

# The Letter of Paul to the ROMANS

## Chapter I

### *The Gospel Exalted*

*Gal 1:15* 1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, **called** as  
an apostle, **set apart** for the gospel of God,  
2 which **He promised beforehand** through His  
**prophets in the holy Scriptures**, *Gal 3:8*  
3 concerning His Son, who was born of a  
descendant of David according to the flesh,  
*Heb 1:5-5, Phil 2:9* 4 **who was declared** the Son of God with power  
by the resurrection from the dead, according to  
the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
5 **through whom we have received grace** and  
**apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith**  
*Fellow workers with God in His plan, 1Cor 3:9* 6 among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,  
among whom you also are the **called of Jesus**  
**Christ**; *Rom 8:28-30, 2Tim 1:9*  
7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, **called**  
as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for  
you all, because **your faith is being proclaimed**  
**throughout the whole world**.

9 For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the  
*strengthen in the Truth, 2Pet 1:12, 1Thes 3:2* *preaching of the gospel of His Son*, is my witness  
*as to how unceasingly I make mention of you,*  
10 always in my prayers making request, if  
perhaps now at last **by the will of God** I may  
succeed in coming to you.

11 For I long to see you so that I may impart some  
spiritual gift to you, **that you may be**  
**established**;

12 that is, that I may be **encouraged** together with  
you *while among you*, **each of us by the other's**  
**faith** both yours and mine.

13 I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that  
often I have planned to come to you (and have  
been prevented so far) **so that I may obtain**  
**some fruit among you** also, even as among the  
rest of the Gentiles.

14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to  
barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.  
15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel  
to you also who are in Rome.

*Rom 5:5, 2Tim 1:8, 12, 16, Heb 10:34, 1Cor 1:18, 24* 16 **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.

17 **For in (it) the righteousness of God is revealed**  
**from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE**  
**RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."**

### *Unbelief and Its Consequences*

*Gal 6:7-8* 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven  
against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of  
men who suppress the truth in  
unrighteousness,

19 because that which is known about God is  
evident within them; for God made it evident  
to them.

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible  
attributes, His eternal power and divine nature,  
have been clearly seen, being understood  
through what has been made, so that they are  
without excuse.

*Eph 4:17-18* 21 For even though they knew God, they did not  
honor Him as God or give thanks, but they  
became futile in their speculations, and their  
foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,  
23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible  
God for an image in the form of corruptible  
man and of birds and four-footed animals and  
crawling creatures.

*because they did not honor God, Eph 4:17-18, He gave them over to their own decisions. He let them go, yielded them up to their own choice and free will, Heb 6:18, Gal 6:7*

24 Therefore **God gave them over** in the lusts of  
their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies  
would be dishonored among them.

For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie,  
and worshiped and served the creature rather  
than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason **God gave them over to**  
**degrading passions**; for their women exchanged  
the natural function for that which is  
unnatural,

27 and in the same way also the men abandoned  
the natural function of the woman and burned  
in their desire toward one another, men with  
men committing indecent acts and **receiving in**  
their own persons the due penalty of their  
error. *Gal 6:8*

28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge  
God any longer, **God gave them over to a**  
**depraved mind**, to do those things which are  
not proper,

29 being filled with all unrighteousness,  
wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder,  
strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,  
30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant,  
boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to  
parents,

31 without understanding, untrustworthy,  
unloving, unmerciful;

32 and although they **know** the ordinance of God, *v. 19-20*  
that those who practice such things are worthy  
of death, they not only do the same, but also  
give hearty approval to those who practice  
them.

## Chapter 2

### *The Impartiality of God*

*Rom 1:19,20,32* 1

Therefore you have **no excuse**, everyone of you  
who passes judgment, for in that which you  
judge another, 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, O man, when you pass  
judgment on those who practice such things  
and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape  
the judgment of God?

*true judgment doesn't happen until the Day of the Lord, but there are consequences for our actions and decisions*

the Kindness of God 4  
Lk 6:35, Eph 4:32,  
1Pet 2:3, Matt 11:30

we are rendered  
righteous because of  
the deeds of Jesus on  
the cross. This is by  
grace thru faith. I  
don't want my  
righteousness to be  
judged based on my  
works. Man cannot  
persevere in doing  
good in obtaining  
eternal life based on  
his own merits. It is  
solely on the works of  
Christ.

The doers of the perfect  
law of liberty. There is  
only one man who was  
able to "do" the law  
flawlessly and that is  
Jesus. We can be doers  
of the perfect law of  
liberty thru Jesus who  
fulfilled the law. 15  
Paul is building his case  
by stating that the one  
who follows the law  
perfectly, will be  
justified. What he 16  
hasn't said yet is that  
no one can be justified  
by the law because all  
have sinned and fallen  
short of the glory of  
God, except one, Jesus  
Christ.

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

But because of your stubbornness and  
unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for  
yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of  
the righteous judgment of God,

who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON  
ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

to those who by perseverance in doing good  
seek for glory and honor and immortality,  
eternal life;

but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do  
not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness,  
wrath and indignation.

There will be tribulation and distress for every  
soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and  
also of the Greek,

but glory and honor and peace to everyone who  
does good, to the Jew first and also to the  
Greek. man cannot perform a good work apart from the Holy Spirit

For there is no partiality with God.

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; either way, man is judged a sinner without the blood of Jesus  
for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just  
before God, but the doers of the Law will be

justified. For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do  
instinctively the things of the Law, these, not  
having the Law, are a law to themselves,  
in that they show the work of the Law written  
in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness  
and their thoughts alternately accusing or else  
defending them,

on the day when, according to my gospel, God  
will judge the secrets of men through Christ  
Jesus, that is how I want to be judged, thru Jesus

The Jew Is Condemned by the Law

But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon  
the Law and boast in God, instead of relying upon  
the Spirit and know His will and approve the things that  
are essential, being instructed out of the Law,  
and are confident that you yourself are a guide  
to the blind, a light to those who are in  
darkness,

a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the  
immature, having in the Law the embodiment  
of knowledge and of the truth,  
you, therefore, who teach another, do you not  
teach yourself? You who preach that one shall  
not steal, do you steal?

You who say that one should not commit  
adultery, do you commit adultery? You who  
abhor idols, do you rob temples?

You who boast in the Law, through your  
breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?

For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED  
AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU," just  
as it is written. because of their hypocrisy

the Law will  
judge any man  
a sinner and to  
death if they do  
not have Jesus  
as their  
mediator.

When your spirit is reborn  
and justified, it is in perfect  
unity with the Father. As  
you love Jesus and abide in  
Him, you will find yourself  
doing the works of the law  
without even knowing it.  
Your reborn spirit starts to  
change the soul into  
thinking and acting  
according to the Spirit. But  
the soul must be renewed  
and sanctified, therefore  
when the soul is in line with  
the spirit, it will accuse or  
condemn the wrong thinking  
and defend the right  
thinking until the day when  
we will be glorified into His  
body and salvation will be  
complete.  
As you stay connected to  
Jesus, you will find yourself  
choosing the way of God  
rather than your fleshy mind  
and the things of this world.

it is the Holy  
Spirit bearing  
witness with our  
reborn spirit that  
gives the drive  
and want to seek  
God and His  
understanding.

25 For indeed circumcision is of value if you  
practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor  
of the Law, your circumcision has become  
uncircumcision.

26 So if the uncircumcised man keeps the  
requirements of the Law, will not his  
uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

27 And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he  
keeps the Law, will he not judge you who  
though having the letter of the Law and  
circumcision are a transgressor of the Law?

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is  
circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and  
circumcision is that which is of the heart by  
the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not  
from men, but from God.

you are not  
considered a  
descendant of  
Abraham by  
physical  
descent, but by  
faith in Jesus,  
Gal 3:7, 29,  
4:28, Rom 8:14,  
9:7-8

## Chapter 3

All the World Guilty

1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is  
the benefit of circumcision?

2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they  
were entrusted with the oracles of God.

3 What then? If some did not believe, their  
unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of  
God, will it?

4 May it never be! Rather, let God be found true,  
though every man be found a liar, as it is  
written,

"THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR  
WORDS,  
AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the  
righteousness of God, what shall we say? The  
God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is  
He? (I am speaking in human terms.)

6 May it never be! For otherwise, how will God  
judge the world?

7 But if through my lie the truth of God  
abounded to His glory, why am I also still  
being judged as a sinner?

8 And why not say (as we are slanderously  
reported and as some claim that we say), "Let  
us do evil that good may come"? Their  
condemnation is just.

9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at  
all; for we have already charged that both Jews  
and Greeks are all under sin;  
as it is written,

"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN  
ONE;

THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS;  
THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER  
THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;  
THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,  
THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

"THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,  
WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP  
DECEIVING,"

"THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR  
LIPS";

the corrupted soul  
is incapable of  
good without the  
Holy Spirit. All  
have sinned and  
are under the  
condemnation of  
the law apart  
from Jesus, Rom  
3:23.  
The Word of God  
and the things of  
God are  
foolishness to the  
unbeliever  
because these  
things are  
spiritually  
discerned, 1Cor  
2:6-16.



14 "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS";  
15 "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,  
16 DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,  
17 AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN."  
18 "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;  
20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. *Gen 3:1-7, 2:9, 16-17*

#### Justification by Faith

21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets; *Jn 1:14, Acts 10:43, Rom 1:2, Gal 3:8*  
22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there

is no distinction; *fall- past, present and future*  
23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, *this is not a condemning statement, but a statement of qualification*

24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation *a means to* in His blood through faith. *This was to forgiveness*  
demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins

previously committed; *Ex 12:13, Jn 1:29, Rev 5:5-6, 1 Cor 5:7*  
26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He

would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus *this present time. We don't have to wait like we do*  
27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law

of faith. *calculate, hold the view that*  
28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.

30 Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law. *thru Christ, Matt 5:17, Rom 2:13, 16, 8:1-4*

## Chapter 4

### Justification by Faith Evidenced in Old Testament

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." *Gal 3:6, Gen 15:5-6, Jm 2:23*

Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.

"without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins", so the law was made and created for Jesus to fulfill. The law was never made for man. It wasn't a surprise to God when man couldn't keep the law. It was never meant for man. To man it was a tutor that showed that man needed a savior, because it made sin apparent. God had to establish a bases for sin and then make a way to get rid of sin. This is why He created the law, to establish the guidelines for Jesus so when He performed the law perfectly, it was not a tutor or a way to make sin apparent, but to Jesus it was power, and the power to conquer sin and death.

5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.

6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

7 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN,

AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED,

"BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT." *Rom 2:16, judged by Jesus' works and not by ours*

8 Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

9 How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them,

10 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

11 For the promise to Abraham or rather to his descendant, that He would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. *Gal 3:14-22*

12 For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified; for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation. *Rom 3:20, 7:7*

13 For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham who is the father of us all,

(as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him

whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. *next to and in agreement. Jesus is our hope, 1Tim 1:1*

14 In hope against hope he believed so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." *this is not the amount of physical children he was going to have, but the amount of people that*

15 Being not weak in faith he considered not own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb;

16 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised He was able also to perform

17 Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS

it was the faith in the promise of life by the Spirit, thru Jesus that made him righteous.

joint-heirs with Him and being grafted in, that makes us descendants of Abraham thru faith and heirs according to the promise, Rom 9:8

my sins and lawlessness have been washed by the blood of Jesus, 1Pet 1:18-19, Eph 1:7, 1 Jn 1:7, Col 1:20,

Circumcision was the sign of the off covenant; a seal of the promise of the Messiah to come, the blessing of Abraham, Gal 3:14, 16, 18, 19, 22. The Holy Spirit is the sign of the new covenant; a seal of the promise of our inheritance in Him, Eph 1:13-14, 2Cor 1:21-22, Jn 6:27

all is singular- meaning all in the body of Christ- unified as one in Him

16 If the promise was by works and not by grace thru faith, it could not be available to everybody. It is because of grace that all who believe can be saved, Eph 2:8-9

17 The Law doesn't make anyone righteous. It just established the rules for righteousness in order that Jesus could fulfill them.

18 It is now by faith in Jesus so that the promise can be in accordance with grace and not works. For the promise was guaranteed to the Seed, and thru the Seed, anyone who is a new creation in Christ is a joint-heir and will receive the promise thru inheritance.

21 Abraham did not consider his body as a means to the promise. He only looked toward the promise of the Messiah, knowing and having hope that the Messiah would be a physical descendant and all nations of the earth would be blessed thru Jesus, Heb 11:8-10, 17-19

a mark of certification and validation.

the promise to Jesus of life thru the Spirit, Gal 3:19. We are then joint-heirs with Jesus, being part of His body.

the promise of life in Christ by the Holy Spirit. The promise was made to Jesus first and then by inheritance we receive the promise Gal 3:29, 4:28

Rom 8:11, 15:22, 1Cor 1:28, Heb 11:3

hope in line with God's hope, Matt 18:19

the physical children was only put in place for one reason, to bring the Seed, Jesus into this world. Now that Jesus has come, anyone who believes in Jesus is

joint-heirs with Him and being grafted in, that makes us descendants of Abraham thru faith and heirs according to the promise, Rom 9:8

23 *Jesus died for us. He paid the price and bore the wrath of sin on Himself for us. He was raised from the dead for us, so that we might have justification and reconciliation with the Father.*  
 24 *The climax of all the ages was for the sole purpose for the Father to have a family and we become one with Him.*  
 25 Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him,  
 but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.  
 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification. *Is 53:4-5, Rom 8:32 His death paid for our sin, His resurrection declared us righteous, Rom 8:10, Acts 2:24*

## Chapter 5

### Results of Justification

- 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.
- 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;
- 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;
- 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- 6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.
- 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
- 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
- 11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
- 12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—
- 13 for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
- 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.
- 15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.
- 16 The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free

gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.

- 17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.
- 18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.
- 19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.
- 20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
- 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Chapter 6

### Believers Are Dead to Sin, Alive to God

- 1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?
- 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
- 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
- 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
- 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,
- 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;
- 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.
- 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,
- 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.
- 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.
- 11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
- 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,
- 13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.
- 14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.