# THE THEME OF THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

#### <u>The Righteousness of God revealed in the gospel,</u> <u>which is salvation by faith in Christ</u>

"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 1:1-3:8 WHAT WE'VE SEEN SO FAR

- The gospel is God's power to salvation
  - It reveals God's way of making man righteous through faith in Jesus Christ
  - It is for everyone
  - It is conditional

# ROMANS 1:1-3:8 WHAT WE'VE SEEN SO FAR

- 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 1:1-3:8 <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
  - Every man is accountable for his conduct

# ROMANS 1:1-3:8 <u>WHAT WE'VE SEEN SO FAR</u>

- The Jew took pride in having the law of Moses and having the covenant of circumcision
- But the Jews practiced that which he condemned in others!
- But if he is not a keeper of the law, then his "circumcision has become uncircumcision"
- Paul shows the foolishness of Jews thinking that God is partial toward them because of their circumcision
- The Jew is just as guilty as the Gentile

### ROMANS 3:19-20 THE LAW CONVICTS THE JEW OF SIN

"Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

{20} Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

#### ROMANS 3:21-23 BUT NOW, GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS REVEALED

"But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

{22} even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

{23} for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

#### ROMANS 3:21-26 GOD'S WAY OF JUSTIFYING MAN: BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

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{23} for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

{24} being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

{25} whom God set forth as a [h]propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

{26} to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

#### ROMANS 3:27-31 JUSTIFIED BY FAITH APART FROM THE DEEDS OF THE LAW

- "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.
- {28} Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.
- {29} Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also,
- {30} since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.
- {31} Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law."