

# Romans: The Righteousness of God



## GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS...

**The Roman Church**

- The Roman church was not started by Paul. It is likely made up of converts from Pentecost who returned to Rome (Acts 2:10).
- Tensions between Christian and non-Christian Jews gradually increased until Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in 49 AD.
- All Jews were allowed to return to the city in 54 AD; but the tensions remained.
- The church in Rome grew significantly with leaders such as Phoebe, Priscilla & Aquilla, perhaps Mark, and later (after the letter) Peter.
- Paul is writing to this church in order to establish a home base connection for his mission work in Spain (15:23-24).
- Paul is likely in Corinth when he writes Romans after gathering a collection to take to the Jerusalem church (cp. 15:26-28; Acts 20:1-3).

**Theology in Romans**

- Natural Revelation (1:19-20)
- Hamartiology - sin (3:9-20)
- Justification (3:21-24; 4:1-25)
- Propitiation (3:25)
- Justification by Faith (4:1-25)
- Original Sin (5:12)
- Union with Christ (6:1-10)
- Life in the Spirit (8:1-39)
- Election/Sovereignty (9-11)
- Spiritual Gifts (12:3-8)
- Christian Liberty (14:1-15:13)

		Valued	Needed	Imputed	Developed	Validated	Demonstrated							
Epistolary Prescript: Salutation and Greeting	Introduction: The Gospel of the Righteousness of God Connection (Exordium): Thanking for a Faithful Reputation - 1:8 Background (Narratio): Paul's Prayer and Desire to Visit Rome - 1:9-15 Theme (Propositio): The Righteousness of God through Faith 1:16-17	Problem: All Fall Short of the Glory of God The Condemnation of the Gentiles - 1:18-32 The Condemnation of the Jews - 2:1-29 The Condemnation of All Humanity 3:1-20	Solution: Righteousness Comes Through Faith in Jesus Christ God's Righteousness by the Work of Jesus Christ - 3:21-26 God's Righteousness through Faith - 3:27-31 Abraham: The Father of Faith 4:1-25 The Fruits of Righteousness - 5:1-11	Imputation: Adam's Sin • Christ's Righteousness - 5:12-21	Victory: Righteousness as We Grow in Grace The Triumph of Grace over the Power of Sin - 6:1-23 The Triumph of Grace over the Power of Law - 7:1-22 The Triumph of Grace in the Power of the Holy Spirit 8:1-39 Sanctification: The Holy Spirit is Our Resource for Victorious Living - 8:1-17 Struggle: We are Longing for More than this Present World Offers - 8:18-27 Security: We are More than Conquerors by the Work of the Trinity - 8:28-39	Question: Is God Righteous in His Dealings with Israel? God's Past Relationship to Israel - 9:1-33 God's Present Relationship to Israel - 10:1-21 God's Future Relationship to Israel 11:1-36	Application: Righteousness Expressed in Everyday Life Righteous Living in the Church 12:1-21 Spiritual Gifts (12:1-8) • Spiritual Relationships (12:9-21) Righteous Living in the World 13:1-14 Spiritual Citizens (13:1-7) • Spiritual Neighbors (13:8-14) Righteous Living with Weaker Brothers 14:1-15:13 Liberty (14:1-12) • Peace (14:13-23) • Unity (15:1-13)	Expansion: The Gospel Where Christ is Not Known Establishing Churches Among the Gentiles - 15:14-33 Partners in Gospel Ministry - 16:1-23 Final Summary and Benediction 16:25-27						
									1:1-7	1:8	1:17	1:18	3:20	3:21
Prescript	Exordium	Narratio	Propositio	Probatio (Development and Defense)			Peroration (Application)	Postscript						
Salutation		Sin	Salvation	Sanctification	Security	Service	Summary							

Paul wrote to the believers in Rome setting forth a clear and compelling presentation of the gospel message he proclaimed (a righteousness of God which comes through faith) in order to unify the church and prepare them for his visit and gain their support as he travelled to take the gospel to Spain.