

ROMANS

Divine
Righteousness
Revealed!



Answering Eight Questions

- Who wrote it? Paul
- Who was it written to? Roman believers
- Where was it written from? Corinth
- When was it written? A.D. 57



Answering Eight Questions

- Why was it written? Doctrinal foundation
- What is inside? 7 part outline
- What is it about? Righteousness
- What makes the book different?
Theological formality



Structure

- **Salutation (1:1-17)**
- Sin (1:18-3:20)
- Salvation (3:21-5:21)
- Sanctification (6-8)
- Sovereignty (9-11)
- Service (12:1-15:13)
- Summation (15:14-16:27)



Introduction (Rom 1:1-7)

- Writer (Rom 1:1)
- Subject (Rom 1:2-6)
- Recipients (Rom 1:7)



Preview (Rom 1:8-15)

- Paul's Desire to Visit Rome (1:8-15)
 - ◆ Proof (1:8-10)
 - ◆ Reasons (1:11-15)



Preview: 8 Gospel Descriptions
(Rom 1:16-17)

- Not ashamed (16a)
- Power of God (16b)
- Unto salvation (16c)
- For everyone (16d)



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- Believes (16e)
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Not Ashamed of the Gospel
(Rom 1:16a)

- 2 Tim 1:8
- Mark 8:38
- Paul refused to succumb to this temptation
- Are we ashamed of the Gospel?



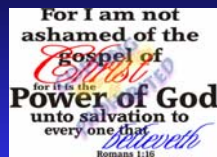
Power of God (Rom 1:16b)

- Power = *Dynamis*
- Dynamic, dynamite
- Transformative power



Unto Salvation (Rom 1:16c)

- What type of power?
- Salvation
- Power to save the sinner



For Everyone (Rom 1:16d)

- Limited atonement?
- “Everyone”
- John 1:29; 3:16-17; 4:42; 6:51; 12:32, 47; Acts 17:30; 2 Cor 5:19; 1 Tim 2:4, 6; 4:10; Titus 2:11; Heb 2:9; 2 Pet 2:1; 1 John 2:2
- Paul preached to Gospel to everyone



Believes (Rom 1:16e)



- How many conditions?
- Chafer: “Belief: God’s One Condition of Salvation”
- John 3:16; 5:24; 6:47; 20:30-31; Acts 16:30-31; Eph 2:8-9

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*^b (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

- [A] serious Arminian error respecting this doctrine occurs when repentance is added to faith or believing as a condition of salvation. It is true that repentance can very well be required as a condition of salvation, but then only because the change of mind which ... has been involved when turning from every other confidence to the one needful trust in Christ. Such turning about, of course, cannot be achieved without a change of mind.

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- This vital newness of mind is a part of believing, after all, and therefore it may be and is used as a synonym for believing at times (cf. Acts 17:30; 20:21; 26:20; Rom. 2:4; 2Tim. 2:25; 2 Pet. 3:9). Repentance nevertheless cannot be added to believing as a condition of salvation, because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

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- Similarly, the Gospel by John, which was written that men might believe and believing have life through Christ's name (John 20:31), does not once use the word repentance. In like manner, the Epistle to the Romans, written to formulate the complete statement of salvation by grace alone, does not use the term repentance in relation to salvation.

To the Jew First (Rom 1:16f)

- Israel's chosen status (Gen 12:3; Rom 3:2; 9:5)
- Paul's practice (Acts 13:45-46; 17:1-3)
- Christ's practice (Matt 10:5-7; John 1:11; Acts 1:8)



To the Jew First (Rom 1:16f)

- Future messianic kingdom (Matt 23:37-39)
- Jewish priority continues today (Rom 11:29)
- Present Jewish blindness (2 Cor 3:13-16)



Christian Anti-Semitism



“First, their synagogues should be set on fire...Secondly, their homes should likewise be broken down and destroyed...Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer books and Talmuds...Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more...Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews...Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury (charging interest on loans...)”

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“Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let them earn their bread by the sweat of their noses... We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system... Therefore away with them... To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden—the Jews.”

Martin Luther, *Concerning the Jews and Their Lies*, cited in Michael Brown's *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*, pp. 14-15.

Revelation of God's Righteousness (Rom 1:17a)



- Righteousness from God is revealed
- Not a righteousness of works (Isa 64:6; Eph 2:8-9)
- A transferred or imputed righteousness (Philip 3:9)

Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

Justifies and Sanctifies (Rom 1:17b-c)

- “Faith to faith” (1:17b)



- Habakkuk 2:4 (1:17c)

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