

## Romans – A Survey

### “The Gospel - Revealing The Righteousness of God”

#### I. Introductory Matters (1:1-17)

##### A. Epistolary greetings (1:1-7)

1. The messenger of God – Paul (v.1a-c)
  - a. Servant of God – δουλος- **bond slave**, (I Cor. 6:19-20) out of six Greek words Paul chose the strongest to describe this “servant” relationship to Christ.
    - 1) Bond Slave first, then an apostle.
    - 2) Christ bought me with His precious blood (Eph. 1:7)
  - b. Called an Apostle
    - 1) A called **Apostle**
    - 2) Must have seen the risen Lord – (Acts 1:22; I Cor. 9:1)
    - 3) Call must have come from the Lord directly – (Acts 9:15)
  - c. Separated unto the Gospel – Three separations in Paul’s life
    - 1) Separated from my mother’s womb (Gal 1:15)
    - 2) Separated from the world – on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3-6)
    - 3) Separated for missions – (Acts 13:2)
  - d. We are separated as well – purchased, called, & separated – now we must live up to it.
2. **The Gospel of God** (v.1d)
  - a. This Gospel was **promised previously** in the Holy Scriptures (v.2)
    - 1) 61 OT quotations (**Ex. Isaiah 53:5-6; Psalm 22**)
    - 2) Allusions to OT history, O.T. typology, and O.T. doctrine
  - b. This Gospel is “concerning His son Jesus Christ - DEITY.” (ευαγγελιον) (v.3)
    - 1) Not a social gospel
    - 2) Not a liberation theology gospel
    - 3) Not a feminist gospel
    - 4) Not a “health and wealth” gospel
    - 5) Not the Catholic Gospel
    - 6) Not the Mormon & JW gospel, etc...

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[Deo](#)

Glory to God in the  
highest Luke 2:14

- 7) **No ADD-ONS allowed!** No customer adjustment necessary. Comes complete from the **DIVINE factory**. Modify at your **OWN PERIL**. His Gospel, **His WAY**, Gal 1:8; No deviation, think about Lev 10:1 Nadab and Abihu, think about Uzzah and the ark (II Sam 6)
3. The Son of God (v.4)
- a. His Name
    - 1) Son of God – unique relationship to the Father
    - 2) Jesus – speaks to his humanity
    - 3) Christ – speaks to his **Messianic Office** – the Anointed One
    - 4) Lord – (κύριος ) speaks of his exalted person. (YHWH)
  - b. His humanity – of the seed of David (v. 3b)
  - c. His Deity – “According to the Spirit of holiness.” (v. 4b)
  - d. His authority – with power (v. 4a)
4. **The Saints of God** (v.7)
- a. Saints of God
  - b. Beloved of God
  - c. Blessing: Grace & Peace

## B. Establishing rapport (1:8-15)

- A. Thanksgiving for them (v. 8)
- B. His Prayer for them (v. 9-10)
- C. He wants to **“impart”** the benefits of his gifts to them (v. 11; cf. I Th. 2:8)
- D. His sense of **OBLIGATION - Debtor** (v. 14; Acts 9:15; Acts 22:21; Gal 2:7)
- E. Two tier society: Greeks – educated; Barbarians – uneducated (v. 14)
- F. The THREE **“I AMs”** of Paul.(v. 14,15,16)

## C. Emphasizing the theme (1:16-17)

Not human  
Power

- A. The **Power** (δυναμις; spiritual ability) of God (v. 16)
- B. The **priority of the Jew** (v. 16; cf. 3:2, 9:4,5, 11:1,2; John 4:22; Mk 7:27)
- C. The manifestation of **God’s Righteousness** (v. 17)

Paul always  
went to the  
synagogue  
first.

Unachievable  
By MAN

1. The **maintenance** of God’s Own Righteousness

2. The **imputation** of His Righteousness to the believer in Christ. To justify a person is to declare him legally righteous. Righteousness and justify come from the same GREEK stem: **δικαιωθεντες** justify Ro 5:1, **δικαιοσυνη**, Righteousness v.17
- D. From Saving faith to living faith (v. 17)

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