

Survey of Romans & Introduction to Biblical Interpretation

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Theme Verses of Romans:

¹⁶I 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.

¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous by faith will live.”

(Romans 1:16-17, NASB adapted)

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- 1:18-20 They Are Without Excuse—They Rejected the Revelation of God in Creation
 - 1:21-23 They Did Not Honor Their Creator, But Worshiped Images of Created Things
 - 1:24-31 God's Judgment—He Let Their Increasing Wickedness Harm Them
 - 1:24-25 *Lustful impurity caused their bodies to be dishonored*
 - 1:26-27 *Homosexual passions degraded and harmed them*
 - 1:28-31 *Depraved thinking led to all kinds of improper deeds*
 - 1:32 They Know God Says They Deserve Death, Yet Approve Others Like Themselves
- 2:1-16 God's Wrath Against Unrighteous Men (Gentiles/Jews) Who Judge Others**
- 2:1-4 They Are Without Excuse—They Do the Same as Those They Judge
 - 2:5-16 God's Coming Day of Wrath—All Will Be Judged According to Their Deeds
 - 2:5-11 *God is impartial—Jews and Gentiles will both be judged by their deeds*
 - 2:12-16 *God is impartial—Jews and Gentiles will each be judged by the Law they know*
- 2:17—3:20 God's Wrath Against the Jews**
- 2:17-29 Jews Are Without Excuse—They Don't Keep the Law
 - 2:17-24 *Having the Law doesn't save Law-breakers*
 - 2:25-29 *Being circumcised doesn't save Law-breakers (25-27), but "heart circumcision" by the Spirit makes one a true Jew (28-29).*
 - 3:1-8 Questions about God's Justice
 - 3:9-20 Summary: The Whole World—Jews Included—Is Sinful and Accountable to God
 - 3:9 *Jews are no better than Gentiles; both are sinful*
 - 3:10-18 *Evidence from the Law of human (especially Jewish) sinfulness*
 - 3:19-20 *Conclusion: The Law proves all are guilty and will save no one*

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Three Word Pictures:

Law court – “justification”



Marketplace – “redemption”



Jewish temple – “atonement/propitiation”

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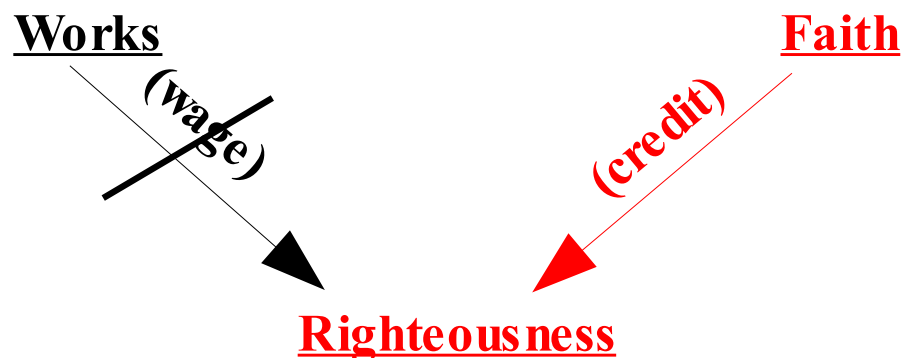
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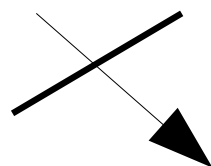
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The Promise
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1. God—He keeps his promises.

2. God has provided the way that I can become righteous.

- I have done bad deeds.
- My deeds matter; bad deeds are deadly.
- Apart from Christ, I am not in right standing with God.
- Apart from Christ, I will receive God's wrath.
- Jesus died: His death is God's plan for dealing with my sins.
- Jesus rose: His resurrection is God's way to give me right standing with Him.
- Jesus is my Lord—master, boss, ruler—possessing all power and authority, and deserving all my obedience.

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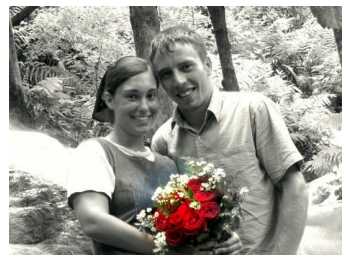
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5:1-4 _____ Justification Gives Us Blessings Now and Hope for the Future...

5:1-2 _____ *Peace with God, grace, joyful hope of glory to come*

5:3-4 _____ *Joy in suffering, which only increases our hope*

5:5-8 _____ ...Because of the Love That God Has Already:

5:5 _____ *1) Poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit;*

5:6-8 _____ *2) Shown when Christ died for us while we were still sinners.*

5:9-11 _____ If God Loved His Enemies, He Will Certainly Spare His Friends

Past

- Justified by faith
- Began in grace
- God's love poured within our hearts
- Gift of Holy Spirit
 - Christ died for the ungodly
- God demonstrated His love
 - Jesus died for God's enemies



Present

- Peace with God
- Stand in grace
- Exult in hope
- Exult in tribulations
 - Perseverance
- Proven character
 - More hope
- Exult in God because we are at peace with Him



Future

- Glory of God
- Saved from God's wrath
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- 3. Physical death**

Secondarily...

**In this “climate” of sin,
we all sin and
face God's wrath.**

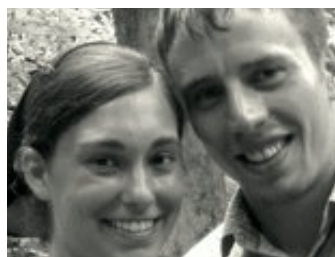
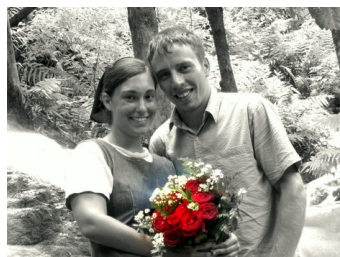
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- 1. Guilt for Adam's sin**
- 2. Punishment for Adam's sin**
- 3. Irreparable bondage to sin**

“Original righteousness”:

***Christ frees us more
certainly and completely
than Adam left us bound!***

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7:7-12 _____ Is the Law Sinful, Since It Awakens Sin? No, It Convicts of Sin and Is Holy

7:13-25 _____ Does the Law Cause Our Death? No, Sin Does. The Law Drives Us to Christ

7:13 _____ *Sin is shown to be utterly sinful because it uses the good Law to kill us*

7:14-23 _____ *Our inability to keep the Law reveals sin is inside our flesh, binding us*

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7:25b _____ *Conclusion: With your mind serve the Law of God, or with your flesh the law of sin*

8:1—17 _____ B' – Justification → Sanctification = No Condemnation:

By the Spirit You Will Live, Just as by the Flesh You Die

8:1-8 _____ The Spirit Frees Those in Christ from Sin and Condemnation

8:1-2 _____ *Thesis: We face no condemnation, for the Spirit frees from the law of sin and death*

8:3-4 _____ *How? In Christ's sacrifice, God condemned sin, so the Law can be fulfilled in us...*

8:5-8 _____ *...For those in the Spirit (not the flesh) set their minds on what pleases God.*

8:9-17 _____ The Spirit Gives Life and Testifies We Are Children of God—Follow His Leading!

8:9-11 _____ *Fact: All who belong to God have the Spirit, giving us life*

8:12-14 _____ *Response: We owe it to the Spirit to let him (not death-producing flesh) lead us*

8:15-17 _____ *Fact: The Spirit assures our spirits we are children of God destined for glory*

Homework: Meditate on Romans 8:1-17

- Does the Spirit of God dwell in you?
 - Are you aware of Him?
- Is His presence making any difference?

Tomorrow: Romans 7:7—8:39

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