



The Power of the Gospel: Romans 1-5

Romans overview

- Chapters 1-3: sin
- Chapters 4-5: salvation
- Chapters 6-8: sanctification
- Chapters 9-11: sovereignty
- Chapters 12-16: service

Big Ideas

1. The gospel

Romans 1:1

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God

2. Righteousness

Romans 1:17

¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

3. The wrath of God

Romans 1:18

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness

4. The Law

Romans 2:13-15

¹³ For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. ¹⁴ (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.)

5. The sinfulness of man

Romans 3:9

⁹ What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.

6. Faith

Romans 3:22

²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

7. Justification, Redemption, Propitiation, Reconciliation

Romans 3:24-26

⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a propitiation, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Romans 5:11

¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

8. Grace

Romans 4:16

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

9. God's love

Romans 5:8

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

10. Our new identity

Romans 5:17

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Take-aways for application

1. A deeper understanding and appreciation for the gospel
2. A bigger view of God and His attributes
3. A more accurate awareness of my sinfulness and the grace of God to save me
4. A greater motivation to share the gospel
5. A deeper sense of my new identity in Christ
6. A stronger conviction to live by faith
7. A firmer foundation to build my spiritual formation as a Christ-follower