

The Italian Roadmap — 06/28/20

TEXT- Rom 1:16-17 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one 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.*

INTRO — The Apostle Paul, called to be an apostle to the Gentiles, defines the gospel as the power of God for salvation and the revealer of the righteousness of God whereby men are declared sinful, both Jew and Greek are justified by faith and declared righteous, the believer is sanctified through identification with Christ, Israel is sovereignly set aside for a time to allow Gentiles to be saved, and believers are enabled to live a righteous life of service in the church, the community, and the state in order to glorify God.

While all Scripture is inspired of God and profitable, there are some parts of the Bible that contain more doctrinal truth than others.

- **Augustine** was converted through reading Romans.
- **Martin Luther** launched the Reformation on **Rom 1:17** “*The just shall live by faith.*”
- **John Wesley**, founder of Methodism, was converted while listening to someone read from Luther’s commentary on Romans. If there is one book that every Christian should understand, it is this epistle.

(1) **It presents doctrinal truths** — justification, sanctification, adoption, judgment, and identification with Christ.

(2) **It presents dispensational truth** in chapters 9-11, showing the relationship between Israel and the church in the eternal plan of God.

(3) **It presents practical truth**, teaching the secret of Christian victory over the flesh, the duties Christians have toward each other, and their relationship to government.

Romans is the first of three letters in the NT based on one verse of Scripture — **Hab 2:4**, “The just shall live by his faith.”

Rom 1:17 (the theme of Romans is *the just*),

Gal 3:11 (the theme of Galatians is how the just *shall live*), and

Heb 10:38 (the theme of Hebrews is living *by faith*).

Introduction (Rom 1:1-17)

I. Sin (1:18-3:20 — Righteousness Needed)

A. The Gentiles under sin (**Rom 1:18-32**)

B. The Jews under sin (**2:1-3:8**)

C. The whole world under sin **Rom 3:10-12** *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.

Rom 3:20 *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.*

II. Salvation (3:21-5:21 — Righteousness Imputed)

Justification explained (**Rom 3:21-31**)

Rom 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Rom 5:8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Rom 5:12 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

Gal 3:24-25 *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

III. Sanctification (6-8 — Righteousness Imparted)

A. Our new position in Christ (**Rom 6:1-23**)

Rom 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

B. Our new problem in the flesh (**Rom 7:1-25**)

Rom 7:21-25 *I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*

C. Our new power in the Spirit (**Rom 8:1-39**)

Rom 8:1-6 *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. 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.*

IV. Sovereignty (9-11 — Righteousness Rejected)

A. Israel's past election (**Rom 9:1-33**)

Rom 9:2-4 *That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: 4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;*

B. Israel's present rejection (**Rom 10:1-21**)

Rom 10:1-3 *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*

Rom 10:12-13 *For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

C. Israel's future redemption (**Rom 11:1-36**)

Rom 11:1-2 *I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,*

V. Service (12:1-15:13 — Righteousness Practiced)

A. Consecration to God (**Rom 12:1-21**)

Rom 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

B. Subjection to authority (**Rom 13:1-14**)

Rom 13:1-4 *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.*

C. Consideration for the weak (14:1-15:13)

Rom 14:1 *Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.*

VI. Conclusion (15:14-16:27)

A. Paul's faithfulness in the ministry (**Rom 15:14-21**)

Rom 15:16 *That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*

B. Paul's future in the ministry (**Rom 15:22-33**)

C. Paul's friends in the ministry (**Rom 16:1-23**)

D. Final benediction (**Rom 16:24-27**)

Rom 16:24-27 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. 25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: 27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.*

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