

Romans Chapter 1

- Author Paul
- Date 57 AD
- Written Corinth.
- Recipients Saints in Church at Rome
- Central Theme Righteousness

Answers this major question: How can sinful man be made righteous before a Holy God?

Romans is the foundational epistle that answers that question.

Romans will show that we are declared righteous by faith and there is no condemnation.

Romans 8: 1-2 Therefore there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life ^[a]in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Matthew 5:6 – blessed are those that hunger and thirst after righteousness, they will be satisfied.

Romans 14:17 – kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

Matthew 6:33 – seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness

Outline of Romans

1. Chapters 1-8 - the scriptural and logical basis for the gospel
2. Chapter 9-11 – dealing with Israel and divine election
3. Chapters 12-15 – practical application of how to apply these teaching in our daily lives
4. Chapter 16 – personal greetings and benediction

Romans 1:1-15 Organization of the Letter

1. Paul Introduces Himself – who the letter is from
2. Paul Introduces the Gospel – what the letter is about
3. Paul Introduces the Recipients – who the letter is addressed to

Himself – vs 1, 5,9-15

- Bondservant – slave
- Called
- Apostle to gentiles
- Bring about obedient to the faith
- Vs 9-15 Paul's desire to visit and preach in Rome

The Romans

- Called
- Beloved of God

- Saints – holy ones
- Tender greeting: Grace and Peace from God the father and Jesus
- Paul’s thankfulness for the people
- Thankful for their faith and witness
- Impacting the Roman Empire – key cities were Paul’s target

Primary tool of conversion was personal testimony and attested with signs and wonders.

Paul Introduces the Gospel v 2 - 4

- Promised by God beforehand in the scriptures – not about Paul – it’s all God
- It’s all about Jesus
- His divinity – Son of God
- His humanity – Son of David
- Resurrection of the dead – attests to his innocence before the law
- Romans 6
- Roman court – Guilty – Pilot
- Jewish court – guilty
- God’s court – innocent
- DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION – I Corinthians 15:1-4
- According to the scriptures – not according to Paul or the other witnesses mentioned

VS 16-17 – The Power of the Gospel

- Not ashamed of the gospel
- Power of God for salvation (body, soul and spirit)
- You must believe – not intellectual ascent, but firm commitment to live into God’s truth – Our behavior matters – John 14:15 “if you love me you will keep my commandments”
- Jew first, then the gentile
- In the gospel righteousness is revealed – how can sinful man be made right with God?
- Righteousness is the central theme of Romans
- It is the gospel of Jesus Christ that tells us how to become acceptable and right with HIM

Vs 18 – 21- God’s Wrath

- Jesus endured God’s wrath by becoming:
 - the sin offering in Leviticus 4
 - Passover lamb in Exodus 12
- God placed all His wrath on Jesus instead of us. Isaiah 53
- God will never condone your sin – He will forgive you and help you be free, but not accept or bless sin – God is Holy
- Why do people suppress the Truth? – because they prefer unrighteousness (John 3:19: And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light; for their deeds were evil.

- There is no excuse – When you fail to honor God and give thanks to God two things follow:
 - You become futile in your speculations
 - And your heart will be come darkened
- Two evidence –
 - external (creation),
 - internal (capacity to see and appreciate/conscience)
- In creation God has revealed
 - His eternal power
 - His divine nature

Vs 22-32 – Downward “devolution” of the Human Race

Three times God “gives them up”

- Vs 22 – 23 Idolatry – always the first step away from God
 Vs 24 First, “God gave them up” – to sexual immorality
 Vs 26-27 Second, “God gave them up” - Sexual Perversion – homosexuality in women and men
 Vs 28 Third, “God gave them up” – Depraved mind
 Vs 29 – 31 Paul lists 21 examples of a depraved mind in human sinful and unrighteous behavior
 Vs 32 Approval of others knowing it deserves death (They know the behaviors are wrong)
- 2 Timothy 3:1-5

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, ^[a] haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ holding to a form of ^[b] godliness although they have denied its power; avoid *such people as these*.

Gods Diagnosis – human race is corrupted and deserving of God’s wrath

God’s Treatment – a new creation (2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *this person is a new* ^[g] creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.)