



# The SALVATION Series

Part 2 – Romans Chapter 1

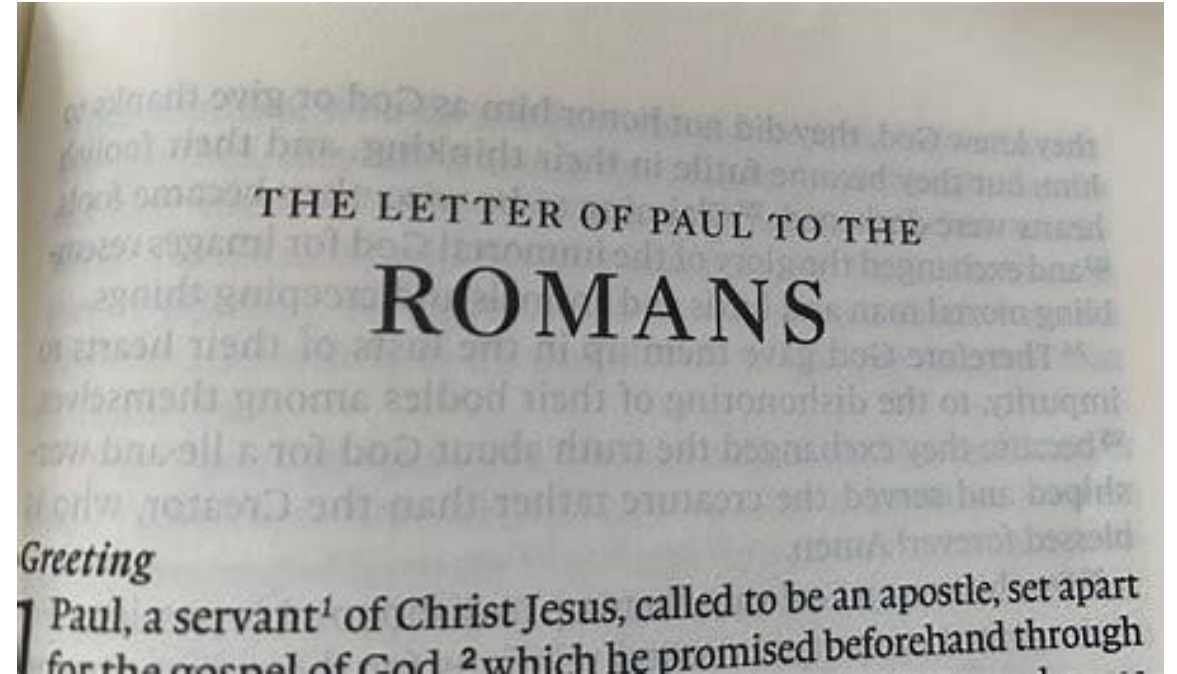


# Introduction

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- *Where is the Christian Constitution?  
It is the Book of Romans. To master  
its contents is to be grounded and  
settled in the Faith.*

**Robert Findlay 1721-1814**



# GOD

- The word “**God**” occurs 153 times in Romans; an average of once every 46 words
- This is more frequently than any other New Testament book.
- In comparison, note the frequency of other words used in Romans.
- *law* (72), *Christ* (65), *sin* (48), *Lord* (43), and *faith* (40).
- Romans deals with many different themes but as much as a book can be, **it is a book about God.**

# Called...

- *Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God<sup>2</sup> which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,*
- *<sup>3</sup> concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,<sup>4</sup> and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.*
- *<sup>5</sup> Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,<sup>6</sup> among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;*
- *<sup>7</sup> To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:*
- *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom 1:1-7*



Doulos...

- “*A servant of Jesus Christ, is a higher title than monarch of the world.*” (Poole)





# Separated..

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- We all like Paul have both been called and separated unto the Gospel.
- When we become Children of God, we are selected by Heaven for a special 'job' and purpose.
- We have all been chosen:
- <sup>9</sup> *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*
- <sup>10</sup> *who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.* 1 Peter 2:9



# The Prophets - Gospel

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- *He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.*  
Is 53:11
- *No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.*  
Jer 31:34



# Gospel in OT



- *Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?*
- *He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy*  
**Micah 7:18**
- *“Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy* **Dan 9:24**



# Gospel...



- The Gospel of God, or the Great Good News has been around for a long time!
- Its all over the Old Testament scriptures.
- It is now that we can understand what David meant when he said:
- *Blessed [fortunate, prosperous, favored by God] is he whose transgression is forgiven..*  
Ps 32:1



# Good News!

- There are billions of Sinners in this world.
- In their heart of hearts, they know the darkness of SIN
- Many feel helpless to change or address their sinfulness
- While others decide to become wanton and give in totally to the evil of Sin
- If we really communicate that SOMEONE can wipe away their SIN!....
- That someone has already paid off their debt!!
- THAT! Is GREAT NEWS!!



# GOSPEL

## Unashamed...

- *16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*  
Romans 1:16
- **I am not ashamed of the gospel:** This reveals Paul's heart. In a sophisticated city like Rome,
- some might be embarrassed by a gospel centered on a crucified Jewish Savior and embraced by the lowest classes of people —
- but Paul is not **ashamed**.



# Power...

- **For it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes:**
- This is *why* Paul is not ashamed of a Gospel centered on a crucified Savior.
- He knows that the gospel — the good news of Jesus Christ — has *inherent power*.
- We do not *give* it power, we only stop *hindering* the power of the Gospel when we present it effectively.



## By Faith...

- <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”



# Bestowed Upon...

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- It is essential to understand exactly what the righteousness of God revealed by the gospel is.
- It does not speak of the holy righteousness of God that *condemns* the guilty sinner,
- but of the God-kind of **righteousness** that is **given** to the sinner who puts their trust in Jesus Christ.
- David Guzik



# Wow!

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- William Barclay explains the meaning of this ancient Greek word *dikaioo*, which means
- *I justify,*
- or *account* or *reckon* a person as something.
- If God justifies a sinner, it does not mean that he finds reasons to prove that he was right — far from it.
- It does not even mean, at this point, that he makes the sinner a good man.
- It means that *God treats the sinner as if he had not been a sinner at all.*”

# MADE PURE

# Given...

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- This declaration is even greater when we understand that this is the **righteousness of GOD**
- given to the believer.
- It is not the righteousness of even the most holy *man*, nor is it the righteousness of innocent Adam in Eden.
- It is God's righteousness.
- "The righteousness which is unto justification is one characterized by the perfection belonging to all that God is and does.
- It is a 'God-righteousness.'" (Murray)



# Faith...

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- This faith (trust) in Jesus Christ becomes the basis of life
- for those who are justified (declared righteous);
- Truly, the just shall live by faith.
- They are not only *saved* by faith, but they live (come alive) by faith.



# Free...

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- These introductory verses show us that God did all the work of Salvation.
- God now freely gives us His nature and life without us 'working' for it.
- He wants us to put our TRUST in Him alone and His finished work.
- We cannot add or subtract from God's completed work on the Cross.
- We are to share this with mankind so that they can receive the free gift of Salvation.

*Oh Yes!* IT'S  
**FREE**



# Takeaways...

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- Reflect on what the Gospel is and what it is not.
- How has the Gospel been manipulated or twisted?
- How has Man tried to manufacture his own righteousness?
- Have you been weighed down with sin?
- Reflect with family on things we do to each other that are bad, sinful or wrong.
- Discuss Forgiveness or overlooking someone's sin like God did.

