

The Mystery of the Meaning of the Book of Romans • Part 3

Lesson 3

What's the Big Idea of the Book of Romans?

	1:1-17	1:18—8:39			9:1—11:36	12:1—15:14	15:14-16:27
General Overview	Theme INTRODUCED ***The POWER of God's Gospel*** ——— *Personal Focus*	God's RIGHTEOUSNESS *in* ***Condemning Sinners*** ——— *Raw Pagans (1)* *Do-Gooders (2:1-16)* *Law-Keepers (2:17-3:8)* *Entire World (3:9-20)*	God's RIGHTEOUSNESS *in* ***Justifying Sinners*** ——— *Defined (3:21-31)* *Illustrated (4)* *Applied (5)*	God's RIGHTEOUSNESS *in* ***Sanctifying Believers*** ——— *New Position (6)* *New Practice (7)* *New Power (8)*	God's RIGHTEOUSNESS *in* ***Choosing Israel & Gentiles*** ——— *Divine Sovereignty (9)* *Human Responsibility (10)* *Merciful Mystery (11)*	God's RIGHTEOUSNESS *in* ***Serving the Lord & Others*** ——— *Sacrificial Servants (12)* *Submissive Citizens (13)* *Accepting Members (14-15)*	Theme CONCLUDED ***The PRAISE of God's Glory*** ——— *Relational Focus*
Focus	**SET APART SERVANT**	**SIN** Righteousness Demanded	**SALVATION** Righteousness Declared	**SANCTIFICATION** Righteousness Delivered	**SOVEREIGNTY** Righteousness Defended	**SERVICE** Righteousness Demonstrated	**SET APART SERVANTS**

➤ What Is the ONE THING the WHOLE THING Is about? (= The Subject)

1) The **GOSPEL**. *(1:1, 9, 15-16; 2:16; **10:15-16; 11:28**; 15:16, 19-20; 16:25)*

2) ***God's Good News reveals that His righteousness is for all peoples by faith alone in Christ alone.*** *(1:16-17)*

➤ What Is BEING SAID about the ONE THING the WHOLE THING Is about? (= The Compliment)

1) Paul is giving a ***logical*** **EXPLANATION** and theological defense of Gospel-centered preaching.

*Romans 1-11 = "**BECAUSE** God's gospel reveals that His righteousness is for all people by faith alone in Christ alone…"*

2) Paul is giving a ***practical*** **EXHORTATION** regarding gospel Gospel-centered living.

*Romans 12-16 = "Because God's gospel reveals that His righteousness is for all people by faith alone in Christ alone, we **SHOULD**…"*

3) Paul is writing a logical explanation and practical exhortation in order to accomplish several purposes…

#1 **PREPARATION** for a visit to further establish the gospel among the Gentiles in ***Rome***. *(1:11-15; 15:14-16; 16:25-27)*

- Paul's PLAN to VISIT Is for *ESTABLISHING* the Romans. *(1:11-15)*
- Paul's PURPOSE for WRITING is to *ESTABLISH the* Romans. *(15:14-16)*
- Paul's PRAYER to GOD is for the *ESTABLISHING of the* Romans. *(16:25-27)*

#2 **PRAYER** support in bringing the offering of Gentile churches to the impoverished Jewish believers in ***Jerusalem***. *(15:25-33)*

#3 **PARTNERSHIP** with him in bringing the gospel to unreached people in ***Spain***. *(15:17-24, 32)*

What Does It Mean to Partner with Missionaries in Terms of Supporting Them?

The goal is to ***send them forward, not set them back, on their mission***…

With ***friendship*** ~ *Romans 15:22-24, 32*
With ***patience*** ~ *1 Cor 16:5, 11*
With ***diligence*** ~ *Titus 3:13*
With ***urgency*** ~ *Titus 3:13 NKJV, ESV*
With ***generosity*** ~ *Titus 3:13*
With ***excellence*** ~ *3 John 6*

#4 **PROCLAMATION** of the gospel that leads to an obedient faith among all peoples. *(1:1-6, 14-17; 15:20-21; 16:25-27)*

Romans 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, ***set apart for the gospel of God***… ***3*** concerning His Son…Jesus Christ our Lord, ***5*** through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about ***the obedience of faith*** among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

Romans 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you ***according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ***… according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, ***leading to obedience of faith***; ***27*** to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

Check This Out…

- In the ***first chapter*** *(1:8)* Paul says the Roman's ***FAITH*** is being proclaimed throughout the Roman Empire!
- In the ***last chapter*** *(16:19)* Paul says the Roman's ***OBEDIENCE*** (= hupakouw!) has become known to all!

#5 **PROMOTE** unity between Jew and Gentile in the church to further the spread of the gospel and the glory of God among all peoples. *(1:16; 2:9; 3:9, 19; 4:16; 9:22-24; 10:11-13; 11:11-24, 25)*

Paul is writing to promote greater unity in the church for greater **MINISTRY** *through the church!*

Paul wrote the Book of Romans to help believers of different backgrounds and outlooks **UNITE** *together around the gospel to further the fame of God's name to all nations! (15:7-13; 16:25-27)*

SO WHAT is BEING SAID about the ONE THING the WHOLE THING is about?

Because God's gospel reveals that His righteousness is for all peoples by faith alone in Christ alone, we should PARTNER together to PROCLAIM His gospel—by word and deed—to all PEOPLES for God's glory, their good, and our joy!

Reading Romans 9-11…

- ☐ **Day 1** *Read Romans 9:1-29 and jot down insights into divine sovereignty in Israel's past election.*
- ☐ **Day 2** *Read Romans 9:30-10:21 and jot down insights into human responsibility in Israel's present rejection.*
- ☐ **Day 3** *Read Romans 11:1-36 and jot down insights into the glorious mercy and mystery in Israel's future restoration.*
- ☐ **Days 4-6** *Repeat the above.*



ROMANS: *God's Good News Reveals that His Righteousness Is for All Peoples!*

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Romans 16:25-27 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

Because God's Gospel Provides Salvation for All People, His People Should Partner Together to Sacrificially Proclaim It to All People for His Glory.

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Key Theology	**REVELATION**	**CONDEMNATION**	**JUSTIFICATION**	**SANCTIFICATION**	**DISPENSATION**	**TRANSFORMATION**	**PROCLAMATION**
God-Centered	God **REVEALS** *His Saving Gospel*	God the **FATHER** *His Standard of Holiness*	God the **SON** *His Saving Grace*	God the **SPIRIT** *His Sanctifying Power*	God Is **MERCIFUL** *His Sovereign Wisdom*	God Is **WORTHY** *His Sacrificial Glory*	God **ESTABLISHES** *His Saving Mission*
People-Focused	Our **REPUTATION**	Our **CONDEMNATION**	Our **JUSTIFICATION**	Our **SANCTIFICATION** until **GLORIFICATION**	Our **ELECTION**	Our **DEDICATION**	Our **COOPERATION**
Salvation Revealed	The **NEWS** of Salvation	The **NEED** of Salvation	The **WAY** of Salvation	The **LIFE** of Salvation	The **SCOPE** of Salvation	The **SERVICE** of Salvation	The **SPREAD** of Salvation
Jew & Gentile United	As **HEARERS** *Who Believe the Gospel*	As **SINNERS** *Who Need a Sovereign Savior*	As **BELIEVERS** *in Christ Alone by Faith Alone*	As **SAINTS** *Empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit*	As the **ELECT** *Who God Mercifully Chose for Salvation in a Mystery*	As **LIVING SACRIFICES** *Who Serve the Lord*	As **LIVING SACRIFICES** *Who Spread the Gospel*
Good News	**INTRODUCTION** *The REVELATION of Righteousness*	**CONDEMNATION** *The CONVICTION of Unrighteousness*	**JUSTIFICATION** *The IMPUTATION of Righteousness*	**SANCTIFICATION** *The IMPARTATION of Righteousness*	**DISPENSATIONS** *The VINDICATION of Righteousness*	**APPLICATION** *The DEMONSTRATION of Righteousness*	**CONCLUSION** *The PROCLAMATION of Righteousness*

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