

## **Romans 1:1-32 – Outline**

- I. Introduction – 1:1-15
- II. Theme of Romans – **Righteousness of God Revealed** in the Gospel of Christ, 1:16-17
  - A. **Wrath of God Revealed** against ungodliness / unrighteousness, **Proof for the need of God's antidote - the Gospel, 1:18-32**
    1. The Suppression of truth explains ungodliness/unrighteousness, vv18b-23
      - a. Suppression, in that God has manifest Himself to man perceivably, v19, And the nature of that suppression (i.e. the **unseen** has made Himself **seen**/understood, in His universal works, His power/wisdom), v20a
      - b. Man is thus, even without special revelation (e.g. Word), without excuse in the sphere of belief/faith/love/obedience, v20b
      - c. Thus, although all was clear to man, he believed/loved himself rather than the Living God, v21a
      - d. Thus, man's heart/affections became dead, vv21b-22
      - e. And, in the end, worshipped both himself and creation rather than God, v23
    2. God's wrath manifest in delivering man to his desires for ungodliness and unrighteousness, vv24-32
      - a. 1<sup>st</sup> of 3-fold repetition of God delivering man to his ungodliness/unrighteousness, vv24-25
      - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3-fold repetition of God delivering man to his ungodliness/unrighteousness, vv26-27
      - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3-fold repetition of God delivering man to his ungodliness/unrighteousness, vv28-31
      - d. Gentile Man's final unrighteousness/ungodliness, v32
  - B. **The Nature of God's Righteous Judgment Detailed, requiring God's antidote – the Gospel, 2:1-16**
    1. The “αναπολογητος” man – the man without an ‘answer’/‘apology’ to His Judge and Creator, 2:1-5
      - a. No apology – you will be condemned from your own judgment, v1
      - b. No apology – Absolute Truth is the foundation of one's condemnation, vv2-3 (cf. Mt 7:1ff)
      - c. No apology – God's grace/patience (in truth) naturally leads to piety, repentance, meekness, poverty of soul, and mourning for such unrighteousness, v4

- d. No apology – the opposite of v4, a hard heart, and its attendant works – v5
- 2. God rewards to All Man according to Works – 2:6-16
  - a. God's judgment according to righteousness/works, vv6-9
    - i. Gives to everymen according to his actions, v6
    - ii. To patient seekers of righteousness, eternal life, v7
    - iii. To the disobedient - wrath, and tribulation, vv8-9a
  - b. God's judgment without regard of Jew/Greek – to all working the Good; Glory and Honor, for with God there is no partiality, vv9b-11
  - c. For *to work* lawlessness IS unrighteousness, for it is the Doers of the Law, not the Hearers, who stand unrighteous, vv12-13
  - d. For the ones who have not the law yet do that law display righteousness as opposed to those who have the law and show their unrighteousness by disobedience, vv14-15
  - e. Which every man will give account based on my (Paul's) Gospel – the everlasting Gospel of Righteousness, v16[i.e. *the Gospel standard which is outside ethnicity* (Gen 3:15f; chp 9; 12:3; 15:6 cf. Rom 16:20; Gal 3:8; Rom 4:5,17...)] – {two reasons}...
    - i. The Gospel Law (1 Cor 9:19ff) is outside ethnicity and the Jew (for could the Gentile be sinning, not offering according to the Jewish Law)?
    - ii. Whereas the Law is NOT ETERNAL (Rom 5:13-14), the Gospel IS both ways (Eternity Past, 1 Pet 1:19-20; Rev 13:8: Eternity Future, Heb 13:20-21)
- C. **The Gospel Need for Jews, 2:17 – 3:8**
  - 1. Supposed Jewish advantages – vv17-20
  - 2. Sins against law/hypocrisy of the Jew's hubris – vv21-24
  - 3. Diluted advantage in circumcision apart from holiness/true sanctification – vv25-29
  - 4. True advantages of the Jew, yet a failure – 3:1-8
- D. **Conclusion – All Stand under Sin, its power and penalty – 3:9-20**
  - 1. Statement of Truth/Fact– v9
  - 2. Proof from God's Word – vv10-18
  - 3. Summery – vv19-20
- E. **God's Righteousness in Christ provided – 3:21-31**
  - 1. The Law and Prophets proclaim this Righteousness – vv21-22
  - 2. Summery Statement...why? – v23
  - 3. The Heart of the Heart of the Gospel/Romans – vv24-26

4. Implications – vv27-31
- F. **OT Witness to the Gospel/Grace vs. Works (cf. 3:21,31 – The Law is witness to Grace) – 4:1-25**
  1. Abraham’s Witness to the Gospel imputation – vv1-5
  2. David and imputed Righteousness (gospel) – vv6-8
  3. Circumcision and the Gospel Righteousness– vv9-12
  4. True heirs of blessedness from our blessed God – vv13-14
  5. Inability of Law to secure blessedness/heirship – vv15-16
  6. Abraham, Sarah and Isaac as proof – vv17-22
  7. Conclusion – vv23-25
- G. **Fruits of Justification (gospel) – 5:1-21**
  1. Fruit #1 – Absolutely Assured Forgiveness, Grace and Peace – 5:1-11
    - a. Results for a Justified Man – vv1-5
    - b. Absolute Assurance of Grace – vv6-10
    - c. The Assurance of forgiveness/etc is Now – v11
  2. Fruit #2 – Absolutely Assured of Grace’s Triumph over Sin – 5:12-21
    - a. Sin and Death Reigned thru Adam – v12
      - i. Prior to law, Proof of v12, in particular 12c - Sin’s reign over man from Adam– v13-14
      - ii. Christ incomparably greater than Adam/type (re: clarification of Adam/Christ type of v14c): vv15-17
    - b. Resumption/Completion of v12 (‘just as’/’**even so**’) – vv18-19
    - c. Law, Sin, Adam, and the Assured Triumph of Christ – vv20-21
- H. **Objections to the Paul’s Gospel: 6:1 – 8:4**
  1. **Grace – Objections, 6:1 – 6:23**
    - a. Objection#1 – Shall we continue in sin because of the Triumph of “the more sin, the more grace and power of Christ (from v21)? – 6:1-14
      - i. Retort/Denial – v2a
      - ii. Why? (Summery answer) – v2b
      - iii. Why? (Extended answer) : vv3-10
      - iv. Application, Practical and Doctrinal – vv11-14
    - b. Objection#2 – Shall we continue in Sin because we are not under Law but rather Grace? (from v14) – 6:15-23
      - i. Retort/Denial – v15b

- ii. Why? – because “under grace” *always* means obedience unto righteousness, vv16-21
- iii. “under grace” *always* unfolds with: way[1]→truth[2]→life[3]  
(comp: Mt 7:14: gate[1]→way[2]→life[3], vv22-23)

## 2. **Law – Objections, 7:1 – 8:4**

- a. Deliverance from the dominion of Law (from 6:14), 7:1-6
- b. Question#1 – Does this mean the law is sin?(from v5.1[sin↔law]): 7:7-12
- c. Question#2 – Does this mean the law causes death?(from v5.2[law↔death]): 7:13-25
  - i. Retort, v13a
  - ii. Summery answer (sin the cause), v13b
  - iii. Absolution of Law from the cause of death, vv13-16
  - iv. The true cause of Death – Sin, vv17-25
  - v. Conclusion re: Law and Grace, 8:1-4

## I. **Life in the Spirit (i.e. “Under Grace” (con’t from v7:6), 8:5-39**

- 1. Gospel Justification means life in holiness by the Spirit, vv5-14a
- 2. Life in the Spirit means ‘sonship,’ vv14b-17a
- 3. Life in the Spirit/sonship/heirship means suffering
  - a. Why we shall prevail, vv17b-30
    - i. Our suffering cannot compare to the coming glory, vv17b-25
    - ii. Spirit’s intercession enables us to endure, vv26-27
    - iii. All things work for good, vv28-30

## J. **Final Perseverance of the Saints of the Gospel, 8:31-39**

- 1. God is for us, then none can effectually be against us, vv31b-34
  - a. God’s work for us, vv32-33
  - b. Christ’s work for us, v34
- 2. Therefore, no possible separation for any cause - even ourselves, vv35-37
- 3. Final, Assured Triumph of the Saints, vv38-39

## K. **The Gospel and Israel**

- 1. The Gospel, Israel, and His Past Promises
  - a. Introduction, vv1-5
  - b. Question, Has God’s Promises to Israel Failed (re: 9:4c)? v6a
  - c. Retort/Answer: Not all flesh/Israel are Spirit/Israel, vv6b-13
    - i. Proof#1-Abraham/Sarah/Isaac, vv7-9
    - ii. Proof#2-Isaac/Rebecca/Jacob, v10

- iii. Summery truth/Proof, vv11-13
  - d. Question/Objection#1, Is God then unrighteous?: v14a-18
    - i. Retort/Denial, v14b
    - ii. Proof#1, OT/Moses (from Ex 33:19), v15
    - iii. Extrapolation, v16
    - iv. Proof#2, Pharaoh (from Ex 9:15), v17
    - v. Extrapolation, v18
  - e. Question/Objection#2, How can God fault man being Sovereign?, v19a-23
    - i. Who is man to answer God?: v20a
    - ii. Who is the created to answer the Creator?: vv20b-21
    - iii. The Creator's true sovereign authority, vv22-23
  - f. God's Gospel to Israel is also to the Gentiles, v24a-33
    - i. Gentile OT call/result, vv25-26
    - ii. Israel OT call/result, vv26-33
- 2. Israel, the Gospel, and the Present, vv10:1-21
  - a. Paul's desire for Israel, v1
  - b. Israel's desire for works-righteousness and the Pauline rebuttal, vv2-4
  - c. Mosaic-OT proof of Paul's understanding re:10:4, 10:5-11
    - i. Proof from Moses, vv5-8
      - 1. Quote, from Lev 18:5, v5
      - 2. Quote, from Deut 9:4; 30:11ff, vv6-8
    - ii. Conclusion re: Faith vs. Works, vv9-11
  - d. Calling on the Lord, vv12-18
  - e. OT/Israel Proof of evidence to Israel's present unbelief, vv19-21
- 3. Israel and the Future, 11:1-36
  - a. Question#1, Has God cast off Israel completely? : vv1-10
    - i. Retort, v1b
    - ii. Proof#1, Paul's salvation, v1c
    - iii. Conclusion#1, v2a
    - iv. Proof#2, Elijah's remnant, vv2b-4
    - v. Conclusion#2, vv5-6
    - vi. The state of those remaining in unbelief, vv7-10
  - b. Question#2, Are the Israelites of vv7-10 hopeless?: 11:11-32
    - i. retort, v11b

- ii. Summery answer, v11c
- iii. Summery conclusion to v11 question, v12
- iv. Proof#1, Paul's ministry of jealousy, vv13-14
- v. Reiteration of the truth and deduction of v12: v15
- vi. Deduction, Gentile and restored Jew equal, v16
- vii. Proof of Deduction and practical Gentile attitude, vv17-24
- viii. The Mystery of Gentile Salvation/Jewish jealousy unto their redemption, vv25-29
- ix. The conclusion to v11 question as stated prior in vv13-14; vv23-24; vv25-26a;
- x. (e.g. Jewish unbelief→Gentiles saved→Jewish jealousy→Jewish salvation):vv30-31
- xi. Summary, v32

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### **III. The Practical Application in the Life of the Redeemed – 12:1-16:27**