

The Gospel of Grace

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Romans 1:1-5; 9; 15-17, “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, ³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 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** among all the Gentiles for His name’s sake.

⁹ For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the **gospel** of His Son.

¹⁵ So, for my part, I am eager to preach the **gospel** to you also who are in Rome.

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.”

1. The Gospel

Two clear distinctions of the gospel:

1. The gospel is the power of God for salvation
2. In the gospel, the righteousness of God is revealed

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, “Now **I make known to you, brethren, the gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that **Christ died** for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that **He was buried**, and that **He was raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures”

Romans 3:28, “For we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”

Romans 6:14, “You are not under law but under grace.”

2. The Obedience of Faith

Obedience: to be in compliance of the thing to which one is obedient. to embrace in full surrender

3. The Righteousness of God

Righteousness: redemptive action. satisfying the requirements of the law

Two types of righteousness in the Bible:

1. God's righteousness
2. Man's righteousness

Isaiah 64:6, *"All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment."*

Titus 3:5, *"God saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 10:3, *"For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own (righteousness), they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God."*

Philippians 3:3; 8-9, *"Put no confidence in the flesh. I count all things to be loss...not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith."*

Romans 3:22, *"The righteousness of God (comes) through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe."*

Philippians 3:9, *"The righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith."*

2 Corinthians 5:21, *"Become the righteousness of God in Christ."*

Galatians 3:27, *"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."*

2 Thessalonians 1:6-8, *"After all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you...dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus."*

Romans 6:3-5, *"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."*

Matthew 27:22, *"Pilate said to them, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called the Christ?"*