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Date: **July 5, 2020**

The Full Title: **"Sanctification by the Spirit"** (part 2)

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 8:12-17**

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This twentieth message from Romans celebrates

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

**“Sanctification by the Spirit” (part 2)**  
**Romans 8:12-17**

**I. SALVATION: "we are under obligation" (vv.12-13)**

**A. Debtors:** "obligation...not to the flesh" (v.12)

**B. Deeds:** "putting to death the deeds of the body" (v.13)

1. Separation: "you must die" (v.13a)

2. Satisfaction: "you will live" (v.13b)

**II. SURRENDER: "being led by the Spirit of God" (vv.14-15)**

**A. Descendant:** "these are the sons of God" (v.14)

**B. Dependent:** "we cry out, 'Abba! Father!'" (v.15)

1. Fear: "not received a spirit of slavery" (v.15a)

2. Father: "received a spirit of adoption" (v.15b)

**III. STATUS: "the Spirit Himself bears witness" (vv.16-17)**

**A. Testimony:** "we are children of God" (v.16)

**B. Titles:** "if children, heirs also" (v.17)

1. Position: "heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ" (v.17a)

2. Path: "we suffer with Him...glorified with Him" (v.17b)

## Romans 8:12-17

v.12 So then,

brethren,

we are under obligation,

not to the flesh,

to live according to the flesh -

v.13 for

if you are living

according to the flesh,

you must die;

but

if

by the Spirit

you are putting to death the deeds of the body,

you will live.

v.14 For all

who are being led by the Spirit of God,

these are the sons of God.

**Romans 8:12-17 (cont)**

v.15

For

you have not received a spirit of slavery

leading to fear again,

but

you have received a spirit of adoption

as sons

by which we cry out,

“Abba! Father!”

v.16

The Spirit Himself

bears witness

with our spirit

that we are children of God,

v.17

and if children,

heirs also,

heirs of God

and

fellow heirs with Christ,

if indeed we suffer with Him

in order that

we may also be glorified with *Him*.

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Date: **June 28, 2020**

The Full Title: "**Sanctification by the Spirit**"

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 8:1-11**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This nineteenth message from Romans celebrates our spiritual victory. Paul points out that we have been given **FREEDOM** in Christ - He is our protection from judgment (no condemnation for believers) and He is our provision in fulfilling the Law (He condemned sin in the flesh). The **FOCUS** of our minds must now be on Christ. Believers, unlike unbelievers, have two choices: set your mind on the flesh, the *physical*; or set your mind on the Spirit, the *spiritual*. But these choices have consequences: the mind set on the flesh leads to death (spiritual *separation*); the mind set on the Spirit leads to life and peace (spiritual *satisfaction*). Recognize that the mind set on the flesh brings conflict: both *discord* with God and *disapproval* from God. Finally, genuine believers will **FINISH** in three ways: (1) having justification because the Spirit of God dwells in us; (2) being sanctified because our spirit is alive and we are living righteously; and (3) being glorified when the Holy Spirit gives life to our mortal bodies at the return of Christ (the redemption of our body, the "rapture").

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condemnation law Spirit set-you-free flesh set-their-minds hostile cannot-please  
dwells-in-you mortal-bodies

**“Sanctification by the Spirit”** (part 1)  
**Romans 8:1-11**

**I. FREEDOM: "in Christ...set...free" (vv.1-4)**

**A. Protection:** "no condemnation...in Christ" (v.1)

**B. Provision:** "has set you free" (vv.2-4)

1. Means: "the law of the Spirit of life" (v.2)

2. Method: "God sending His own Son" (vv.3-4)

**II. FOCUS: "the mind set on the Spirit" (vv.5-8)**

**A. Choices:** "the flesh...the Spirit" (v.5)

1. Physical: "set their minds on...the flesh" (v.5a)

2. Spiritual: "set their minds on...the Spirit" (v.5b)

**B. Consequences:** "the mind set on..." (v.6)

1. Separation: "set on the flesh...death" (v.6a)

2. Satisfaction: "set on the Spirit...life/peace" (v.6b)

**C. Conflict:** "hostile toward God" (vv.7-8)

1. Discord: "mind...flesh...hostile" (v.7)

2. Disapproval: "in the flesh...cannot please God" (v.8)

**III. FINISH: "in the Spirit...alive...raised" (vv.9-11)**

**A. Justification:** "you are...in the Spirit" (v.9)

1. Believer: "Spirit of God dwells in you" (v.9a)

2. Unbeliever: "does not have the Spirit" (v.9b)

**B. Sanctification:** "if Christ is in you...alive" (v.10)

1. Physical: "the body is dead...sin" (v.10a)

2. Spiritual: "spirit is alive...righteousness" (v.10b)

**C. Glorification:** "life to your mortal bodies" (v.11)

1. Relationship: "Spirit...dwells in you" (v.11a)

2. Rapture: "will also give life to your mortal bodies" (v.11b)

*Next week: **Read Romans 8:12-17 (part two)***



**Romans 8:1-11** (cont)

v.5 For  
those who are according to the flesh  
set their minds on the things of the flesh,  
but  
those who are according to the Spirit,  
the things of the Spirit.

v.6 For  
the mind set on the flesh  
is death,  
but  
the mind set on the Spirit  
is life  
and  
peace,

v.7 because the mind set on the flesh  
is hostile toward God;  
for it does not subject itself  
to the law of God,  
for it is not even able *to do so*;

v.8 and  
those who are in the flesh  
cannot please God.



**Romans 8:1-11 (cont)**

v.9

However,

you are not in the flesh

but

in the Spirit,

if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ,

he does not belong to Him.

v.10

And if Christ is in you,

though

the body is dead

because of sin,

yet

the spirit is alive

because of righteousness.

v.11

But if the Spirit of Him

who raised Jesus from the dead

dwells in you,

He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead

will also give life to your mortal bodies

through His Spirit

who indwells you.

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Date: **June 21, 2020**

The Full Title: **“The Struggle with the Flesh”**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 7:13-25**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This eighteenth message from Romans reveals Paul's personal struggle with sin, because of his own body. He had explained that the way out of bondage to the Law was through one's death (7:1-6), and that there was no problem with the Law, because it was only holy, righteous and good (7:7-12). He now shares that though he died to the Law there is still a battle between his new nature (spiritually righteous) and his old body (physically evil) (7:13-25). In Paul's **FIRST QUESTION**, he asks if the good Law can bring forth death, and the response is an absolute no! The reality is that the Law is profitable, giving guidance, but Paul's flesh is destructive, producing groanings because it was devoted to sin. Paul was in a **QUANDARY**, living in this struggle between what he desired to do and what he hated. This state of stress came from his flesh, as evil was still present in him - the source of this rivalry came from the members of his own body. Paul's **SECOND QUESTION** asked for a way to be free from his grueling body of death - in gratitude he thanks his Savior Jesus Christ. He is now able to habitually serve God's law with his mind, even though at times he serves the law of sin with his flesh.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

good death sin spiritual flesh Law practice inner-man body mind

## Romans 7:13-25

### I. **QUESTION #1: "is good...a cause of death?" (vv.13-14)**

#### A. **Response:** "rather it was sin...utterly sinful" (v.13)

1. Exclamation: "May it never be" (v.13a)
2. Explanation: "sin...shown to be sin" (v.13b)

#### B. **Reality:** "the Law is spiritual...I am of flesh" (v.14)

1. Guidance: "we know the Law is spiritual" (v.14a)
2. Groanings: "I am of flesh, sold in bondage" (v.14b) [See Romans 8:18-25]

### II. **QUANDARY: "evil is present in me" (vv.15-23)**

#### A. **Struggle:** "doing the very thing I hate" (vv.15-17)

1. Perplexity: "I do not understand" (vv.15-16)
2. Responsibility: "no longer am I the one doing it" (v.17)

#### B. **Stress:** "nothing good...in my flesh" (vv.18-20)

1. Physically: "the wishing is present in me" (vv.18-19)
2. Reality: "doing the very thing I do not wish" (v.20)

#### C. **Source:** "a different law...waging war" (vv.21-23)

1. Principle: "evil is present in me" (v.21)
2. Rivalry: "the inner man...my members" (vv.22-23)

### III. **QUESTION #2: "Who will set me free?" (vv.24-25)**

#### A. **Grueling:** "Wretched man that I am" (v.24)

1. Distress: "Wretched man" (v.24a)
2. Deliverer: "Who will set me free" (v.24b)

#### B. **Gratitude:** "Thanks be to God!" (v.25)

1. Savior: "Thanks...through Jesus Christ" (v.25a)
2. Service: "the law of God...the law of sin" (v.25b)

*Next week: Read Romans 8:1-17 (part one)*

## Romans 7:13-25

v.13       Therefore  
  
          did that which is good  
  
                  become *a cause of* death for me?  
  
  May it never be!

          Rather it was sin,  
  
                  in order that it might be shown to be sin  
  
  by effecting my death  
  
  through that which is good,  
  
                  that through the commandment  
  
  sin might become utterly sinful.

v.14       For we know that the Law is spiritual;  
  
  but  
  
  I am of flesh,  
  
  sold in bondage to sin.

v.15       For that which I am doing,  
  
                  I do not understand;  
  
  for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*,  
  
                  but I am doing the very thing I hate.

v.16       But if I do the very thing I do not wish *to do*,  
  
                  I agree with the Law,  
  
  *confessing* that it is good.

v.17           So now,  
no longer am I the one doing it,  
                  but  
                  sin which indwells me.

v.18           For I know  
                  that nothing good dwells in me,  
  that is,  
  in my flesh;  
                  for the wishing is present in me,  
                  but the doing of the good *is* not.

v.19           For the good that I wish,  
                  I do not do;  
                  but I practice the very evil  
  that I do not wish.

v.20           But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish,  
                  I am no longer the one doing it,  
                  but  
                  sin which dwells in me.

v.21           I find then the principle  
                  that evil is present in me,  
  the one who wishes to do good.

v.22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God  
in the inner man,  
v.23 but I see a different law in the members of my body,  
waging war against the law of my mind,  
and  
making me a prisoner of the law of sin  
which is in my members.

v.24 Wretched man that I am!  
Who will set me free  
from the body of this death?

v.25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ  
our Lord!

So then,  
on the one hand  
I myself with my mind am serving the law of God,  
but on the other,  
with my flesh the law of sin.

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Date: **June 14, 2020**

The Full Title: **“The Purpose of the Law”**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 7:7-12**

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This seventeenth message from Romans is used by Paul to elevate the Law as holy and righteous and good - not as sinful. He begins with a **CLARIFICATION** regarding the **purpose** of the Law, as that which helped him to recognize sin for what it is. The Law's **prohibitions** exposed sin, revealing the **principle** that sin will always take advantage of the commandments to bring out sin of every kind. The **CONSEQUENCE** for Paul **revealed** the revival of sin, and **resulted** in spiritual inactivity. The **reason** that sin could take opportunity is because it *deceived* him spiritually and brought *death* to his activity as a believer. Paul's **CONCLUSION** regarding the Law was that: (1) it is **reliable** to bring separation between what is holy and unholy; (2) its **requirements** are always just, upright and fair; and (3) it produces **results** that are always beneficial and profitable toward eternity.

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Law sin coveting opportunity commandment I-died deceived holy righteous good

## Romans 7:7-12

### I. **CLARIFICATION: "Is the Law sin?" (vv.7-8)**

A. **Purpose:** "come to know sin" (v.7a)

B. **Prohibition:** "You shall not covet" (v.7b)

C. **Principle:** "sin, taking opportunity" (v.8)

### II. **CONSEQUENCE: "I died" (vv.9-11)**

A. **Revelation:** "sin became alive and I died" (v.9)

B. **Result:** "proved to result in death" (v.10)

C. **Reason:** "sin, taking opportunity" (v.11)

1. Spiritual Deception: "deceived me"

2. Spiritual Death: "killed me"

### III. **CONCLUSION: "the Law is..." (v.12)**

A. **Reliability:** "Law is holy" (v.12a)

B. **Requirements:** "Law is...righteous" (v.12b)

C. **Results:** "Law is...good" (v.12c)

*Next week: Read Romans 7:13-25*

**Romans 7:7-12**



v.7      What shall we say then?

Is the Law sin?

May it never be!

On the contrary,

I would not have come to know sin

except through the Law;

for I would not have known about coveting

if the Law had not said,

"YOU SHALL NOT COVET."

v.8      But sin,

taking opportunity

through the commandment,

produced in me coveting of every kind;

for apart from the Law

sin is dead.

v.9      And I was once alive

apart from the Law;

but when the commandment came,

sin became alive,

and

I died;

**Romans 7:7-12 (cont)**

v.10

and this commandment,

which was to result in life,

proved to result in death for me;

v.11

for sin,

taking opportunity

through the commandment,

deceived me,

and through it

killed me.

v.12

So then,

the Law is holy,

and

the commandment is

holy

and

righteous

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good.

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Date: **May 31, 2020**

The Full Title: **"Dead to the Law"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 7:1-6**

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This sixteenth message from Romans used an illustration and explanation to show how believers have died to the law. These Roman believers were not ignorant concerning the **AUTHORITY** of the law - they knew that its jurisdiction ended at death. To clarify, Paul used the illustration of marriage, revealing the married woman's legal commitment. The *wife* is bound by law to her husband while he is living, and becomes an adulteress if she marries another; but a *widow* is released from the law when her husband dies, and is free to marry another without becoming an adulteress. Paul then makes **APPLICATION** of this principle by explaining that believers have also died to the Law. Their separation took place through the body of Christ - they were raised to *new life*, that they might demonstrate *new conduct*. Their lifelong service to the flesh died when their *old life* to the Law was rendered inoperative (annulled); but their eternal service to their *new Master* came to life when their new life was now of spirit, and not in oldness of letter.

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law jurisdiction married-woman bound released adulteress made-to-die bear-fruit flesh serve

## **“Dead to the Law”**

### **Romans 7:1-6**

#### **I. AUTHORITY: "the law has jurisdiction" (vv.1-3)**

**A. Ignorance:** "do you not know?" (v.1)

**B. Illustration:** "the married woman" (vv.2-3)

1. Wife: "bound by law" (vv.2a,3a)

a. Restrained: "bound...while he is living" (v.2a)

b. Rejected: "husband is living...called an adulteress" (v.3a)

2. Widow: "if her husband dies" (vv.2b,3b)

a. Discharged: "she is released from the law" (v.2b)

b. Disconnected: "she is free from the law" (v.3b)

#### **II. APPLICATION: "made to die to the Law" (vv.4-6)**

**A. Separation:** "made to die to the Law...through...Christ" (v.4)

1. New Life: "that you might be joined to another" (v.4a)

2. New Conduct: "that you might bear fruit for God" (v.4b)

**B. Service:** "we serve in newness of the Spirit" (vv.5-6)

1. Old Life: "while we were in the flesh" (v.5)

2. New Master: "but now we have been released" (v.6)

## **Romans 7:1-6**

- v.1 Or do you not know,  
brethren  
(for I am speaking to those who know the law),  
that the law has jurisdiction  
over a person  
as long as he lives?
- v.2 For the married woman  
is bound  
by law  
to her husband  
while he is living;  
but  
if her husband dies,  
she is released  
from the law  
concerning her husband.
- v.3 So then  
if, while her husband is living,  
she is joined  
to another man,  
she shall be called an adulteress;  
but  
if her husband dies,  
she is free  
from the law,  
so that she is not an adulteress,  
though she is joined  
to another man.



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Date: **May 24, 2020**

The Full Title: **"Slaves to Righteousness"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 6:15-23**

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This fifteenth message from Romans further explains God's expectations for each believer. Some were thinking that they had a **LICENSE** to sin once in a while - their *excuse* was that they were being *unrestrained* by the law and generously favored with God's *undeserved* grace. But Paul's *explanation* made it *self-evident* that slavery is voluntary - we are *self-employed* to our master - we choose either sin or salvation. These believers in Rome had chosen **LIBERTY** in Christ. Their new *position* was one of *submission* to the gospel and *subjection* to righteousness. Their new *practice* freed them from the *old man* to the *new man*. And their new *product* was no longer *death*, but had become *eternal life*.

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sin law grace obedience death righteousness slaves freed wages eternal-life

# **“Slaves of Righteousness”**

## **Romans 6:15-23**

### **I. LICENSE: "Shall we sin...under grace?" (vv.15-16)**

#### **A. Excuse: "Shall we sin?" (v.15)**

1. Unrestrained: "not under law" (v.15a)
  
2. Undeserved: "but under grace" (v.15b)

#### **B. Explanation: "slaves of the one...you obey" (v.16)**

1. Self-evident: "Do you not know?" (v.16a)
  
2. Self-employed: "slaves...whom you obey" (v.16b)

### **II. LIBERTY: "slaves of righteousness" (vv.17-23)**

#### **A. Position: "thanks be to God...were slaves" (vv.17-18)**

1. Submission: "you became obedient" (v.17)
  
2. Subjection: "you became slaves...righteousness" (v.18)

#### **B. Practice: "slaves to righteousness" (vv.19-20)**

1. Old Man: "presented your members" (v.19a)
  
2. New Man: "present your members" (vv.19b-20)

#### **C. Product: "death...eternal life" (vv.21-23)**

1. Death: "what benefit were you...deriving?" (v.21)
  
2. Eternal Life: "your benefit...sanctification...life" (vv.22-23)



## Romans 6:15-23

v.15 What then?

Shall we sin because we are not under law

but

under grace?

May it never be!

v.16 Do you not know

that when you present yourselves

to someone

as slaves for obedience,

you are slaves of the one whom you obey,

either of sin

resulting in death,

or of obedience

resulting in righteousness?

v.17 But thanks be to God

that though you were slaves

of sin,

you became obedient

from the heart

to that form of teaching

to which you were committed,

v.18 and

having been freed from sin,

you became slaves of righteousness.

**Romans 6:15-23** (cont)

- v.19 I am speaking in human terms  
because of the weakness of your flesh.  
For just as you presented your members as slaves  
to impurity  
and  
to lawlessness,  
resulting in further lawlessness,  
so now present your members as slaves  
to righteousness,  
resulting in sanctification.
- v.20 For when you were slaves of sin,  
you were free in regard to righteousness.
- v.21 Therefore  
what benefit were you then deriving  
from the things of which you are now ashamed?  
For the outcome of those things is death.
- v.22 But now  
having been freed from sin  
and  
enslaved to God,  
you derive your benefit,  
resulting in sanctification,  
and  
the outcome,  
eternal life.
- v.23 For the wages of sin  
is death,  
but the free gift of God  
is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Date: **May 17, 2020**

The Full Title: **“Alive in Christ”**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 6:1-14**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This fourteenth message from Romans explains the transition from being justified (declared righteous) in Romans 3:21-5:21 to that of being sanctified (separated to God) in Romans 6:1-8:39. Being sanctified is a maturing process that is required of all true believers and involves three aspects: (1) our **DEATH** to the old man (provided in our justification) - this includes both our **identification** with Christ (*separated* from sin and *renovated* to a new walk) and our **transformation** in Christ (being a *new man* and having a *new Master*); (2) making **DECISIONS** that regard ourselves to be dead to sin (practically **released** from our evil nature) and alive to God (spiritually **resurrected** with our new nature); and (3) showing our **DEVOTION** to God by **dethroning** sin in our bodies (saying no to the old reign of sin), **dominating** the use of our bodies (saying no to our bodies being used for sin) and **dedicating** our lives to God alone (saying yes to His will at all times).

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sin baptized death walk united crucified consider alive do-not-let-reign present-yourselves

**“Alive in Christ”**  
**Romans 6:1-14**

**I. DEATH: "our old self was crucified" (vv.1-10)**

**A. Identification: "buried with Him" (vv.1-4)**

a. Separated: "Are we to continue in sin?" (vv.1-2)

b. Renovated: "walk in newness of life" (vv.3-4)

**B. Transformation: "united...crucified...freed" (vv.5-10)**

a. New Man: "united with Him...freed from sin" (vv.5-7)

b. New Master: "death no longer is master" (vv.8-10)

**II. DECISIONS: "consider yourselves..." (v.11)**

**A. Released: "consider...to be dead to sin" (v.11a)**

**B. Resurrected: "consider...to be...alive to God" (v.11b)**

**III. DEVOTION: "sin shall not be master" (vv.12-14)**

**A. Dethrone: "do not let sin reign" (v.12)**

**B. Dominate: "do not go on presenting" (v.13a)**

**C. Dedicate: "present yourselves to God" (vv.13b-14)**

## **Romans 6:1-14**

v.1 What shall we say then?

Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?

v.2 May it never be!

How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

v.3 Or do you not know

that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus

have been baptized into His death?

v.4 Therefore we have been buried with Him

through baptism

into death,

in order that as Christ was raised

from the dead

through the glory

of the Father,

so we too might walk in newness of life.

v.5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death,

certainly

we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,

v.6 knowing this,

that our old self was crucified with Him,

that our body of sin might be done away with,

that we should no longer be slaves of sin;

v.7 For he that has died is freed from sin.

**Romans 6:1-14** (cont)

v.8 Now if we have died

with Christ,

we believe that we shall also live

with Him,

v.9 knowing that Christ,

having been raised from the dead,

is never to die again;

death no longer is master over Him.

v.10 For

the death that He died,

He died to sin,

once for all;

but

the life that He lives,

He lives to God.

v.11 Even so

consider yourselves to be

dead to sin,

but

alive to God

in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 6:1-14** (cont)

v.12 Therefore

do not let sin reign

in your mortal body

that you should obey its lusts,

v.13 and

do not go on presenting

the members of your body

to sin

as instruments of unrighteousness;

but

present yourselves

to God

as those alive from the dead,

and

your members

as instruments of righteousness

to God.

v.14 For sin shall not be master over you,

for you are not under law,

but

under grace.

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Date: **May 10, 2020**

The Full Title: **“God's Gift to Believers”**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 5:12-21**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This thirteenth message from Romans presents clear contrasts between Adam's sin that led to death and Christ's righteousness that led to life. Adam's sin brought total **RUIN** to mankind - this included: (1) physical and spiritual **death** (separation); (2) the **destiny** (fate) of death, even without the Law; and (3) the **dominion** of death over mankind, even though their sins were not the same as Adam's. Christ's righteousness provided complete **RESCUE** to all men - this deliverance is: (1) **unmerited** as a gracious free gift that came in *abundance* to many, as an *acquittal* providing justification, and as *authority* to reign in life with Christ; and it is (2) **unbelievable** because of the *sacrifice* of His righteous life, the *submission* of His total compliance, the *superabundance* of His generous grace, and the *salvation* of His eternal life.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

sin death Law grace transgression condemnation justification life obedience righteousness

May 10, 2020

**“God's Gift to Believers”**



## **Romans 5:12-21**

### **I. RUIN: "sin entered...death reigned" (vv.12-14)**

**A. Death:** "sin entered into the world" (v.12)

**B. Destiny:** "sin is not imputed...no law" (v.13)

**C. Dominion:** "death reigned from Adam until Moses" (v.14)

### **II. RESCUE: "free gift...eternal life" (vv.15-21)**

**A. Unmerited:** "the free gift" (vv.15-17)

a. Abundance: "abound to the many" (v.15)

b. Acquittal: "resulting in justification" (v.16)

c. Authority: "those who receive...grace...will reign" (v.17)

**B. Unbelievable:** "through Jesus Christ" (vv.18-21)

a. Sacrifice: "transgression...justification" (v.18)

b. Submission: "disobedience...obedience" (v.19)

c. Superabundance: "Law...grace" (v.20)

d. Salvation: "sin reigned...grace might reign" (v.21)

*Next week: Read Romans 6:1-14*

**Romans 5:12-21**

v.12 Therefore,

just as through one man sin entered into the world,

and

death through sin,

and so

death spread to all men,

because all sinned --

v.13 for until the Law sin was in the world;

but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

v.14 Nevertheless

death reigned from Adam until Moses,

even over those who had not sinned

in the likeness of the offense of Adam,

who is a type of Him who was to come.

v.15 But the free gift is not like the transgression.

For if by the transgression of the one the many died,

much more

did the grace of God

and

the gift by the grace of the one Man,

Jesus Christ,

abound to the many.

**Romans 5:12-21 (cont)**

v.16           And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned;  
                  for on the one hand  
                  the judgment arose  
  from one transgression  
  resulting in condemnation,  
                  but on the other hand  
                  the free gift arose  
  from many transgressions  
  resulting in justification.

v.17           For if by the transgression  
  of the one,  
                  death reigned  
  through the one,  
                  much more  
                  those who receive the abundance of grace  
  and  
  of the gift of righteousness  
                  will reign in life  
  through the One,  
  Jesus Christ.

v.18

So then

as through one transgression

there resulted condemnation

to all men,

even so

through one act of righteousness

there resulted justification of life

to all men.

v.19

For as through the one man's disobedience

the many were made sinners,

even so through the obedience of the One

the many will be made righteous.

v.20

And the Law came in

that the transgression might increase;

but where sin increased,

grace abounded all the more,

v.21

that,

as sin reigned in death,

even so

grace might reign through righteousness

to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Date: **May 3, 2020**

The Full Title: **"Security of the Believer"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 5:1-11**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This twelfth message from Romans explains the eternal security that each true believer possesses. Paul explains that it is a **GIFT**, by grace through faith. Our position is one of peace with God and our practice is twofold, triumphing in: the future *eternal bliss* to come, as well as the present *earthly trials* of every day life. Our **GUILT** as sinners has been atoned for by the substitution of Christ's death - we were *powerless* to save ourselves, but He was *propitious*, satisfying our debt to God. Dying for a *helpful* man, or even a *hero*, is scarce in this life, but Christ showed His love by sacrificing His life for His enemies. The **GOAL** that believers move toward is threefold: our guaranteed rescue from God's wrath; our permanent relationship with God Himself; and our eternal restoration to God's favor.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

justified faith peace hope tribulations helpless Christ-died blood wrath reconciled

## **“Security of the Believer”**

### **Romans 5:1-11**

#### **I. GIFT: "having been justified by faith" (vv.1-5)**

**A. Position:** "we have peace" (vv.1-2a)

**B. Practice:** "we exult in hope" (vv.2b-5)

1. Eternal Bliss: "the glory of God" (v.2b)
2. Earthly Trials: "our tribulations" (vv.3-5)
  - a. Endurance: "tribulation brings about perseverance"
  - b. Evidence: "perseverance, proven character"
  - c. Expectation: "proven character, hope"
  - d. Eternity: "hope does not disappoint"

#### **II. GUILT: "we were still helpless" (vv.6-8)**

**A. Substitution:** "helpless...Christ died" (v.6)

1. Powerless: "still helpless"
2. Propitious: "Christ died for the ungodly"

**B. Scarcity:** "one will hardly die" (v.7)

1. Helpful: "a righteous man"
2. Hero: "the good man"

**C. Sacrifice:** "God demonstrates His...love" (v.8)

#### **III. GOAL: "we shall be saved" (vv.9-11)**

**A. Rescue:** "saved from the wrath" (v.9)

**B. Relationship:** "saved by His life" (v.10)

**C. Restoration:** "received...reconciliation" (v.11)



**Romans 5:1-11** (cont)

- v.6 For while we were still helpless,  
at the right time  
Christ died for the ungodly.
- v.7 For one will hardly die  
for a righteous man;  
though perhaps  
for the good man  
someone would dare even to die.
- v.8 But  
God demonstrates His own love  
toward us,  
in that while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.
- v.9 Much more then,  
having now been justified by His blood,  
we shall be saved from the wrath of God  
through Him.
- v.10 For  
if while we were enemies,  
we were reconciled to God  
through the death of His Son,  
much more,  
having been reconciled,  
we shall be saved by His life.
- v.11 And not only this,  
but  
we also exult in God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received the reconciliation.



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Date: **April 26, 2020**

The Full Title: **"God's Promise to Abraham"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 4:13-25**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This eleventh message from Romans makes it **CLEAR** that Abraham and his seed would inherit the earth. This promise was: exhibited to Abraham through faith alone, exempted from those attempting to earn it through *legalism* (because of the *liability*), and explained as only being fulfilled by *means* of faith, using a miracle as His *method*. This promise from God was **COSTLY** in its fulfillment. Paul illustrated his point with Abraham, as he believed the *impossible* birth of a son, the *incredible* ability of God and the *imputed* gift of righteousness. Paul also provided two applications as he showed Abraham to be a *pattern* for us, and Jesus Christ to be the *provision* for our salvation.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

promise Abraham descendants Law faith Sarah fully-assured delivered raised justification

## **“God's Promise to Abraham”**

### **Romans 4:13-25**

#### **I. CLEAR: "would be heir of the world" (vv.13-17)**

**A. Exhibited:** "the promise...through...faith" (v.13)

**B. Exempted:** "of the Law...nullified" (vv.14-15)

1. Legalism: "of the Law...faith made void" (v.14)

2. Liability: "the Law brings about wrath" (v.15)

**C. Explained:** "the promise...certain" (vv.16-17)

1. Means: "it is by faith...with grace" (v.16)

2. Method: "he believed, even God" (v.17)

#### **II. COSTLY: "delivered up...raised" (vv.18-25)**

**A. Illustration:** "Abraham...believed" (vv.18-22)

1. Impossible: "in hope against hope he believed" (vv.18-19)

2. Incredible: "promised...able also to perform" (vv.20-21)

3. Imputed: "reckoned...as righteousness" (v.22)

**B. Application:** "raised Jesus...from the dead" (vv.23-25)

1. Pattern: "was reckoned...will be reckoned" (vv.23-24a)

2. Provision: "delivered up...raised" (vv.24b-25)

## Romans 4:13-25

v.13 For the promise to Abraham

or

to his descendants

that he would be heir of the world

was not through the Law,

but

through the righteousness of faith.

v.14 For if those who are of the Law are heirs,

faith is made void

and

the promise is nullified;

v.15 for the Law brings about wrath,

but

where there is no law,

neither

is there violation.

v.16 For this reason it is by faith,

that it might be in accordance with grace,

in order that the promise may be certain

to all the descendants,

not only

to those who are of the Law,

but also

to those who are of the faith of Abraham,

who is the father of us all,

v.17

(as it is written,

“A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU”)

in the sight of Him whom he believed,

even God,

who gives life to the dead

and

calls into being that which does not exist.

**Romans 4:13-25 (cont)**

- v.18 In hope against hope he believed,  
in order that he might become a father of many nations,  
according to that which had been spoken,  
“SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE.”
- v.19 And without becoming weak in faith  
he contemplated his own body,  
now as good as dead  
since he was about a hundred years old,  
and  
the deadness of Sarah’s womb;
- v.20 yet,  
with respect to the promise of God,  
he did not waver in unbelief,  
but grew strong in faith,  
giving glory to God,
- v.21 and  
being fully assured that what He had promised,  
He was able also to perform.
- v.22 Therefore also  
IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- v.23 Now not for his sake only was it written,  
that it was reckoned to him,
- v.24 but for our sake also,  
to whom it will be reckoned,  
as those who believe in Him  
who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
- v.25 He who was delivered up because of our transgressions,  
and  
was raised because of our justification.

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Date: **April 19, 2020**

The Full Title: **"God's Gift to Abraham"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 4:1-12**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This tenth message from Romans reveals God's gift to Abraham. **RIGHTEOUSNESS** was given to Abraham freely, as a gift - no strings attached. There was no place for **boasting** because Abraham did nothing for his justification. Though some *assume* that he was justified by works, in *actuality* he simply believed God, and righteousness was reckoned to his personal account. David also talks about being saved in the same way - not as an *expected* wage, what was owed him, but justified by faith when he was ungodly. He is an *example* of those who are **blessed** by having their sins forgiven and covered, and not taken into account by God. **RECONCILIATION** is the gift of **salvation** that God freely gives to men. The *rite* of circumcision has nothing to do with salvation - we *realize* from this passage that Abraham was saved before being circumcised - his faith was reckoned as righteousness. Abraham received a sign (outward mark) of circumcision as a **seal** (inward mark) of his faith - this *proved* his righteousness as he submitted to God. The *purpose* of his circumcision was that he might be: (1) the father of all who believe without being circumcised (Gentiles); and (2) the father of circumcision (Jews) - specifically those Jews who follow in his steps of the faith, walking in real faith.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

Abraham justified works believed righteousness reckoned forgiven circumcised faith sign

## **“God's Gift to Abraham”**

### **Romans 4:1-12**

#### **I. RIGHTEOUSNESS: "Abraham...justified" (vv.1-8)**

##### **A. Boasting: "something to boast about" (vv.1-3)**

1. Assumption: "justified by works" (vv.1-2)
2. Actuality: "Abraham believed God" (v.3)

##### **B. Blessing: "his faith is reckoned" (vv.4-8)**

1. Expectation: "wage...what is due" (v.4)
2. Example: "God...justifies the ungodly" (vv.5-8)

#### **II. RECONCILIATION: "faith...while uncircumcised" (vv.9-12)**

##### **A. Salvation: "faith was reckoned" (vv.9-10)**

1. Rite: "circumcised or uncircumcised?" (v.9)
2. Realization: "reckoned...while uncircumcised" (v.10)

##### **B. Seal: "sign of circumcision" (vv.11-12)**

1. Proof: "a seal of the righteousness" (v.11a)
2. Purpose: "that he might be the father of..." (vv.11b-12)

## Romans 4:1-12

- v.1 What then shall we say that Abraham,  
our forefather  
according to the flesh,  
has found?
- v.2 For if Abraham was justified by works,  
he has something to boast about;  
but not before God.
- v.3 For what does the Scripture say?  
“AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD,  
AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”
- v.4 Now to the one who works,  
his wage is not reckoned as a favor,  
but  
as what is due.
- v.5 But  
to the one who does not work,  
but  
believes in Him who justifies the ungodly,  
his faith is reckoned as righteousness,
- v.6 just as David also speaks of the blessing  
upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness  
apart from works:
- v.7 “BLESSED ARE THOSE  
WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN,  
AND  
WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.
- v.8 “BLESSED IS THE MAN  
WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.”

**Romans 4:1-12 (cont)**

v.9 Is this blessing then upon the circumcised,  
or  
upon the uncircumcised also?

For we say,

“FAITH WAS RECKONED TO ABRAHAM

AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

v.10 How then was it reckoned?

While he was circumcised,

or

uncircumcised?

Not while circumcised,

but

while uncircumcised;

v.11 and

he received the sign of circumcision,

a seal of the righteousness of the faith

which he had while uncircumcised,

that he might be

the father of all who believe

without being circumcised,

that righteousness might be reckoned to them,

v.12 and

the father of circumcision

to those who not only are of the circumcision,

but

who also follow in the steps of the faith

of our father Abraham

which he had while uncircumcised.



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Date: **April 12, 2020**

The Full Title: **"Grace...Peace...Hope"**

Series Name:

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Titus 2:11...Colossians 1:20...1:27**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This special message on "Easter" Sunday brings out three key aspects of our salvation: First, **SAVING GRACE** in the *past* focused on the undeserved gift of the Word becoming flesh - the incarnation of Jesus Christ. This unlimited favor by God brought salvation to all men and provided the way to *justification* through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Second, **REAL PEACE** in the *present* is evidence that men have been reunited through the reconciliation of Jesus Christ. His sacrificial death on the cross has made peace with God - through His blood fellowship has been restored - *sanctifying* both the earth and the heavens. Third, **ETERNAL HOPE** for the *future* has been revealed, even among the Gentiles. True believers in Jesus Christ have been promised eternal glory because we are now related with Christ - He is now in us, giving us the hope (confident expectation) of *glorification* to be revealed at the coming of Christ (the blessed hope).

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

grace salvation reconcile peace cross make-known glory mystery Gentiles hope

**“Grace...Peace...Hope”**  
**Titus 2:11; Colossians 1:20, 27**

- I. SAVING GRACE: "the grace of God" (2:11)**
  - A. Undeserved:** "the grace of God has appeared"
  - B. Unlimited:** "bringing salvation to all men"
  
- II. REAL PEACE: "having made peace" (1:20)**
  - A. Reunited:** "to reconcile all things"
  - B. Restored:** "having made peace"
  
- III. ETERNAL HOPE: "hope of glory" (1:27)**
  - A. Revealed:** "to make known...among the Gentiles"
  - B. Related:** "Christ in you, the hope of glory"

*Next week: **Read Romans 4:1-12***

**Titus 2:11**

v.11 For the **grace** of God  
has appeared,  
bringing salvation  
to all men...

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**Colossians 1:20**

v.20 ...and through Him (Jesus Christ)  
to reconcile all things to Himself,  
having made **peace** through the blood of His cross;  
through Him, I say,  
whether things on earth  
or  
things in heaven.

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**Colossians 1:27**

v.27 ...to whom (His saints)  
God willed to make known  
what is the riches of the glory of this mystery  
among the Gentiles,  
which is Christ in you,  
the **hope** of glory.

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Date: **April 5, 2020**

The Full Title: **"Justification by Faith"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 3:21-31**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

Our ninth message in Romans brings a major transition - we are moving from the condemnation of all men (1:18-3:20) to the offer of justification to all men (3:21-5:21). The **HISTORY** of justification by **faith** began in the O.T., described by the Law and the prophets. Righteousness was manifested and available only through **faith**, because all mankind needed it since the fall in the garden. God **displayed** Christ Jesus as our redemption and propitiation, mercifully showing forbearance toward sinners until they were able to respond to the offer of salvation. The **HARMONY** of justification by **faith** brought Jew and Gentile together. All believers make **concession** when they receive salvation as a gift, apart from works - yielding all bragging rights to God alone. The fact that God is one, provides **consistency** - justification by **faith** is based on God treating Jews and Gentiles the same when it comes to salvation. **Confirmation** is made when the Law is established through **faith** - the Law kept sinners in custody, forcing us to look to a Savior, that we might be justified by **faith** (Gal. 3:23-25).

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

Law righteousness faith believe sinned justified gift redemption propitiation forbearance

## **“Justification by Faith”** **Romans 3:21-31**

### **I. HISTORY: "has been manifested" (vv.21-26)**

#### **A. Described: "being witnessed" (vv.21-23)**

1. Evidence: "righteousness...manifested" (v.21)
2. Method: "righteousness...through faith" (v.22)
3. Need: "all have sinned and fall short" (v.23)

#### **B. Displayed: "God displayed publicly" (vv.24-26)**

1. Redemption: "being justified as a gift" (v.24)
2. Propitiation: "propitiation...through faith" (v.25a)
3. Forbearance: "passed over the sins" (vv.25b-26)

### **II. HARMONY: "justified by faith" (vv.27-31)**

#### **A. Concession: "boasting...is excluded" (vv.27-28)**

1. Received: "excluded...by a law of faith" (v.27)
2. Redeemed: "justified...apart from works" (v.28)

#### **B. Consistency: "God...is one" (vv.29-30)**

1. God of All: "the God of Jews...Gentiles" (v.29)
2. God to All: "God who will justify...is one" (v.30)

#### **C. Confirmation: "we establish the Law" (v.31)**

## Romans 3:21-31

v.21 But now

apart from the Law

*the* righteousness of God has been manifested,

being witnessed by the Law

and

the prophets,

v.22 even *the* righteousness of God

through faith in Jesus Christ

for all those who believe;

for there is no distinction;

v.23 for all have sinned

and

fall short of the glory of God,

v.24 being justified

as a gift

by His grace

through the redemption

which is in Christ Jesus;

v.25 whom God displayed publicly

as a propitiation in His blood

through faith.

**Romans 3:21-31** (cont)

*This was* to demonstrate His righteousness,

because

in the forbearance of God

He passed over the sins previously committed;

v.26 for the demonstration, *I say*,

of His righteousness

at the present time,

that He might be just

and

the justifier of the one

who has faith in Jesus.

v.27 Where then is boasting?

It is excluded.

By what kind of law?

Of works?

No,

but by a law of faith.

**Romans 3:21-31 (cont)**

v.28 For we maintain that a man is justified  
by faith  
apart from works of the Law.

v.29 Or is God *the God* the of Jews only?

Is He not *the God* of Gentiles also?

Yes,

of Gentiles also,

v.30 since indeed God

who will justify

the circumcised by faith

and

the uncircumcised through faith

is one.

v.31 Do we then nullify the Law through faith?

May it never be!

On the contrary,

we establish the Law.



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Date: **March 29, 2020**

The Full Title: **"Sinners Condemned"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 3:9-20**

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Our eighth message in Romans focuses on the *condemnation* of the entire human race. The **LAW** does not provide any *advantage* to sinners - both Jews and Gentiles are completely *condemned*. The first three chapters of Romans clearly makes the accusation that all mankind has already been charged with being under the power of sin. Their **LIFESTYLE** proves their guilt, as Paul strings together six O.T. passages like pearls: the first passage describes man's character; passages two through four share man's conversation; passage five reveals their conduct; and the sixth passage summarizes their carelessness (no fear of God). Ultimately, Paul describes their **LIABILITY** because they are directly accountable to God. The result of our *condemnation* will be twofold: (1) the closing of every mouth, and (2) the liability of all the world being brought to trial. The reason for judgment is because no flesh will ever be justified by the Law - it only *condemns* man, requiring a Savior.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

Jews-and-Greeks none-righteous none-who-seeks-for-God none-who-does-good no-fear-of-God  
Law every-mouth-closed all-the-world-accountable

## **“Sinners Condemned”**

### **Romans 3:9-20**

#### **I. LAW: "charged...all under sin" (v.9)**

**A. Advantage:** "Are we better? Not at all" (v.9a)

**B. Accusation:** "Jews and Greeks...under sin" (v.9b)

#### **II. LIFESTYLE: "no fear of God" (vv.10-18)**

**A. Character:** "There is none righteous" (vv.10-12)

1. Undiscerning: "none who understands"

2. Uninterested: "none who seeks for God"

3. Unkind: "none who does good"

**B. Conversation:** "they keep deceiving" (vv.13-14)

1. Deception: "they keep deceiving"

2. Destruction: "poison...under their lips"

3. Denunciation: "cursing and bitterness"

**C. Conduct:** "destruction and misery" (vv.15-17)

1. Deadly: "swift to shed blood" (v.15)

2. Distressful: "misery in their paths" (v.16)

3. Disorderly: "path of peace...not known" (v.17)

**D. Carelessness:** "No fear of God" (v.18)

#### **III. LIABILITY: "accountable to God" (vv.19-20)**

**A. Result:** "every mouth...closed" (v.19)

**B. Reason:** "no flesh...justified" (v.20)

## Romans 3:9-20

v.9 What then?

Are we better than they?

Not at all;

for we have already charged that both Jews

and

Greeks

are all under sin;

v.10 as it is written,

"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS,

NOT EVEN ONE;

v.11 THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,

THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

v.12 ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE,

TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;

THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,

THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

v.13 "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,

WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,"

"THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS";

v.14 "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING

AND

BITTERNESS";

**Romans 3:9-20** (cont)

v.15 "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT  
TO SHED BLOOD,  
v.16 DESTRUCTION  
AND  
MISERY  
ARE IN THEIR PATHS,  
v.17 AND  
THE PATH OF PEACE HAVE THEY NOT KNOWN."  
v.18 "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."  
v.19 Now we know  
that whatever the Law says,  
it speaks to those who are under the Law, 4  
that every mouth may be closed,  
and  
all the world may become accountable to God;  
v.20 because by the works of the Law  
no flesh will be justified  
in His sight;  
for through the Law  
comes the knowledge  
of sin.

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Date: **March 15, 2020**

The Full Title: **"Unbelief Condemned"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 3:1-8**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

Our seventh message in Romans focuses on those who really don't trust God. Paul condemns the **UNBELIEF** of Jews, even though they had an advantaged position and the sign of circumcision... they had even been entrusted with the very oracles of God! They were extraordinary in every way, but as a nation they chose to not trust God. Though they lived in disbelief, this did not nullify the faithfulness of God. May it never be! God is the only one who is proving Himself genuine, real and blameless, otherwise He could never judge the falsehoods of mankind. The **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS** of men is not required to demonstrate the righteousness of God. He is holy, and His wrath is just, so His judgment will be correct - we are not to do evil they good may come. Our sin does not benefit God by making His truthfulness stand out. Thus, His condemnation of sinners is also just and deserved.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

advantage Jew oracles-of-God unbelief faithfulness righteousness judge condemnation

## **“Unbelief Condemned”**

### **Romans 3:1-8**

#### **I. UNBELIEF: "some did not believe" (vv.1-4)**

##### **A. Exhibit A: "advantage...benefit" (vv.1-2)**

1. Question: "Then what advantage has the Jew?" (v.1)
  
2. Answer: "they entrusted with the oracles of God" (v.2)

##### **B. Exhibit B: "faithfulness of God" (vv.3-4)**

1. Question: "their unbelief will not nullify?" (v.3)
  
2. Answer: "May it never be! Let God be found true" (v.4)

#### **II. UNRIGHTEOUSNESS: "condemnation" (vv.5-8)**

##### **A. Exhibit C: "righteousness of God" (vv.5-6)**

1. Question: "God...is not unrighteous, is He?" (v.5)
  
2. Answer: "May it never be! God (will) judge" (v.6)

##### **B. Exhibit D: "condemnation is just" (vv.7-8)**

1. Question: "Let us do evil that good may come?" (vv.7-8a)
  
2. Answer: "Their condemnation is just" (v.8b)

## Romans 3:1-8

v.1 Then  
what advantage has the Jew?  
Or  
what is the benefit of circumcision?

v.2 Great in every respect.  
First of all,  
that they were entrusted  
with the oracles of God.

v.3 What then?  
If some did not believe,  
their unbelief  
will not nullify  
the faithfulness of God,  
will it?

v.4 May it never be!  
Rather,  
let God be found  
true,  
though  
every man be *found*  
a liar,  
as it is written,  
“THAT THOU MIGHTEST BE JUSTIFIED  
IN THY WORDS,  
AND  
MIGHTEST PREVAIL  
WHEN THOU ART JUDGED.”

**Romans 3:1-8 (cont)**

v.5 But  
if our unrighteousness  
demonstrates the righteousness of God,  
what shall we say?

The God who inflicts wrath  
is not unrighteous,  
is He?  
(I am speaking in human terms.)

v.6 May it never be!  
For otherwise how will God judge the world?

v.7 But  
if through my lie  
the truth of God abounded  
to His glory,  
why am I also still judged as a sinner?

v.8 And  
why not *say*  
(as we are slanderously reported  
and  
as some affirm that we say),  
“Let us do evil  
that good may come?”

Their condemnation is just.



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Date: **March 8, 2020**

The Full Title: **"Religious Condemned"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 2:17-29**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

Our sixth message in Romans condemns those who think they are saved simply by being religious. All who are **SELF-CONFIDENT** in their personal accomplishments have taken the wrong **direction**. They claim superiority because of their *special* lineage, Law, private God, knowledge and discernment. They had strong confidence in their *skill* as guides, lights, correctors and teachers - but they had **deviated** from the truth by breaking the Law, *shamefully* dishonoring God and *slanderosly* blaspheming His name. These individuals are **SELF-SERVING** as they misuse the purpose of circumcision. They cause **division** away from God - practicing physical circumcision while breaking the spiritual Law. Keeping only the external requirements of the Law is of no real value, as this only *severs* them from God - the uncircumcised keeper of the Law will become their judge and *sentence* them. Paul makes the **distinction** clear that a Jew is not one who is *physically* descended in the flesh from Abraham, but one who is *spiritually* circumcised in the heart by the Spirit, and his praise comes from God, not men.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

Jew Law confident blasphemed circumcision judge transgressor Jew-inwardly heart praise

# **“Religious Condemned”**

## **Romans 2:17-29**

### **I. SELF-CONFIDENT: "the name 'Jew'" (vv.17-24)**

#### **A. Direction:** "instructed out of the Law" (vv.17-20)

1. Special: "bear...rely...boast...know...approve" (vv.17-18)
  
2. Skilled: "guide...light...corrector...teacher" (vv.19-20)

#### **B. Deviation:** "breaking the Law" (vv.21-24)

1. Shameful: "do you dishonor God?" (vv.21-23)
  
2. Slanderous: "name of God is blasphemed" (v.24)

### **II. SELF-SERVING: "circumcision" (vv.25-29)**

#### **A. Division:** "if he keeps the Law" (vv.25-27)

1. Severance: "circumcision is of value, if..." (v.25)
  
2. Sentence: "uncircumcised...will...judge you" (vv.26-27)

#### **B. Distinction:** "circumcision...flesh/Spirit" (vv.28-29)

1. Physical: "he is not a Jew...outwardly (flesh)" (v.28)
  
2. Spiritual: "he is a Jew...inwardly (Spirit)" (v.29)

**Romans 2:17-29**

v.17 But if you bear the name "Jew,"

and

rely upon the Law,

and

boast in God,

v.18 and

know *His* will,

and

approve the things that are essential,

being instructed out of the Law,

v.19 and

are confident that you yourself

are a guide to the blind,

a light to those who are in darkness,

v.20 a corrector of the foolish,

a teacher of the immature,

having in the Law

the embodiment

of knowledge

and

of the truth,

**Romans 2:17-29** (cont)

v.21 you, therefore, who teach another,

do you not teach yourself?

You who preach that one should not steal,

do you steal?

v.22 You who say that one should not commit adultery,

do you commit adultery?

You who abhor idols,

do you rob temples?

v.23 You who boast in the Law,

through your breaking the Law,

do you dishonor God?

v.24 For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED

AMONG THE GENTILES

BECAUSE OF YOU,"

just as it is written.

v.25 For indeed circumcision is of value,

if you practice the Law;

but

if you are a transgressor of the Law,

your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

v.26 If therefore the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law,

will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

**Romans 2:17-29** (cont)

v.27           And  
will not he who is physically uncircumcised,  
if he keeps the Law,  
will he not judge you  
who though having the letter *of the Law*  
and  
circumcision  
are a transgressor of the Law?

v.28           For he is not a Jew  
who is one outwardly;  
neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

v.29           But  
he is a Jew who is one inwardly;  
and  
circumcision is that which is of the heart,  
by the Spirit,  
not  
by the letter;  
and  
his praise is not from men,  
but  
from God.

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Date: **March 1, 2020**

The Full Title: "**Self-Righteous Condemned**"

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 2:1-16**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

Our fifth message in Romans condemns the self-righteous. Paul exposes the **HYPOCRISY** of those who pass judgment on others, while justifying themselves, even though they do the same things. Those who judge others in this way will surely receive the judgment of God. Paul reveals their **HARDNESS** because they disdain God's kindness, forbearance and patience - He seeks to lead them to repentance, but they only store up God's wrath, ignoring His kindness. The distinction is clear - the righteous seek God in doing good, but the unrighteous are self-seeking in doing evil. Evil-doers will receive distress, but good-doers will be honored. The **HARVEST** will ultimately come with the expectation that only doers of the Law being justified. Paul's explanation is that all men instinctively know the things of the Law, it is written in their hearts and on their conscience - God will judge the secrets of men through Jesus Christ.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

without-excuse passes-judgment repentance wrath no-partiality-with-God Law conscience

## **“Self-Righteous Condemned”**

### **Romans 2:1-16**

#### **I. HYPOCRISY: "you are without excuse" (vv.1-3)**

**A. Justified:** "you judge another" (v.1)

**B. Judged:** "judgment of God rightly falls" (vv.2-3)

#### **II. HARDNESS: "stubbornness...unrepentant" (vv.4-11)**

**A. Disdain:** "you think lightly...of His kindness" (vv.4-6)

1. Wooing: "God leads you to repentance" (v.4)

2. Warning: "you are storing up wrath" (vv.5-6)

**B. Distinction:** "doing good...do not obey" (vv.7-8)

1. God-Seeking: "perseverance in doing good" (v.7)

2. Self-Seeking: "selfishly ambitious" (v.8)

**C. Distress:** "no partiality with God" (vv.9-11)

1. Evil-Doers: "tribulation and distress" (v.9)

2. Good-Doers: "glory and honor and peace" (vv.10-11)

#### **III. HARVEST: "the work of the Law" (vv.12-16)**

**A. Expectation:** "not hearers...but doers" (vv.12-13)

**B. Explanation:** "are a Law to themselves" (vv.14-16)

1. Morals: "conscience bearing witness" (vv.14-15)

2. Motives: "God will judge the secrets of men" (v.16)

## Romans 2:1-16

- v.1 Therefore  
you are without excuse,  
every man of you who passes judgment,  
for in that you judge another,  
you condemn yourself;  
for you who judge practice the same things.
- v.2 And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls  
upon those who practice such things.
- v.3 And do you suppose this, O man,  
when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things  
and  
do the same yourself,  
that you will escape the judgment of God?
- v.4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness  
and  
forbearance  
and  
patience,  
not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
- v.5 But because of your stubbornness  
and  
unrepentant heart  
you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath  
and  
revelation  
of the righteous judgment of God,
- v.6 who WILL RENDER TO EVERY MAN  
ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:



**Romans 2:1-16** (cont)

- v.7           to those who by perseverance in doing good  
                  seek for glory  
                          and  
                          honor  
                          and  
                          immortality,  
  eternal life;
- v.8           but  
                  to those who are selfishly ambitious  
                          and  
                          do not obey the truth,  
                          but  
                          obey unrighteousness,  
                                  wrath  
                                  and  
                                  indignation.
- v.9           There will be tribulation  
                          and  
                          distress  
  for every soul of man who does evil,  
  of the Jew first  
  and  
  also the Greek,
- v.10           but  
                          glory  
                          and  
                          honor  
                          and  
                          peace  
  to every man who does good,  
  to the Jew first  
  and  
  also to the Greek.
- v.11           For there is no partiality with God.

**Romans 2:1-16** (cont)

v.12 For all who have sinned  
without the Law  
will also perish  
without the Law;  
and all who have sinned  
under the Law  
will be judged  
by the Law;

v.13 for not the hearers of the Law  
are just before God,  
but  
the doers of the Law  
will be justified.

v.14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law  
do instinctively the things of the Law,  
these, not having the Law,  
are a law to themselves,

v.15 in that they show the work of the Law  
written in their hearts,  
their conscience bearing witness,  
and  
their thoughts alternately accusing  
or else  
defending them,

v.16 on the day when,  
according to my gospel,  
God will judge the secrets of men  
through Christ Jesus.

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Date: **February 23, 2020**

The Full Title: **"When Rights are Wrong"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 1:24-32**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This fourth message continues the third by revealing the practical consequences of being under the wrath of God. Unrepentant sinners, persisting in their rebellion, undergo three levels of God's anger: First, they are **DEFILED** physically as God gives them over *to impurity* (moral uncleanness) - this dishonoring of their bodies produces *shame*. They *swap* the truth of God for the lie, foolishly worshiping and serving the creature rather than the Creator. Secondly, they are **DISTRESSED** emotionally as God gives them over *to degrading passions* (ungovernable affections) - females *substituting* their God-given function and males *surrendering* their God-given function - committing indecent acts and receiving the penalty for their sins. Thirdly, they are **DEPRAVED** mentally as God gives them over *to a depraved mind* (disapproved conscience) - they are totally confused in their reasoning. Using their *enlightenment* to do what is improper, they are *enslaved* to a variety of sins and *enable* other sinners to do the same.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

God-gave-them-over impurity exchanged degrading-passions burned indecent penalty  
abandoned depraved-mind

## **“When Rights are Wrong”** **Romans 1:24-32**

- I. DEFILED: "gave them over...to impurity" (vv.24-25)**
  - A. Shame:** "that their bodies might be dishonored" (v.24)
  
  - B. Swap:** "exchanged the truth of God" (v.25)
    - 1. Deception: "exchanged the truth of God for a lie"
  
    - 2. Devotion: "worshiped and served the creature"
  
- II. DISTRESSED: "over to degrading passions" (vv.26-27)**
  - A. Substitution:** "exchanged the natural function" (v.26)
  
  - B. Surrender:** "abandoned the natural function" (v.27)
    - 1. Perversion: "burned in their desire"
  
    - 2. Penalty: "receiving...the due penalty"
  
- III. DEPRAVED: "over to a depraved mind" (vv.28-32)**
  - A. Enlightened:** "to do those things...not proper" (v.28)
    - 1. Problem: "did not see fit to acknowledge God"
  
    - 2. Perversion: "to do those things which are not proper"
  
  - B. Enslaved:** "being filled...full of...they are..." (vv.29-31)
    - 1. Heart: "being filled with all unrighteousness..." (v.29a)
  
    - 2. Habits: "they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God..." (vv.29b-31)
  
  - C. Enabling:** "they...give hearty approval" (v.32)

## Romans 1:24-32

v.24 Therefore

God gave them over

in the lusts of their hearts

to impurity,

that their bodies might be dishonored among them.

v.25 For they exchanged the truth of God

for

a lie,

and

worshiped

and

served

the creature

rather than

the Creator,

who is blessed forever.

Amen.

**Romans 1:24-32** (cont)

v.26 For this reason

God gave them over

to degrading passions;

for their women exchanged

the natural function

for

that which is unnatural,

v.27 and in the same way also

the men abandoned the natural function

of the woman

and

burned in their desire

toward one another,

men with men

committing indecent acts

and

receiving

in their own persons

the due penalty of their error.

**Romans 1:24-32 (cont)**

v.28           And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer,  
                  God gave them over  
  to a depraved mind,  
                                  to do those things which are not proper,  
v.29                           being filled with all unrighteousness,  
  wickedness,  
  greed,  
  evil;  
                                  full of envy,  
  murder,  
  strife,  
  deceit,  
  malice;  
                          they are gossips,  
v.30                           slanderers,  
                                  haters of God,  
                                  insolent,  
                                  arrogant,  
                                  boastful,  
                                  inventers of evil,  
                                  disobedient to parents,  
v.31                           without understanding,  
                                  untrustworthy,  
                                  unloving,  
                                  unmerciful;  
v.32           and, although they know the ordinance of God,  
                                  that those who practice such things are worthy of death,  
                          they not only do the same,  
                                  but also  
                                  give hearty approval to those who practice them.

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Date: **February 16, 2020**

The Full Title: **“Why God's Wrath?”**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 1:18-23**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This third message explains two reasons why God's wrath is being revealed. First, because of the general **DEFIANCE** of mankind - they are being **condemned** for their ungodliness (disregard of God) and for their unrighteousness (injustice toward men). Their own conscience clearly reveals that they have an intimate knowledge of God, and that they are without excuse because they have received both special and general revelation about God Himself. Secondly, God's wrath is being revealed because of their personal **DISRESPECT** of God Himself - they have refused to honor God and to give Him thanks for who He is and for all that He has done. The results of this irreverence toward God is that they are being *seduced* in their thinking (unsuccessful lifestyle), made *senseless* in their hearts (spiritually depraved) and becoming *stupid* in their character (morally worthless).

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

wrath revealed suppress-the-truth is-evident-within without-excuse they-knew-God  
did-not-honor-God did-not-give-thanks they-became-fools



## **“Why God's Wrath?”** **Romans 1:18-23**

### **I. DEFIANCE: "the wrath of God" (vv.18-20)**

#### **A. Condemned: "being revealed from heaven" (v.18)**

1. Irreverent: "against all ungodliness and unrighteousness"
2. Insubordinate: "who suppress the truth"

#### **B. Conscience: "is evident within them" (vv.19-20)**

1. Intimate: "known about God" (v.19)
  - a. Internally Apparent: "is evident within them"
  - b. Externally Displayed: "made it evident to them"
2. Indefensible: "they are without excuse" (v.20)
  - a. Special Revelation: "invisible...have been clearly seen"
  - b. General Revelation: "understood through what has been made"

### **II. DISRESPECT: "they knew God" (vv.21-23)**

#### **A. Refusal: "did not honor...give thanks" (v.21a)**

1. Inconsiderate: "they did not honor Him as God"
2. Indifferent: "they did not...give thanks"

#### **B. Results: "futile...darkened...fools" (vv.21b-23)**

1. Seduced: "became futile in their speculations" (v.21b)
2. Senseless: "their foolish heart was darkened" (v.21c)
3. Stupid: "they became fools" (vv.22-23)
  - a. Assertion: "professing to be wise...fools"
  - b. Substitution: "exchanged the glory of...God"

## Romans 1:18-23

v.18 For the wrath of God

is revealed from heaven

against all

ungodliness

and

unrighteousness of men,

who suppress

the truth

in unrighteousness,

v.19 because that which is known about God

is evident

within them;

for God

made it evident

to them.

v.20 For since the creation of the world

His invisible attributes,

His eternal power

and

divine nature,

have been clearly seen,

being understood

through what has been made,

so that they are without excuse.

**Romans 1:18-23 (cont)**

v.21 For even though

they knew God,

they did not honor Him as God,

or

give thanks;

but

they became futile in their speculations,

and

their foolish heart was darkened.

v.22 Professing to be wise,

they became fools,

v.23 and exchanged the glory

of the incorruptible God

for an image

in the form

of corruptible man

and

of birds

and

four-footed animals

and

crawling creatures.

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Date: **February 9, 2020**

The Full Title: **“Paul's Purpose in Writing”**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 1:8-17**

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With this second message, Paul's purpose in writing is revealed. His **GRATEFULNESS** to God caused him to do three things: (1) praise the Roman believers for their faith that was being proclaimed around the world; (2) unceasingly pray that God would allow him to come to them in person; and (3) explain that his purpose in coming was to use his spiritual gifts to establish and encourage them. His **GOAL** in visiting included a plan to obtain some fruit, both among believers and unbelievers, so he was prepared to preach the gospel there in Rome. Paul was **GUILTLESS** when it came to the gospel - as he defended it without shame or fear of ridicule. His personal belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ had rescued him by God's power, and given him salvation. The gospel of Christ reveals the righteousness of God and restores each believer - starting and finishing with faith in Christ alone.

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

I-thank-my-God your-faith the-gospel making-request succeed-in-coming fruit obligation  
eager-to-preach salvation righteousness

February 9, 2020

**“Paul's Purpose in Writing”**

## **Romans 1:8-17**

### **I. GRATEFUL: "I thank my God" (vv.8-12)**

**A. Praise:** "your faith is being proclaimed" (v.8)

**B. Prayers:** "unceasingly I make mention" (vv.9-10)

**C. Purpose:** "may impart some spiritual gift" (vv.11-12)

1. Confirm: "that you may be established" (v.11)

2. Comfort: "that I may be encouraged" (v.12)

### **II. GOAL: "that I might obtain some fruit" (vv.13-15)**

**A. Planned:** "to come to you" (vv.13-14)

1. Reason: "that I might obtain some fruit" (v.13)

2. Requirement: "I am under obligation" (v.14)

**B. Prepared:** "eager to preach to you" (v.15)

### **III. GUILTLESS: "not ashamed of the gospel" (vv.16-17)**

**A. Rescued:** "the power of God" (v.16)

1. Conviction: "not ashamed of the gospel"

2. Conclusion: "for salvation to everyone who believes"

**B. Restored:** "the righteousness of God" (v.17)

1. Manifested: "revealed from faith to faith"

2. Mandatory: "the righteous man shall live by faith"

*Next week: Read Romans 1:18-23*

**Romans 1:8-17**

v.8 First,  
I thank my God  
through Jesus Christ  
for you all,  
because your faith is being proclaimed  
throughout the whole world.

v.9 For God,  
whom I serve  
in my spirit  
in the *preaching of the* gospel of His Son,  
is my witness  
as to how unceasingly I make mention of you,  
always in my prayers  
making request,  
if perhaps now  
at last  
by the will of God  
I may succeed in coming to you.

v.11 For I long to see you  
in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you,  
that you may be established;

v.12 that is,  
that I may be encouraged  
together with you  
*while* among you,  
each of us by the other's faith,  
both yours and mine.

v.13 And I do not want you to be unaware,  
brethren,  
that often I have planned to come to you  
(and have been prevented thus far)  
in order that I might obtain some fruit among you also,  
even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

v.14 I am under obligation  
both to Greeks  
and  
to barbarians,  
both to the wise  
and  
to the foolish.

v.15 Thus,  
for my part,  
I am eager to preach the gospel to you also  
who are in Rome

v.16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
for it is the power of God  
for salvation to everyone who believes,  
to the Jew first  
and also  
to the Greek.

v.17 For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed  
from faith to faith;  
as it is written,

"BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man*  
SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

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Date: **February 2, 2020**

The Full Title: **"The Heart of Romans"**

Series Name: **Romans**

Up to 2 Scripture References: **Romans 1:1-7**

A brief **outline/overview/description** of the message. This would be something that someone looking at the message information would want to know about the message.

This opening message from the letter to the Romans puts the focus on the gospel of God - the heart of Paul's message to the believers in Rome. Our **WRITER** is Paul - a slave of Christ Jesus, summoned as an apostle and separated for the gospel of God. The **REASON** for writing was promised beforehand in both *words* and *writing* - the gospel of God. Salvation was provided through one Savior - the *man* born of David, our *maker* declared to be the Son of God and our *master* Jesus Christ. The **READERS** of this letter to Rome were designated as *saints* and Paul's sincere desire was for them to have God's *grace* (divine favor) and *peace* (inner tranquility).

Up to 10 **key words** from the message that someone might be searching on.

Paul an-apostle gospel-of-God Jesus-Christ resurrection-from-the-dead Gentiles called Rome saints



# **“The Heart of Romans”**

## **Romans 1:1-7**

### **I. WRITER: "Paul" (v.1)**

**A. Slave:** "a bond-servant of Christ Jesus"

**B. Summoned:** "called as an apostle"

**C. Separated:** "set apart for the gospel"

### **II. REASON: "the gospel of God" (vv.2-6)**

**A. Promised:** "He promised beforehand" (v.2)

1. In Words: "through His prophets"

2. In Writing: "in the holy Scriptures"

**B. Provided:** "concerning His Son" (vv.3-6)

1. Man: "born of a descendant of David" (v.3)

2. Maker: "was declared the Son of God" (v.4)

3. Master: "Jesus Christ our Lord" (vv.5-6)

### **III. READERS: "in Rome...saints" (v.7)**

**A. Designation:** "called as saints"

**B. Desire:** "grace to you and peace"

*Next week: Read Romans 1:8-17*

**Romans 1:1-7**

v.1 Paul,

a bond-servant

of Christ Jesus,

called

as an apostle,

set apart

for the gospel of God,

v.2 which He promised beforehand

through His prophets

in the holy Scriptures,

v.3 concerning His Son,

who was born of a descendent of David

according to the flesh,

v.4 who was declared the Son of God

with power

by the resurrection from the dead,

according to the Spirit of holiness,

**Romans 1:1-7 (cont)**

Jesus Christ our Lord,

v.5 through whom we have received grace  
and  
apostleship

to bring about the obedience of faith

among all the Gentiles,

for His name's sake,

v.6 among whom you also are the called  
of Jesus Christ;

v.7 to all who are

beloved of God

in Rome,

called as saints:

Grace to you

and

peace

from God our Father

and

the Lord Jesus Christ.