

The Epistle Of Paul To The **ROMANS** Christianity Explained

Sunday September 27, 2015

Today's Message: Saved By Faith

Text: Romans 1:16-17

Message Purpose: Accepting Jesus as your Savior means that you are accepting the fact that the only righteousness that is good enough to warrant access into heaven and escape from God's wrath is God's righteousness, that God offers this righteousness to you as an individual as a free gift, and that the reception of that gift requires the acknowledgment and acceptance of Jesus Christ's death as the only just payment for sin.

The acceptance of that gift will radically change the way you look at and live in this world.

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Introduction:

In the previous study we examined Paul's address to his audience in Rome and gleaned from the text several attributes of the called, committed Christian. Paul concluded this introduction with a powerful statement concerning the gospel.

The Verses Examined

Romans 1:16 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.

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The Gospel of Christ -

The good news that God has provided a way of salvation for men through the gift of His Son.

The power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth

Therein -

That is, "in the gospel" it is revealed that the righteousness of God is imparted unto man through faith.

The gospel contains the power of God unto salvation, which is the transferring of the righteousness of God to man through faith.

Righteousness of God -

God's holiness, purity and perfection.

The only righteousness

suitable for entry into heaven and escape from God's judgment.

Revealed -

The righteousness of God imputed to man through faith is revealed in the gospel. V. 17

The wrath of God against all ungodliness and unrighteousness is revealed from heaven. V.18

Faith -

The belief, trust, and acceptance and confidence concerning God and His plan

A Truth Determined

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 4:16 Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace...

Rom 11:6 And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Grace - unmerited or undeserved favor

Gift - something freely given without payment in return

Work - exertion or effort
directed to produce or
accomplish something

Two possible plans for salvation:

- 1.) Salvation earned by good works of perfect and sinless righteousness.
- 2.) Salvation given freely without good works based upon God's perfect and sinless righteousness.

The Plans Examined

1. Salvation by _____
 - A. Would require all men to live a _____ life without sin that involved only doing that which was perfectly right and good and holy. (God's standard is perfect holiness)
 - B. Would leave all men _____ for all have sinned and fallen short of perfect holiness.

Ecc 7:20 *For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.*

Rom 3:10 *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.

Jas 2:10 *For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*

C. The Law gives us _____ of sin not salvation from it

Rom 3:19 *Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 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.*

Gal 3:24 *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.*

D. If there was a set of rules by which we could be saved it would have been the _____

Gal 3:21 *Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have*

been by the law.

E. Man would have broken _____ righteous set of rules he was given. The most holy commandments only provoke us to break them.

Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Rom 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. **9** For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

2. Salvation Given _____
Without Good Works Based
Upon God's Perfect and Sinless
Righteousness.

Salvation can't be earned so it must be by _____

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; **22** Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: **23** For all have sinned, and come short of the

glory of God; **24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **25** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Salvation is by faith so that it might be by grace. Faith and grace eliminate any possibility of _____.

3. Salvation gained by grace apart from works can not be preserved or _____ through works.

Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? **2** This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **3** Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.