

The Apostle & His Theme: The Gospel of Justification. Rom 1:1-17

◇ Key Verse: Rom 1:16-17

The Explanation of the Gospel. Rom 1:18-4:25.

1. God's Righteous Condemnation of Unrighteous People. Rom 1:18-3:20.

- ◆ Condemnation of the Pagan person, who has never heard. 1:18f
- ◆ Condemnation of the Moral person, who is supposedly good. 2:1f
- ◆ Condemnation of the Religious person, who sincerely seeks God apart from Christ. 2:17f
- ◆ Condemnation of All persons. None is justified in His sight. 3:9-20
- ◇ Key Verses: Rom 1:20-21; 2:1-2; 2:23-25; 3:19-20
- ◇ Key Idea: God righteously condemns all people - He righteously demands perfection.
- ◇ People are powerless to earn God's favor

2. God's Righteous Justification of Unrighteous People. Rom 3:21-4:25.

- ◆ Justification Thru Faith Alone In Christ Alone Defined. 3:21f.
- ◆ Justification Thru Faith Alone In Christ Alone Defended. 3:27ff.
- ◆ Justification Thru Faith Alone In Christ Alone Demonstrated. 4:1-25.
- ◇ Key Verses: Rom 3:21-24; 3:28; 4:4-5
- ◇ Key Idea: God righteously has provided a perfect righteousness.
- ◇ God's perfect righteousness is in Christ's life & death
- ◇ This imputed righteousness is received through faith in Christ

The Justification of the Gospel (It's Effects). Rom 5:1-8:39.

1. Freedom from God's Wrath. 5:1-11.

- ◆ Three Theological Reasons: peace, legal justification, promise. 5:1f
- ◆ One Practical Reason: Tribulation proves our character. 5:3f
- ◆ One Logical Reason: Save us when enemies, He will surely save us now. 5:5-11
- ◇ Key Verses: Rom 5:1-2, 3, 11
- ◇ Key Idea: We are Eternally secure in Christ

2. Freedom from Adam's fallen race. 5:12-21.

- ◆ In Christ we went from Death to Eternal Life
- ◆ In Christ we went from Condemnation to Justification
- ◆ In Christ we went from Spiritual Death to Spiritual Life
- ◇ Key Verse: Rom 5:19
- ◇ Key Idea: We are in eternal union with Christ

3. Freedom from sin's dominion. 6:1-23.

- ◆ We Died and Rose with Christ -- Set Free From Sin's Dominion. 6:1f.
- ◆ We Were Emancipated From Sin & Are Enslaved To God. 6:15f
- ◇ Key Verses: Rom 6:3-4, 18
- ◇ Key Idea: We've been made new (the new man) -- yet we remain imperfect (the flesh).

4. Freedom from the law's inability. 7:1-25.

- ◆ The Law could not justify us -- we needed to be divorced & remarried to Christ. 7:1f
- ◆ The Law is holy -- the problem was us. 7:7f.
- ◆ The Law cannot sanctify us --we need Christ's Spirit. 7:14-25.
- ◇ Key Verses: Rom 7:4, 13, 21-24
- ◇ Key Idea: We want to do His law, yet fail to do as we ought. We cry out for deliverance

5. Freedom from carnal living (Life in the Spirit) 8:1-39.

- ◆ By the Spirit we are in Christ Jesus & therefore not condemned when we sin. 8:1-4
- ◆ By the Spirit we subdue our fallen flesh & can pursue obedience. 8:5-13.
- ◆ By the Spirit we're adopted into God's family. We serve as sons not as slaves 8:14-17
- ◆ The Spirit (our firstfruit) guarantees our final inheritance. We suffer with hope: 8:18-25
- ◆ The Spirit's (our Intercessor) prays for us in our weakness. We suffer with help: 8:26-27.
- ◆ God's eternal Sov. plan for us is sure. Though we're imperfect we have hope: 8:28f.
- ◆ Conclusion: 5 unanswerable questions. Nothing can separate us from God's Love. 8:31ff
- ◇ Key Verses: Rom 8:1, 12-13, 15, 23, 26, 28-30, 31.
- ◇ Key Idea: We *will* persevere & grow by God's powerful Spirit & in His sovereign plan.
- ◇ This imparted righteousness is a product to justification -- not a basis for it
- ◇ This imparted righteousness comes thru a difficult process & isn't perfected until heaven

The Justification of God (Theodicy: God's Way of salvation defended) Rom 9:1-11:32

1. God has *determined* to save some Jews & Gentiles for His own glory. Rom 9:1-24
 2. God has done just as He said in His Word. Rom 9:23-33
 3. Fallen people perish because of their sin & failure to believe the Gospel that is freely offered to them. Rom 10:1-21
 4. God's rejection of unbelieving Jews is only partial, there is a remnant. Rom 11:1-10
 5. God's rejection of unbelieving Jews is only temporary. They will come to Him. Rom 11:11-32
- ◇ Key Verses: Rom 9:16, 21-23, 10:10-12, 21, 11:25-26.
 - ◇ Key Idea: God sovereignly gives mercy to undeserving rebels for His own glory.

Doxology. Rom 11:33-36

- ◇ Key Idea: Soli Deo Gloria