

The Book of Romans

I. Paul's Introduction to his Letter (1:1-17)

II. Paul *Declares* Man's Need for God's Salvation and Righteousness (1:18-3:20)

A. He *Discloses* that God's Wrath is revealed against all *Ungodliness* and *Unrighteousness* of Men (1:18-32)

B. He *Denounces* those who Judge the *Unrighteousness* of others, yet Practice it themselves (2:1-29)

C. He *Decries* the *Unrighteousness* of the Jews (2:17-3:20)

1. Who *Boast* in the Law and Knowledge of God (2:17-20)

2. Who "*Break*" the very Laws that *they Teach* (2:21-29)

3. Who *Bear* Accountability before a Righteous God (3:1-20)

a. A *God* who Entrusted them with His Word (3:1-2)

³ Then what **advantage** has the **Jew**?

Or what is the **benefit** of **circumcision**? ² **Great** in every respect.

First of all, that they were **entrusted** with the oracles of God.

b. A *God* who is Faithful and **True** to **His Promised Word** (3:3-4)

³ What then? If **some** did **not believe**, their **unbelief** will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

⁴ May it **never be**! Rather, let **God** be found true, though **every man** *be found a liar*, as it is **written**,

"THAT YOU MAY BE **JUSTIFIED** IN YOUR WORDS,
AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE **JUDGED**."

c. A *God* who will **Judge** them for their **Unrighteousness** (3:5-8)

⁵ But if our **unrighteousness demonstrates** the **righteousness of God**,
what shall we say? The **God** who **inflicts wrath** is not **unrighteous**, is **He**?
(I am speaking in **human terms**.)

⁶ May it **never be!** For otherwise, **how will God judge** the world?

⁷ But if through **my lie** the **truth of God** abounded to **His glory**,
why am I also still being **judged** as a **sinner**?

⁸ And why not say
(as **we** are **slanderosly reported** and as **some claim** that **we say**),
“Let us **do evil** that **good may come**”? Their **condemnation** is **just**.

d. A *God* who has **charged all Men** (*Jews* and *Gentiles*) to be
hopelessly “under sin” (3:9-20)

⁹ What then? Are **we better** than **they**? Not at all; for we have already
charged that both **Jews and Greeks** are **all under sin**; ¹⁰ as it is **written**,

“THERE IS **NONE** RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

¹¹ THERE IS **NONE** WHO UNDERSTANDS,
THERE IS **NONE** WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

¹² **ALL** HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;
THERE IS **NONE** WHO DOES GOOD,
THERE IS **NOT EVEN ONE**.”

¹³ “THEIR **THROAT** IS AN OPEN GRAVE,
WITH THEIR **TONGUES** THEY KEEP DECEIVING,”
“THE **POISON** OF **ASPS** IS UNDER THEIR **LIPS**”;

¹⁴ “WHOSE **MOUTh** IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS”;

¹⁵ “THEIR **FEET** ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,

¹⁶ **DESTRUCTION** AND **MISERY** ARE IN THEIR **PATHS**,

¹⁷ AND THE **PATH** OF **PEACE** THEY HAVE **NOT KNOWN**.”

¹⁸ “THERE IS **NO FEAR** OF **GOD** BEFORE THEIR **EYES**.”

¹⁹ Now **we know** that whatever the **Law** says,
it speaks to **those** who are **under the Law**,
so that **every mouth** may be **closed**
and **all** the **world** may become **accountable to God**;

²⁰ because by the **works of the Law**
no flesh will be **justified** in **His sight**;
for through the **Law** comes the **knowledge of sin**.

Personal Application

Man's condition seems *Hopeless*, but for the **Grace** of God

A. Our *Source* of **Grace**

For the **LORD God** is a **sun** and **shield**;
The **LORD** gives **grace** and **glory**;
No good thing does **He withhold** from those who **walk uprightly**.
(Psalm 84:11)

And the **Word** became **flesh**, and **dwelt** among us,
and we saw **His glory**, **glory** as of the **only begotten** from the **Father**,
full of grace and truth...

For of **His fullness** we have **all received**, and **grace upon grace**.
For the **Law** was given through **Moses**; **grace and truth**
were **realized** through **Jesus the Messiah**. (John 1:14, 16-17)

But I (**Paul**) do not consider **my life** of any account as dear to myself,
so that I may **finish my course** and the **ministry**
which I received from the **Lord Jesus**,
to **testify** solemnly of the **gospel** of the **grace of God**. (Acts 20:24)

B. Our *Salvation* by the **Grace** of God

And **you** were **dead** in your **trespasses** and **sins**,
in which you **formerly walked** according to the **course** of this **world**,
according to the **prince** of the **power** of the **air**,
of the **spirit** that is **now working** in the **sons of disobedience**.

Among them **we too** all **formerly lived** in the **lusts** of our **flesh**,
indulging the **desires** of the **flesh** and of the **mind**,
and were **by nature children of wrath**, even as the **rest**.

But **God**, being **rich in mercy**,
because of **His great love** with which **He loved us**,
even when **we were dead** in our **transgressions**,
made **us alive together** with **Messiah**
(by **grace** you have been **saved**),..

For by **grace** you have been; **saved through faith**
and that **not of yourselves**, *it is* the **gift of God**;
(Ephesians 2:1-5, 8)

For the **grace of God** has **appeared**, bringing **salvation** to **all men**,
instructing us to deny **ungodliness** and **worldly desires** and to **live sensibly**,
righteously and **godly** in the **present age**,.. (Titus 2:11-12)

But the **free gift** is **not** like the **transgression**.
For if by the **transgression** of the **one (Adam)** the **many died**,
much more did the **grace of God** and the **gift** by the **grace** of the **one Man**,
Jesus the Messiah, abound to the **many**...

For if by the **transgression** of the **one (Adam)**, **death** reigned through the **one**,
much more those who receive the **abundance of grace**
and of the **gift of righteousness** will **reign** in **life** through the **One**,
Jesus the Messiah. (Romans 5:15, 17)

C. **Our Security** by the **Grace of God**

For we do not have a **high priest**
who cannot **sympathize** with our **weaknesses**,
but **One** who has been **tempted** in **all things** as **we are**,
yet without sin.

Therefore let us **draw near** with **confidence** to the **throne of grace**,
so that we may receive **mercy** and find **grace** to **help**
in **time of need**. (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Therefore, **prepare your minds** for action, **keep sober** *in spirit*,
fix your hope completely on the **grace** to be brought to **you**
at the **revelation of Jesus the Messiah**. (I Peter 1:13)

Now may our **Lord Jesus the Messiah Himself** and **God our Father**,
who has **loved us** and given us **eternal comfort** and **good hope** by **grace**,
comfort and **strengthen** your **hearts** in every **good work** and **word**.
(II Thessalonians 2:16-17)

Closing Comments