

The Shape of Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome

1. **The Apostle** of the Gospel That Reveals God's Righteousness (1:1–17)
 - a. Called and Set Apart (1:1–7)
 - b. Under Obligation (1:8–15)
 - c. Unashamed (1:16–17)

For I 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. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
2. **The Need** for Being Made Righteous in Christ (1:18–3:20)
 - a. God's Righteous Wrath Revealed against Humanity's Unrighteousness (1:18–32)
 - b. God's Righteous Judgment Especially of Transgressors Who Judge (2)
 - c. God's Righteousness in Holding the Whole World Accountable (3:1–20)
3. **The Means** of Being Made Righteous in Christ (3:21–4:25)
 - a. God's Righteousness Revealed Apart from the Law, through Faith (3:21–31)
 - b. God's Grace in Counting Abraham Righteous through Faith, Not Works (4)
4. **The Consequence** of Being Made Righteous in Christ (5:1–8:39)
 - a. Overture: Reconciled and Rejoicing in Salvation's Hope (5:1–11)
 - b. Alive in Christ: Reigning in Life (5:12–21)
 - c. Alive in Christ: Walking in Newness of Life (6)
 - d. Alive in Christ: Serving in the New Way of the Spirit (7)
 - e. Alive in Christ: Receiving the Spirit of Adoption (8:1–17)
 - f. Alive in Christ: Waiting for Adoption as Sons (8:18–39)
5. **The Sovereign Plan** behind Being Made Righteous in Christ (9:1–11:36)
 - a. Unfailing Word: God's Sovereign Freedom in Election (9:1–29)
 - b. Unfailing Word: God's Purpose to Save All Who Call on Him in Faith (9:30–10:15)
 - c. Unfailing Word: God's Wisdom in Cutting Off and Grafting In (10:16–11:36)
6. **The Transformation** through Being Made Righteous in Christ (12:1–15:13)
 - a. Overture: Wholly Devoted to God by Grace (12:1–2)
 - b. From Self-Importance to Sober Stewardship (12:3–8)
 - c. From Being Overcome by Evil to Overcoming Evil with Good (12:9–21)
 - d. From Resisting Civil Authorities to Respecting Them (13:1–7)
 - e. From Deeds of Darkness to Love in the Light (13:8–14)
 - f. From Tearing Down to Building Up (14:1–15:7)
 - g. From Provincialism to Unbounded Praise (15:8–13)
7. **The Mission** in Being Made Righteous in Christ (15:14–16:27)
 - a. To the World (15:14–33)
 - b. With the Church (16:1–24)
 - c. For God (16:25–27)