

# *The Epistle of Paul to the* **ROMANS**

*"The Constitution of the Christian Faith"*

**\*\* A study in Doctrine\*\***

**\*\* A study in Practice\*\***

**Background :** This letter , inspired by the Holy Spirit, was written by the Apostle Paul to the "saints" at Rome around 56-58 A.D. , while Paul was in Corinth on his 3rd missionary journey.

**Purpose:** This letter is written to instruct believers in 3 general areas:

1. The fundamental doctrines of salvation to strengthen against false doctrine.
2. God's faithfulness in His relationship and dealings with Israel.
3. Practical Christian living in relation to society and government.

**About Paul :** Background : Philippians 3:4-6 (a Pharisee)

Salvation experience - Acts 9:1-22 (Saul=Paul)

Ministry training - Acts 22:1-4 ; 2 Corinthians 12:1-8 ; Galatians 1:15-19

Qualification for apostleship - called by Christ - Acts 9:3-6

## **Chapter Ten : The Righteousness of God**

*(How does one attain it?)*

### **I. The Jews attempted to be righteous by keeping the law:**

- v1 A. They are not saved. Paul is praying for their salvation.
- v2 B. They have a zeal (passion, enthusiasm) for God, but not based on a true understanding of \_\_\_\_\_.
- v3 C. They are ignorant (willfully disinterested) of God's way of righteousness, because they are too busy establishing (building for show) their own \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. They have not \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to the righteousness of God (Christ).
- v5 E. Moses declared that a man has \_\_\_\_\_ by the keeping of the law.
  1. This keeping of the law was an act of obedience by faith.
  2. Israel continually failed at this attempt to keep the law. (430 years before Christ.)  
Lev 18:5; Eze 20:11,13,21; Nehemiah 9:16-29

### **II. True righteousness can only be had by faith (trust) in Jesus Christ.**

- v4 A. \_\_\_\_\_ is the end (goal, conclusion, result, purpose) of the law.
- v5 1. The purpose of the law was to attain righteousness, in order to have fellowship with God. God is holy, and can not fellowship with unrighteousness . (1 John 1:5-7)
- v4 2. Christ fulfilled all the law, and therefore *is* the righteousness of God.
- 3. All who are "in Christ" are \_\_\_\_\_ with His righteousness.  
1 Cor 1:30; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 2:21, 3:17-27; Rev 19:8
- 4. This happens when we give the \_\_\_\_\_ our life to Him in total submission.
  1. We believe "into" Him.
  2. We trust God's Word to be true.

- v6-8 B. The message of the Gospel (good news) is not out of reach! Deut 30:12-14
- v6,7 1. We do not have to search the heights of the heavens or the depths of the sea to find the truth of God.
- v8 2. God sent His Truth to us, in the language we understand, preached to us by one of our own kind. Matt 8:5-13; Rom 8:3; Phil 2:7; Hebrews 4:14-16
- C. The proper response to the Gospel message will result in \_\_\_\_\_ from God's wrath (the Lake of Fire forever).
- v9 1. "If (conditional) you will confess (covenant) with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe (trust) in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be \_\_\_\_\_"
- v10 a. First must come a heart belief (trust in what God's Word says).  
b. Then , the result of that heart belief will be confession leading to salvation. (confess = assent, acknowledgment, covenant)
- v11 2. Whoever believes (trusts God and takes Him at His Word) will not be put to shame. (damnation)
- v13,14 3. God's abundant \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is poured out on all who trust Him, whether Jew or Gentile. One only need call to Him to be saved.
- D. How does the Gospel message get to people?
- v15 1. God sends \_\_\_\_\_, (heralds) who proclaim His Word.  
2. People hear the message of salvation as the \_\_\_\_\_ is preached.  
3. As they hear, some decide to believe what they have heard. (many do not).  
4. When they believe that they are sinners, separated from God and bound for Hell, they call out to God to be saved.  
5. How \_\_\_\_\_ it is when God sends preachers to bring the message of peace to people. Beautiful = timely. Isa 52:7; Nah 1:15; John 8:32
- v17 6. Faith is a result of the hearing of the Word.

### III. Israel's Response to the Gospel:

- A. Isaiah 53
- B. Even though the Gospel was proclaimed to every part of the known world, Israel will not \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Because Israel has continually rebelled against God, and will not trust Him, God will provoke them to \_\_\_\_\_ by those who were not even seeking after God (the Gentiles).
- D. God will reveal Himself to the Gentiles ( the Church Age) during which time Israel's eye's and hearts will be \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth.

John 12:40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

Romans 11:7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

2 Cor. 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

2 Cor. 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.