

# OUTLINE OF ROMANS:

## THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

- I. 1:1-17** \_\_\_\_\_ **INTRODUCTION**  
1:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Greeted Them and Describes His Mission  
1:8-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Thanksgiving for Their Faith and a Prayer to Visit Them  
1:16-17 \_\_\_\_\_ Theme of the Letter: The Gospel—Righteousness from God Revealed in Christ
- II. 1:18—3:20** \_\_\_\_\_ **GOD'S WRATH REVEALED AGAINST SINFUL HUMANS:  
THE NEED FOR JUSTIFICATION (Problems of *Sin* and *Wrath*)**  
1:18-32 \_\_\_\_\_ God's Wrath Against Unrighteous Men (Gentiles) Who Approve of Depravity  
2:1-16 \_\_\_\_\_ God's Wrath Against Unrighteous Men (Gentiles/Jews) Who Judge Others  
2:17—3:20 \_\_\_\_\_ God's Wrath Against the Jews
- III. 3:21—4:25** \_\_\_\_\_ **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED IN CHRIST:  
THE MEANS OF JUSTIFICATION (*Sinful Status* Problem Solved)**  
3:21-26 \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis: God's Righteousness Is Revealed in Christ  
3:27-4:25 \_\_\_\_\_ Justification Is by Faith, Not by Works
- IV. 5:1—8:39** \_\_\_\_\_ **LIFE IN CHRIST: THE RESULTS OF JUSTIFICATION  
(*Sinful Deeds* and *Wrath* Problems Solved)**  
5:1—5:11 \_\_\_\_\_ A – Thesis: Justification Gives Us Hope of Eternal Glory  
5:12—5:21 \_\_\_\_\_ B – Justification = No Condemnation:  
In Christ All Will Live, Just as in Adam All Die  
6:1-23—7:6 \_\_\_\_\_ C – Grace Does Not Lead to Sin; It Frees from Sin and Death  
7:7-25 \_\_\_\_\_ C' – The Law Is Not Sinful; But It Cannot Free from Sin and Death  
8:1—17 \_\_\_\_\_ B' – Justification → Sanctification = No Condemnation:  
By the Spirit You Will Live, Just as by the Flesh You Die  
8:18—39 \_\_\_\_\_ A' – Conclusion: God's Love in Christ Assures Us of Eternal Glory
- V. 9:1—11:36** \_\_\_\_\_ **DEFENDING GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL:  
THE JUSTICE OF JUSTIFICATION**  
9:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_ Great Sorrow: Israel, Chosen by God, Is Separated from Christ  
9:6-13 \_\_\_\_\_ God's Promise Has Not Failed—For *True* Israel  
9:14-29 \_\_\_\_\_ God Has Dealt Justly with Ethnic Israel...  
9:30—10:21 \_\_\_\_\_ ...But Ethnic Israel Is Unrighteous Because They Refused to Place Faith in Christ  
11:1-10 \_\_\_\_\_ Has God Rejected Israel? No, He Has Chosen a Remnant  
11:11-32 \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic Israel's Fall Is Designed to Save “All Israel”—Gentiles Be Humble!  
11:33-36 \_\_\_\_\_ Great Rejoicing: God, Who Shows Mercy to All, Is Unfathomably Wise
- VI. 12:1—15:13** \_\_\_\_\_ **GLORIFYING GOD TOGETHER AS LIVING SACRIFICES:  
OUR RESPONSE TO JUSTIFICATION**  
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- VII. 15:14—16:27** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONCLUSION**  
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