



**Paul wrote the letter to the Romans** to bring about the obedience of faith in Jesus Christ for the glory of God. (Cf. Rom. 1:5; 16:25-27)

**ESV Outline:**

- Romans 1:8-15 Paul's Longing to Visit Rome
- Romans 1:16-15 The Righteous Shall Live **by Faith**
- Romans 1:18-32 God's Wrath on Unrighteousness
- Romans 2:1-11 God's Righteous Judgment
- Romans 2:12-29 God's Judgment and the Law
- Romans 3:1-8 God's Righteousness Upheld
- Romans 3:9-20 **No One** Is Righteous
- Romans 3:21-31 The Righteousness of God Through Faith
- Romans 4:1-12 **Abraham** Justified **by Faith**
- Romans 4:13-25 **The Promise** Realized **Through Faith**
- Romans 5:1-11** Peace with God **Through Faith**
- Romans 5:12-21** Death in Adam, Life in Christ
- Romans 6:1-14 Dead to Sin, Alive to God (**Next Week**)
- Romans 6:15-23 Slaves to Righteousness
- Romans 7:1-6 Released from the Law
- Romans 7:7-25 The Law and Sin
- Romans 8:1-11 Life in the Spirit
- Romans 8:12-17 Heirs with Christ
- Romans 8:18-30 Future Glory
- Romans 8:31-39 God's Everlasting Love
- Romans 9:1-29 God's Sovereign Choice
- Romans 9:30-10:4 Israel's Unbelief
- Romans 10:5-21 The Message of Salvation to All
- Romans 11:1-10 The Remnant of Israel
- Romans 11:11-24 Gentiles Grafted In
- Romans 11:25-36 The Mystery of Israel's Salvation
- Romans 12:1-2 A Living Sacrifice
- Romans 12:3-8 Gifts of Grace
- Romans 12:9-21 Marks of the True Christian
- Romans 13:1-7 Submission to the Authorities
- Romans 13:8-14 Fulfilling the Law Through Love
- Romans 14:1-12 Do Not Pass Judgment on One Another
- Romans 14:13-23 Do Not Cause Another to Stumble
- Romans 15:1-7 The Example of Christ
- Romans 15:8-13 Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles
- Romans 15:14-21 Paul the Minister to the Gentiles
- Romans 15:22-33 Paul's Plan to Visit Rome
- Romans 16:1-16 Personal Greetings
- Romans 16:17-23 Final Instructions and Greetings
- Romans 16:25-27 Doxology

**What Did God Do to Save Us?**

**He Declared Us Righteous through Faith in Jesus Christ:**



- **Jesus:** The "Ground" of the Verdict
- **Faith:** The only "Instrument" of Application

**The Instrumental Cause of Justification** by R.C. Sproul

- Rome & Reformers agree that Jesus is the Ground of Our Justification
- Disagree about the *Instrument*
- **Rome:** Baptism, Confession & Penance

**What is at Stake?**

- At Best Obscuring How to Come to Jesus for God's Grace
- The Council of Trent –
- God's Glory Alone

CANON 12: "If any one shall say that justifying faith is nothing else than confidence in the divine mercy pardoning sins for Christ's sake, or that it is that confidence alone by which we are justified...let him be accursed"

The strength, glory & power of **God's** love is worth shouting joyfully about.

**Do You Know God's Love?**

- I. We Have Peace (Shalom) with God! (v. 1)  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore, **since** we have been *justified by faith*, we have **peace with God** (Cf. Ezek. 34:25) *through our Lord Jesus Christ*. (Cf. v.11 - reconciliation) **What we all long for...**
- II. Are We Excited about the "Hope of God's Glory"? (Cf. 3:23)  
<sup>2</sup> **Through him we have also obtained** access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and *we rejoice* in **hope** of the glory of God. **What we were made for...**
- III. But What about Our Sufferings? (3-5)
  - A. Endurance, Character... Hope  
<sup>3</sup> Not only that, but *we rejoice* in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope...
  - B. Love Confirmed in Our Hearts (Holy Spirit)  
<sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

### C. The Love of God: Past Secures Future (6-10)

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 

<sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been *justified by his blood*, **much more** shall we be saved by him *from the wrath of God* (1:18; 2:5). <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, **much more**, now that *we are reconciled*, shall we be **saved** by his life.

**Illustration:** Vern

#### IV. Is Our Joyful Boasting in God Alone? (Cf. 3:27)

<sup>11</sup>**More than that** (And not only this), *we also rejoice in God* through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *we have now received reconciliation*.

### Understand the Scope of God's Grace

#### I. Jesus' Work is Like Adam's... (12-14; Cf. v. 18)

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, *just as* sin came into the world through **one man**, and death through sin, and so *death spread to all* men *because all sinned*— [<sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before *the law* was given, but sin is not counted where there is **no law** (Cf. 4:15 & cpt. 7). <sup>14</sup>Yet *death reigned* from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the *transgression* of Adam, *who was a type* of the one who was to come.]

#### II. It's Not Like Adam's... (15-17)

<sup>15</sup>**But the free gift is not like the trespass**. For if many died through **one man's** trespass, **much more** have *the grace of God* and *the free gift* by the *grace of* that **one man** Jesus Christ *abounded for many*. <sup>16</sup>And *the free gift is not like* the result of that **one man's** sin. For the judgment following *one* trespass brought condemnation, but *the free gift* following many trespasses brought *justification*. <sup>17</sup>For if, because of **one man's** trespass, death reigned through that **one man**, **much more** will those who receive *the abundance of grace* and *the free gift of righteousness* reign in life through the **one man** Jesus Christ.

#### III. The Victorious Reign of Grace through "One Man" (18)

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, *as one trespass* led to condemnation for all men, *so one act of righteousness* leads to *justification and life* for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the **one man's** *disobedience* the many were

made sinners, so by the **one man's** *obedience* the many will be *made righteous*.

[<sup>20</sup>Now *the law* came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ]

<sup>21</sup>so that, *as sin reigned in death*, **grace** also might reign *through righteousness* leading to *eternal life through Jesus Christ* our Lord.

### Romans 6:1

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

**Do you know the strength, glory & power of God's love?**

- If not...Call on him to rescue you!
- If so, may your faith & joy be fanned into a white-hot flame!

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Talk and pray with a brother or sister this week about the "peace of God" and the "hope of God's glory."
2. Does the gospel of God's free grace excite you? Why or why not?
3. How does this text encourage you to rethink your sufferings?
4. Can you think of an example where God has used suffering in your life to reveal the truth of his love for you? Perhaps you might share this with someone this week.
5. Many of us have people we know and love who are Roman Catholic. How can we be praying for them? Who could you pray about this with? How could you prepare yourself for gospel opportunities with these loved ones?