

**WHERE AND HOW TO FIND THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**

ROMANS 1-16

Epistle to the Saints in Rome

- **Writer:** *Paul* **1:1-6**
- **Recipients:** *saints in Rome* **1:7a**
- **Greeting:** *Grace & peace* **1:7b**
- **Thanksgiving:** **1:8-12**
- **Body:** **1:13-15:33**
- **Closing Remarks:** **16:1-24**
- **Final Prayer:** **16:25-27**

A Simplified Approach to **Romans**

- **2 Peter 3:14-18** in **Paul's writings**, *some things* are *hard to understand* **v.16**
- **Many** have *twisted passages* in **Romans** to *their own destruction* (**Judaism, Calvinism**)
- **Words** in **chapters 5,7,9,11** misunderstood misunderstandings **form** basis of error
- **Then** the **plain teachings** in **chapters 6,8,10** (as well as the **rest of the scriptures**) are **twisted to fit** the error

A Simple Outline of the Body of the Epistle

I. Righteousness of God is revealed in the Gospel of Christ 1:18-11:36

A. 1:13-17 introduction of the theme:

1. 1:16 states the theme:

The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation, for everyone who believes, to the Jew first and to the Greek

2. 1:17 outlines the body:

a. In the gospel *the righteousness of God is revealed* (from faith to faith) 1:18-11:36

b. *The just shall live by faith* 12:1-15:33

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B. 1:18-5:21 “Need—Solution” Argument:

1. The Need: *All have sinned* 1:18-3:20

a. Gentiles 1:18-32

b. Jews 2:1-29

c. all 3:1-20 (1+2=3)

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- a. the provision of the propitiation **3:21-26**
 - b. No law can save sinners **3:27-31**
 - c. Justification thru faith apart from the law exemplified **4:1-25** (Abraham, David)
 - d. Hope based on love of God **5:1-11**
 - e. Provision just as universal as need **5:12-21** (example of Adam's sin: sign argument, not cause argument)

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C. **6:1-11:34** Judaist objections to the gospel are anticipated and answered in advance:

1. “Doctrine of **grace encourages sin**” **6:1-23**

a. Parallel rhetorical questions **1,15**

b. Parallel “*Certainly not!*” responses **2,15**

c. Parallel “*Do you not know...*” explanations **why not 3-14,16-23**

d. Parallel descriptions of **when & how our relationship with sin ended 3-4,17-18**

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2. “So **why did God give the law?**” **7:1-8:39**

a. The **wretched condition** **7:1-25**

1) dead **to the law** **1-6**

2) dead **in the law** **7-25**

b. The **blessed condition** **8:1-39**

1) sons of God **led by the Spirit** **1-17**

2) heirs of God **hope in God's love** **18-39**

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 - 3. **“We are God’s chosen people!” 9:1-11:36**
 - a. **Not all of Israel are Israel 9:1-13**
 - b. **God chose Israel as the nation to bring salvation (YESHUA—“JESUS”) to all nations (including Israel) in the same way 9:14-33**
 - c. **The unbelieving Jews rejected righteousness of God, established their own righteousness 10:1-21**
 - 1) *righteousness by the law (does) 1-5,18-21*
 - 2) *righteousness by faith (the word in the heart and mouth) 6-17*
 - d. **God has not rejected the Jews 11:1-36**

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1) the faithful remnant are chosen **1-6**

2) majority didn't find grace **7-10**

3) Gentiles found grace by faith in hope of stirring Jews to look to Christ for grace **11-27**

4) in this way (HOUTOS) *all Israel will be saved* **25-27**

5) God wise not to violate free will **28-36**

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II. *The Just Shall Live by Faith* 12:1-15:33

A. 12:1-13:14 *a living sacrifice*

1. Renew the mind and apply God's will 12:1-2

2. Love one another 12:3-16

a. Use gifts to build up one another 3-8

b. godly attitudes --> godly actions 9-16

3. Live godly in the world 12:17-13:14

a. Love enemies 12:17-21

b. Submit to government 13:1-7

c. Love your neighbor 13:8-14

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B. 14:1-15:33 Dealing with Differences in Gentile/Jew relationships

1. Don't judge another's conscience 14:1-12

2. Don't wound another's conscience
14:13-15:6

3. Accept Gentiles as brothers 15:7-33

a. Ministry for the Gentiles 15:7-21

b. Ministry by the Gentiles 15:22-33

(The conclusion in Romans 16 also reinforces the Jew/Gentile bond--express love for each other)

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- **IN CHRIST Rom. 3:21-26**
- **Believe in Jesus CHRIST 10:9-10**
- **Confess Jesus as LORD 10:9**
- **Repent (commit to submitting to His authority) 2:4**
- **Be baptized into Christ Jesus 6:3-7**
- **Walk in newness of life 6:4**

