiah**, He is the Rebuilder of everything broken
- In **Esther**, He is our Mordecai, our Advocate.
- In **Job**, He is our ever-living Redeemer.
- In **Psalms**, He is our Shepherd.
- In **Proverbs**, He is our Wisdom.
- In **Ecclesiastes**, He is our meaning for life.
- In the **Song of Solomon**, He is the loving Bridegroom.
- In **Isaiah**, He is the Prince of peace
- In **Jeremiah and Lamentations**, He is our weeping Prophet.
- In **Ezekiel**, the Glorious Lord
- In **Daniel**, He is the fourth Man in the "fiery furnace."
- In **Hosea**, He is the faithful Husband
- In **Joel**, He is the Outpurer of the Holy Spirit.
- In **Amos**, He is our Burden-bearer.
- In **Obadiah**, He is our Judge and Savior.
- In **Jonah**, He is the risen Prophet.
- In **Micah**, He is the Ruler of the world from Bethlehem.
- In **Nahum**, He is our Stronghold.
- In **Habakkuk**, he is the Watchman
- In **Zephaniah**, He is the Mighty to save
- In **Haggai**, He is the Restorer
- In **Zechariah**, He is the branch of David; the One pierced for us
- In **Malachi**, He is the Son of Righteousness

New Testament

- In **Matthew**, He is King of the Jews. the Messiah. the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- In **Mark**, He is the Servant. Miracle Worker
- In **Luke**, He is the Baby in the manger. The Son of Man.
- In **John**, He is the Son of God; the Living Word; the way, truth and life
- In **Acts**, He is the Savior of the world; Ascended Lord
- In **Romans**, He is the Justifier.

- In **I Corinthians**, He is the Resurrection
- In **II Corinthians**, He is our Comfort.
- In **Galatians**, He is our Liberty;
- In **Ephesians**, He is Head of the Church.
- In **Philippians**, He is our Joy.
- In **Colossians**, He is our Completeness and the glue that holds our world together
- In **1st and 2nd Thessalonians**, He is the Coming King.
- In **I & II Timothy**, He is our Mediator.
- In **Philemon**, He is our Benefactor.
- In **Titus**, He is the Blessed Hope.
- In **Hebrews**, He is our Perfection
- In **James**, he is the Power behind our faith.
- In **I, II Peter**, He is our Chief Shepherd and Chief Cornerstone
- In **I, II, III John**, He is our Truth and Everlasting Life
- In **Jude**, He is the Foundation of our faith. Our security
- In **Revelation**, He is **The King of Kings and Lord of Lords!**