

### Romans Part Three

**Rom. 1:16** ¶ 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.

**Rom. 1:17** For in it the righteousness [= rightness] of God is revealed from faith to faith [= by faith for faith]; as it is written: **“BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH.”**

“Salvation” in Romans means \_\_\_\_\_ towards sinful human beings in that God is handing sinful humans over to a deeper experience of sin.

**Rom. 3:21** ¶ But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been revealed [= made publicly seen], being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

**Rom. 3:22** but it is the righteousness of God **through faith in Jesus Christ** for all those who believe; for there is no distinction,

**Rom. 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Rom. 3:24** being justified [= pronounced righteous] **as a gift by His grace** through the redemption [= acquittal] which is in [= by] Christ Jesus,

**Rom. 3:25** whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith [= **made available publicly a Mercy Seat through faith by His blood**]. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in God’s merciful restraint He let the sins previously committed go unpunished;

**Rom. 3:26** for the demonstration, that is, of His righteousness at the present time, so that **He would be just and the justifier of [= the one who pronounces righteous/not guilty] the one who has faith in Jesus.**



Jesus not only shed His blood for human sin, but Jesus becomes the connecting point between God and man “through faith.” When people believe in Jesus, their guilt is acquitted so that they are pronounced as not guilty because of Jesus’s blood. In reality all of human sin was paid for at the cross, but Jesus only becomes the Mercy Seat connecting sinful people to God when people believe in Him as Savior!

**Rom. 5:1** ¶ *Therefore, **having been justified [= pronounced not guilty] by faith**, we have peace [= harmony] with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

**Rom. 5:2** *through whom we also have obtained our introduction by faith **into this grace in which we stand**; and we celebrate in hope of the glory of God.*

**Rom. 5:3** *And not only this, but we also **celebrate in our tribulations**, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;*

**Rom. 5:4** *and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;*

**Rom. 5:5** *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**.*

The indwelling Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ on every Christian at the moment he or she believes in Jesus as Savior. The Holy Spirit fills up our hearts with God’s love.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit to us is going to be crucial to \_\_\_\_\_ Christian living. Faith in what the Holy Spirit has already done for you and faith in what He can do in you will be central to experiencing God’s divine power to deliver you from sinfulness.

The Christian life starts by faith \_\_\_\_\_ and the Christian life is lived by faith \_\_\_\_\_.

**Rom. 5:6** ¶ *For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.*

**Rom. 5:7** *For one will hardly die for a righteous person; though perhaps for the good person someone would even dare to die.*

**Rom. 5:8** *But God demonstrates His own **love** toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Rom. 5:9** *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we **shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him**.*

**Rom. 5:10** *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**.*

**Rom. 5:11** *And not only this, but we also **celebrate** in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

**How does the resurrection life of Jesus Christ empower us to overcome sin?**

**What do we need to believe in order to experience this power?**

**How does the indwelling Holy Spirit enable this experience of power?**

**Rom. 5:12** ¶ *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so **death spread** to all mankind, because all sinned—*

**Rom. 5:13** *for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not counted [= itemized] against anyone when there is no law.*

**Rom. 5:14** *Nevertheless **death reigned** from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the violation committed by Adam, who is a type [= pattern] of Him who was to come.*

The picture here is that death is like a terrible king over people who reigns through spreading sin and death. It's a tyranny over humanity!



But just as Adam ushered in the reign of death, Adam prefigures what the Messiah would be able to do. The Messiah would be able to turn things around so that righteousness spreads through humanity and life reigns!

**Rom. 5:15** ¶ *But the gracious gift is not like the offense. For if by the offense 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, overflow to the many.***



**Rom. 5:16** *The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one offense, **resulting in condemnation [= a penalty of servitude]**, but on the other hand the gracious gift arose from many offenses, **resulting in justification [= a restoration to right actions]**.*



**Rom. 5:17** *For if by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness **reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ**.*



**Rom. 5:18** ¶ So then, as through one offense the result was condemnation [= a penalty of servitude] to all mankind, so also through one act of righteousness the result was **justification of life** [= life's justification] to all mankind.

**Rom. 5:19** For as through the one man's **disobedience** the many were made [= caused to become] sinners, so also through **the obedience** of the One the many will be made [= caused to become] righteous.



**Rom. 5:20** The Law came in so that the offense would increase; but where sin increased, grace **abounded** all the more,

**Rom. 5:21** so that, as sin reigned in death, so also **grace would reign** through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

One man Adam opened up humanity's experience of sin and death's tyranny. Later in history, the Mosaic Law only exposed just how sinful humans are. But one Man Jesus opened up God's grace and a way for humanity to *experience life* and *true righteousness*. This life we can experience is nothing less than Christ's own life, divine life, eternal life.

**We are going to discover in chapters 6-8 that the indwelling Holy Spirit is able to impart resurrection power to us so that we come alive with the life of Jesus Christ. This new life is a life of obedience that pleases God so that we are delivered from His wrath towards human sin!**