# THE THEME OF THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

# The Righteousness of God revealed in the gospel

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" Romans 1:16-17

## ROMANS 1-2 <u>WHAT WE'VE SEEN SO FAR</u>

- The gospel is God's power to salvation
  - It is conditional
  - It is for everyone
  - It reveals God's righteousness
    - The righteousness of God is God's plan for making man righteous through the system of faith in Jesus Christ
    - The gospel reveals the righteousness which is by faith, and it reveals it in order to produce faith
- Who needs the gospel?

## ROMANS 1-2 <u>WHAT WE'VE SEEN SO FAR</u>

- The gospel is the solution
- Sin is the problem
  - The Gentile has a problem sin chapter 1
    - God's wrath is revealed against it
    - The Gentile is without excuse for his sin
  - The Jew has a problem sin chapter 2
    - God's wrath is coming
    - The Jew is without excuse for his sin

### ROMANS 1-2 <u>WHAT WE'VE SEEN SO FAR</u>

- There is no partiality with God
  - Guilty: Whether the Jew, who sinned with the law of Moses, or the Gentile, who sinned without the law of Moses
  - It is not the hearers who are justified but the doers of the law

#### ROMANS 2:1-3 PRACTICING SIN THAT WE CONDEMN IN OTHERS

"Therefore you have no excuse, you foolish person, everyone of you who passes judgment; for in that matter in which you judge someone else, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

{2} And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

{3 }But do you suppose this, you foolish person who passes judgment on those who practice such things, and yet does them as well, that you will escape the judgment of God?"

## ROMANS 2:4-5 MOTIVATIONS TO REPENT

"Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and restraint and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

{5} But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,"

#### ROMANS 2:5-11 GOD'S RIGHTEOUS AND IMPARTIAL JUDGMENT

- "But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,
- [6] who will repay each person according to his deeds:
- {7} to those who by perseverance in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, He will give eternal life;
- {8} but to those who are self-serving and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, He will give wrath and indignation.
- {9} There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of mankind who does evil, for the Jew first and also for the Greek,
- {10} but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who does what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- {11} For there is no partiality with God."

## ROMANS 2:12-16 EVERY MAN IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS CONDUCT

"For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;

- {13} for it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified.
- {14} For when Gentiles who do not have the Law instinctively perform the requirements of the Law, these, though not having the Law, are a law to themselves,
- {15] in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience testifying and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,
- {16} on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of mankind through Christ Jesus."