

Romans - the Gospel of Grace

1v1-15	The Gospel of grace. <i>May we be so humbled and so thrilled by the Gospel of grace, that we are a harmonious united church, a zealous missionary church, to the glory of God!</i>
1v16-20	Not ashamed of the Gospel. <i>We should not be ashamed of the Good News since it is God's power to save, and everyone needs it, for God's righteousness is our only hope of being saved from God's wrath!</i>
1v18-32	No excuse! <i>All men and women are without excuse and justly under God's wrath – so there is but one escape which is to reach out in humble faith to receive God's grace.</i>
1v24-27	Natural or unnatural? <i>Men and women have departed from God's plan for sex, doing what is unnatural, and reaping the consequences, yet there is Good News of grace and power for all who turn to Christ.</i>
2v1-11,16	God's Judgement Day. <i>All of us must face God's Judgement Day, and receive either wrath or reward, not according to what we claim, but according to what we have done.</i>
2v12-29	God's Judgement Day: some questions answered. <i>There will be no excuse since God will judge all men and women fairly, and as condemned sinners our only escape is through Christ, so go and tell this gospel to the lost!</i>
3v1-10	None righteous, not even one! <i>There are no 'fig-leaves' that will help us as we stand before God, every excuse is stripped away, for there is not even one righteous person in his sight.</i>
3v11-20	God's case concluded. <i>No-one is justified in the sight of God, without exception we are condemned and have no hope unless Someone intervenes to save.</i>
3v21-26	To God be the glory, great things he has done! <i>All the glory is God's for he demonstrates his righteousness by justifying those who have faith in Jesus Christ who is our Redeemer and Propitiation.</i>
3v27-4v12	Justification by faith: no room for boasting! <i>An exposition of justification by faith makes it clear that we are left with no room whatsoever for boasting.</i>
4v13-25	Justification by faith: the promise of God. <i>Knowing that we are justified by faith gives us wonderful assurance of our standing before God and removes all insecurity.</i>
5v1-2,9-11	The blessings of justification: The past, present and future of the believer. <i>Understand the 3 tenses of the Christian life, for justification means blessings past, present and future, and thus good reason to rejoice, regardless of circumstances.</i>
5v3-8	The blessings of justification: Rejoicing in suffering. <i>We can rejoice in our suffering because we know what God is doing in us, and we know how much God loves us.</i>
5v12-21	The blessings of justification: Grace abounding. <i>Worship Him – who when sin abounded and we were ruined in Adam – poured out his hyper-abounding grace that we may reign in Christ.</i>
6v1-11	Dead to sin! <i>Christian, it's unthinkable that you should continue in sin, so keep a clear mind and constantly remind yourself that you are dead to sin.</i>
6v1-14	Sin shall not be your master. <i>Christian, you are united to Christ, so don't let sin reign in your mortal body, for sin shall not be your master.</i>
6v15-23	Whose slave? <i>It is not what you claim but what you do that shows whose slave you are, so make sure are not serving sin, but the gracious Lord, the Giver of life, and that you serve him with all your heart.</i>
7v1-6	Rules don't rule us. <i>Christian, you have died to the law and are no longer ruled by rules, but rather you are married to a new husband, Jesus Christ, and it is him you lovingly submit to.</i>
7v7-13	Don't rip up the rule book! <i>Don't despise God's good rules – they are not your problem, it's your fallen sinful nature.</i>
7v14-25	The ongoing battle. <i>Know that you will experience a life-long battle, as the flesh (your sinful nature) fights against your new nature, but realise also that the victory is guaranteed by our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>