

# Introduction and Theme of the Letter and of Paul's Preaching Romans 1:1-16

1. Occasion of the letter
2. Paul's greetings (1:1-7)
  - Because God promised the world long ago through the prophets of his people Israel that he would give the Gospel to his people, he chose Paul to be an apostle and give him the work of telling the world this Good News.
  - So, through Christ, God chose and gave men the special work of an apostle?
  - Who was the Roman church?
  - So, to you be the grace and peace that only comes from God and Jesus Christ
3. Paul's plans (1:8-13)
  - Do you (and I) thank God for every Christian here in Kannapolis? The world? -- what should that thanksgiving move us to do?
  - Are they talking about our great faith in other places?
  - Paul knows what God called and charged him to do; it is what he wants to do – what does he want to do?
  - Why does he want to go? – mutual encouragement and edification -- to sit beside one another to for strength and courage and to share the truth with each other (to share and understand); the joy of fellowship and learning
  - Are we eager to fellowship one another?
  - Are we eager to learn and know God and His Word?
4. Paul's mission (1:14-17)
  - Paul is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ that he is under obligation and moved to teach to anyone
  - Why? – because it is the power God uses to save everyone who believes that power
5. The reasons Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel (1:16-17)
  - It is the power of God to save all -- anyone and everyone who believes (16)
  - It is the righteousness of God for every believer (17)
6. The elements of the Gospel (1:16-17) (from Richard Rogers)
  - the source of the gospel – God
  - the nature of the gospel – power

- the purpose of the gospel – salvation
  - the scope of the gospel – everyone
  - the requirements of the gospel – believe
  - the efficiency of the gospel – righteousness of God revealed
  - the outcome of the gospel – life
7. Paul's loyalty to the gospel and his service to preach it:
- Paul's own faith, life, and work is a living testimony of the powerful mercy of God (1 Timothy 1:12-17)
  - Paul was not ashamed of the gospel and he risked everything to preach it to whomever God sent him to preach it ( 2 Timothy 1:12-17)
  - Paul's greatest joy was in the preaching of the gospel (Philippians 1:12-26)

## The Righteousness of God

### Romans 1:18-3:20

1. God's righteous wrath toward man's unrighteousness (1:18-32)
  - Unbelief is without reason (18-20)
  - Inevitable consequence of unbelief (21-23)
  - Divine forsakenness of unbelief (24-31)
2. Principles of God's righteousness judgment (2:1-16)
  - Based on personal practice (1-2)
  - Man cannot escape it (3)
  - God's goodness (4-5)
  - Impartial elements of regrets and rewards (6-11)
  - Universal (12-16)
3. God's judgment and Israel's claim of righteousness (2:17-29)
  - Their claim of privilege (17-18), superiority (19-20)
  - God's claim of their responsibility and accountability (21-24)
  - True and real circumstances (26-31)
4. God's righteous faithfulness (3:1-8)
  - Israel had no advantage (1-2)
  - Man's faithfulness does not judge God (3-4)
  - Man's sinfulness does not increase God's goodness (5-6)
  - Because our sinfulness condemns us, we deserve God's wrath (7-8)
5. The final verdict – no one is righteous (3:9-20)

- Verdict is all under sin (9)
- Evidence (10-18)
- Sin and law (19-20)

Summary of God's Righteousness (1:18-3:20)

- God's righteous wrath (1)
- God's righteous judgment (2)
- God's righteous faithfulness (3)

## Saved By Grace Romans 3:21-8:39

### Righteousness by Faith Romans 3:21-4:25

1. Jesus paid the price (3:21-31)
  - Characteristics of God's righteousness revealed in the gospel (21-26)
  - Not by our works but by our faith (27-31)
2. Justified by faith (4:1-25)
  - Abraham (1-8)
  - Grace not law – grace requires faith not works. (9-17)
  - Faith and resurrection (18-25)

### Saved by Grace Romans 5:1-7:25

3. The results of justified by grace (5:1-21)
  - The hope of grace (1-11)
  - Foundation of right and wrong, foundation of righteousness (12-21)
4. Justification and sin (6:1-23)
  - Summary (1:18-5:21)
  - Overview – Deliverance from the power of sin (6:1-8:39)
  - Baptism (1-14)
  - Righteousness and the practice of faith (15-23)
5. Justified and law (7:1-13)
  - Summary (3:19-4:20)
  - Not under law if justified (1-6)

- Law and sin (7-13)
6. Justified and the flesh (7:14-25)
- Law is spiritual but man is carnal
  - Man is in moral conflict and the law cannot save
  - Who will save us from sin?!
7. Justified and holy (8:1-39)
- Life in the Spirit – the Spirit is able (1-4)
  - Life in the Spirit -- The Spirit and the flesh (5-11)
  - Heirs with God and the Holy Spirit (12-17)
  - Future glory and the outcome of God's eternal purpose (18-30)
  - God's eternal love (31-39)

## The Will of God Romans 9:1-11:36

1. God's sovereign choice (9:1-33)
- Israel's rejection and Paul's desire for them (1-5)
  - Israel's rejection and God's faithfulness (6-13)
  - Israel's rejection and God's justice (14-18)
  - Israel's rejection and God's power (19-29)
  - Israel's rejection and God's righteousness (30-33)
2. God's will for Israel (10:1-21)
- Cause of Israel's failure (1-4)
  - Righteousness by works and by faith (5-11)
  - Righteousness by faith for all (12-21)
3. The true Israel (11:1-36)
- Remnant (1-10)
  - Gentiles (11-24)
  - Israel (25-32)
  - God's judgments (33-36)

## The Life of Grace/Life of Faith Romans 12:1-16:27

1. Devoted living (12:1-21)
  - A life transformed (1-2)
  - Gifts of grace (3-8)
  - Marks of Christian living (9-21)
  
2. Civil Responsibility (13:1-14)
  - To civil authority (1-7)
  - Love and duty to all (8-10)
  - Walking among them all (11-14)
  
3. Duty to Love the brethren (14:1-23)
  - Not judge one another (1-12)
  - To edify one another (13-23)
  
4. Christ's example of love (15:1-13)
  - What Jesus' life teaches us (1-7)
  - The savior of the world (8-13)
  
5. Final exhortations (15:14-16:27)
  - Apostolic ministry (15:14-21)
  - Apostolic desire (15:22-33)
  - Examples of service (16:1-15)
  - Final exhortations (16:16-24)
  - Doxology (16:25-27)

