

Romans – A Survey

“The Gospel - Revealing The Righteousness of God”

I. Introductory Matters (1:1-17)

II. God’s Righteousness Revealed in Condemnation (Sin) (1:18-3:20)

III. God’s Righteousness Revealed in Justification (Salvation) (3:21-5:21)

A. Provided **righteousness explained** (3:21-31)

B. **Provided righteousness illustrated** (chap. 4)

C. **Provided righteousness enjoyed – (Romans 5:1 – 11)**

1. Blessings of Justification – Paul shows that “J” is a lasting thing, we are eternally secure. Seven spiritual blessings show us that we cannot be lost.

Is. 48:22 “there is no peace,...unto the wicked.”
Is. 32:17 “the work of “R” shall be peace.

a. Peace with God (v.1) Man was under condemnation (Ro. 8:1). God declared war against man. “J” means God now declares a legal state of peace. This has nothing to do with feelings, and is not to be confused with the peace of God in Phil. 4:8. Peace with God means the knowledge...• that one’s relationship with God has been restored. • that one is no longer alienated and separated from God. • that one is now reconciled with God. • that one is now accepted by God. • that one is freed from the wrath and judgment of God. • that one is freed from fearing God's wrath and judgment. • that one is now pleasing God.

Cf. Ex 19:12
“whosoever touches the mount shall surely die.”

b. Access to God (v.2a) In the O.T. the Jew was kept from God’s presence by the veil. Gentiles were not allowed into the temple at all. At Sinai bounds were drawn “lest they die.” In the present passage grace is looked upon as a place or a position for both Jew & Gentile. Grace is a place to which we are brought, a position into which we are placed. It is the place of God's presence, the position of salvation. The person who is justified... • stands in God's presence. • stands before God saved. • stands in the favor of God. • stands in the privileges of God. • stands in the promises of God.

Certain confidence for the future

c. Glorious HOPE (v. 2b) Peace with God takes care of the past & present & future. Access takes care of the present. Hope takes care of the future. Not the world’s “hope.” The hope of the believer is a surety: it is perfect assurance, confidence, and knowledge. How can hope be so absolute and assured? By being an inward possession. The believer's hope is based upon the presence of God's Spirit who dwells within the believer. The believer’s hope is called an “anchor of soul, both sure and steadfast” (Heb. 6:19). Glory means to possess and to be full of perfect light; to dwell in the perfect splendor and magnificence of God, the kingdom, the majesty of the heavens (Ps.19:1).

Character is developed.

d. Christian Character (v.3-4) When a man is truly justified, he is no longer defeated by trials and sufferings. Trials and sufferings (θλίψις - pressure, oppression, affliction, and distress) no longer discourage and swamp him, no longer cast him down into the dungeon of despair and hopelessness. The very opposite is true. Trials and sufferings become purposeful and meaningful. The truly justified man knows... • that his life and welfare are completely under

God's care and watchful eye. • therefore, whatever events come into his life—whether good or bad—they are allowed by God for a reason. The justified man knows that God will take the trials and sufferings of this world and **work them out for good**, even if God has to shape and move every event surrounding the believer.

i. Trials stir Patience (v.4) endurance, fortitude, steadfastness, constancy, perseverance. The word is not passive; it is active. It is not the spirit that just sits back and puts up with the trials of life, taking whatever may come. Rather it is the **spirit that stands up and faces life's trials**, that actively goes about conquering and overcoming them.

ii. Patience stir Experience (v.4) character, integrity, strength. The idea is that of proven experience, of gaining strength through the trials of life; therefore, the word is more **accurately translated character**. When a justified man endures trials, he comes out of it stronger than ever before.

iii. Experience stirs Hope (v.4) Hope is expectation, anticipation, looking and longing for, desiring, relying upon, and trusting, and also confidence.

e. God's Love Within (v.5-8) Hope never disappoints, deludes, deceives, confounds, confuses. The believer, the person who is truly justified, will never be disappointed or shamed. He will see his hope fulfilled. Love of God in our hearts (v.5b) He grows and matures us in the love of God, increasing our understanding of what God has done and is doing for us. He helps us learn more and more about our justification and more and more of the glorious salvation He promises. **The Holy Spirit...** • makes us conscious and aware of God's love, and gives us a deep and intimate sense of God's love. • makes us conscious and aware of God's presence, and of His care and concern for all that is involved in salvation.

The Holy Spirit
within us!

f. Salvation from Future Wrath (v.9-10) “A Fortiori Argument” Argument from a stronger to a lesser reason. If God saved us while we were enemies, will He not keep us when we are children? YES!!!! There is wrath to come, but not for the true believer. Christ is NOW interceding for us (He 7:25). Christ wrote us into His will. (Mat. 26:28). Then He died so that the will would be “in force.” He arose from the dead to enforce the will Himself. Thus, we are saved by His life!

Eternally Secure
“in Christ”

g. Reconciliation with God (v. 11) The KJV “atonement” should be “reconciliation.” Brought back into fellowship with God. Romans 1:18-3:20 tells us that we were at war with God. This passage tell us that God now declared “peace” with us.

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D. Provided righteousness contrasted – First Adam vs. Second Adam (Christ) (5:12-21)

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