



# "The Righteousness of God"

An Overview of The Book of Romans

Romans 1:16-17

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## REVIEW:

1. The God who created us gave us a singular purpose—to Glorify God!
2. We do this by building up those who are saved, reaching out to those who are not saved and praising the One who saves.

### Overview of the Book of Romans:

**Theme:** The Righteousness of God.

**Date Written:** 56-57 AD.

**Author:** The Apostle Paul.

**Setting:** A letter written to the church in Rome while Paul was in Corinth.

**Occasion:** Paul's third missionary journey.

**Key Verses: Romans 1:16–17, HCSB** - <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it God's righteousness is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: **The righteous will live by faith.**

**Basic Outline (Overview): "We Need His Righteousness!"**

Chapters 1—3:20 - The **Problem** of Unrighteousness (All are sinners)

Chapters 3:21—5:21 – The **Provision** of Righteousness (Jesus Christ)

Chapters 6—8 – The **Power** of Righteousness (Our surrender to Christ)

Chapters 9—11 – The **Promise** of Righteousness (Believers are declared "righteous" while Israel is promised "righteousness.")

Chapters 12—16 – The **Pattern** of Righteousness (His presence in us transforms us. What is true in a person's heart will show up in their life. Signs of righteousness: yielding to God, submitting to authority, loving one's neighbor, bearing other's burdens & serving diligently.)

### The Gospel and God's Righteousness

1. The gospel is powerful! "It is the power of God at work."
2. The gospel is simple! "[This is] God at work!"
3. The gospel is universal! "[It's God]. ...saving everyone who believes."

4. The gospel is vital! "God's righteousness [which we need] is revealed."

# The Simple Gospel

## 1. Christ loves you!

**Romans 5:8, HCSB** - <sup>8</sup> But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!

**Romans 8:38–39, NASB95** - <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 2. You have sinned!

**Romans 3:10, HCSB** - <sup>10</sup> as it is written: **There is no one righteous, not even one.**

**Romans 3:23, HCSB** - <sup>23</sup> For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

## 3. Christ died for your sins!

**Romans 5:8, HCSB** - <sup>8</sup> But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!

**John 3:16, NASB95** - <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

## 4. You must surrender to Christ!

**Romans 10:9–10, HCSB** - <sup>9</sup> If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.

## 5. You can't be saved any other way!

**Romans 6:23, HCSB** - <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Ephesians 2:8–9, NASB95** - <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

## 6. You *must* make Jesus your Lord today!

**Romans 10:13, NASB95** - <sup>13</sup> for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."