

ROMANS – THE REVELATION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS – PART 1

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Session 1

The Gospel is the Revelation of Righteousness

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, 2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: Romans 1:1-4

The Gospel is the message of Jesus. He was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by his resurrection from the dead. Jesus was victorious over sin, sickness, death, Satan, and the grave. Jesus became a sin for us, even though he never committed a single sin, so that we might be made the righteousness of God. He took our sin and gave his righteousness to everyone who believes in his finished work.
Romans 1:5-11
14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. 15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. Romans 1:14-15
Communicating that message.

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16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Romans 16-17
The Gospel is the good news of what Jesus has accomplished. The Gospel is the good news because the work is already done, and Jesus is the one who accomplished it. The Gospel is not about what I need to do, it is about what Jesus has already done. The Gospel releases the power of God because it is entirely based on the performance of Jesus. The work of our righteousness has been accomplished already. By believing on Jesus and through his finished work we receive righteousness which is by faith. The Gospel is the revelation of righteousness. If someone has no revelation of the Gospel, then they have no understanding of righteousness.
World needs the gospel
18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Romans 1:18-20
Problem of unrighteousness.
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darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Romans 1:21-24 Problem of an unbelieving world.

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was

Religious people need the gospel
Or despise thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? Romans 2:4
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What people do is a result of what they believe
5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; 10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: Romans 2:5-10
Even those who think they are right fail when they try to do it themselves
17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of

God,

18 And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; 19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, 20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law 21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? 22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? 23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? Romans 2:17-23	

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. Romans 2: 28-29
Everyone needs the gospel
What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; Romans 3:9
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both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; Romans 3:9

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: 15 Their feet are swift to shed blood: 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. 19 Now we know that what things so ever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Romans 3:10-19 The Word says it and the law proves it.

Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Romans 3:20
No one is justified by their performance.

Jesus is God's answer to man's need

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no

difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: 30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. 31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. Romans 3:21-31

Jesus paid for our sins and made us righteous when we believed. The truth is

everyone sinned. God provided righteousness for everyone. To receive God's free gift of righteousness, we must believe Jesus. Believing Jesus changes everything.

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Session 2

Receive Righteousness by Faith

The Gospel is the revelation of righteousness. Everyone needs righteousness. Jesus is God's answer to man's need.

Ro 5:1 says, If by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which have received the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in lif by one Jesus Christ.	e _
3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned or grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. 6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. 9 Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abrahai for righteousness. Romans 4:3-9	f ,
Greek word Logizomai: Reckon, count, compute, calculate, count over, take into account, make account of. Two things: accounted righteous. Placed in the account of the righteous. Two people: Abraham, the Father of our faith, needed faith; David needed grace. Receive righteousness by faith in His Grace. God imputed righteousness (without works). Iniquities (rebellion) forgiven. Sins covered (taken care of). Lord will not impute sin (not keeping track, taking into account). Almost togood to be true.	C
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6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot

sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 1 John 3:6-10
13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: 15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Romans 4:13-17
16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Romans 4:16-17
Not performance. Grace makes our faith secure. V 16. V 17 Not a self-help program. Radical intervention in an impossible situation.

Living in the reign of grace and righteousness

Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

At peace with God.
9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Romans 5:9-11
Not expecting judgement. Saved from wrath. Jesus took our judgement. He is living His life through us. We have received the atonement (exchange). His death gave us life. Adam brought sin and death on all. All have sinned Jesus made righteousness available to all through grace.

15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. Romans 5:15-18

Salvation is a free gift to all who believe Jesus.

	oth reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through s unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:21
Grace reigns tl	hrough righteousness and leads us into a relationship with God
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Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof. Romans 6:12			
For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. Romans 6:14			
We have authority over sin.			

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23
Sin will kill you.
<u>Free from legalism</u>
Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? Romans 7:1
Law has power over a man as long as he lives.

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. Romans 7:4

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Dead to the law by the body of Christ.

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. Roman 7:6
Delivered from the law. Serve out of the newness of the Spirit. Want to serve God because Jesus is living His life through me.

Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Romans 7:12
For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. Romans 7:14
No problem with the law. Problem with my old man. Not the same person. Not the normal Christian experience. Paul's problem as a legalistic. Own strength.
Religious persons problem. Self-reliance.

The Source of our victory. Life in the Spirit

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:1-4

Legality of the new creation.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be Romans 8:5-7
Mentality of the new creation.
in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwe in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Romans 8:9-11 Reality of the new creation.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14
We are God's children.
For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Romans 8:15
Walk in freedom, not fear.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Romans 8:16
We have dominion.
And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Romans 8:17
We are God's children. Christ lives in us. 100% the child of God or 100% child of the devil.

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