





What is the good news of God?
 Is Jesus really God?
 What proves He is God?
 Why did He come?
 What is a saint?
 What is God like?
 How can God send people to hell?
 What will happen to people who have never heard the gospel?

**Why do men reject God and Christ?
Why are there false religions and idols?
What is man's biggest sin?
Why is there sex perversion, hate, crime
Why are they so rampant?
What is the standard by which God
condemns people?
What is grace? And what does it do?
How can we die spiritually to be reborn?**

**What is the Christian's relation to sin?
How important is obedience?
How are law and grace related?
Why is the Christian life so difficult?
What does the Holy Spirit do for us?
How intimate is a Christian's relationship
to God really?
Why is there suffering?
Will the world ever be any different?**

**How can I pray properly?
Can we be sure of heaven?
What is the Christian's relationship to
the world, Christians, the unsaved,
the government?
What is love and how does it work?
What about the gray areas of life?
How important is unity in the church?**

Background

When: Written around 57 A.D

By: the Apostle Paul

To: the Christians in Rome

Why: to instruct them in the doctrine of salvation and to teach them how to live holy.

Romans 1:17

...“The righteous will live by faith.”

THE PERSON OF CHRIST

**A New Power
An Old Problem
A Clear Pattern**

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 1:1-7

⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. ⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

A New Power

Romans 1

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A Old Problem

How do we reach God?

Romans 3

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²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

A Clear Pattern

Romans 1

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THE TESTIMONY OF CHRIST

Romans 1:8-13

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. ⁹ God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you ¹⁰ in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

Romans 1:8-13

¹¹ I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—
¹² that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

THE TESTIMONY OF CHRIST

You can't meet Christ and remain unchanged

Romans 1:14-17

¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Romans 1:14-17

¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

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- 2. Committed
- 3. Confident

Confident because...

The gospel is the *POWER* of God

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The gospel is the **POWER** of God
to become the **RIGHTEOUSNESS**
of God


