

The Power of

ROMANS

The Gospel



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Romans 1:16–17

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¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.

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Romans 1:1-4

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, and set apart for the gospel of God – ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures – ³concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was a descendant of David, according to the flesh ⁴and was appointed to be the powerful Son of God according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of the dead.

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Luke 9:25–26

²⁵For what does it benefit someone if he gains the whole world, and yet loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and that of the Father and the holy angels.

Mark 8:38

³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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Litotes /lɪ 'təʊtiːz/

- noun ironical understatement in which an affirmative is expressed by the negative of its opposite (e.g. I shan't be sorry for I shall be glad).
 - ORIGIN 16th century: via late Latin from Greek *litotēs*, from *litos* 'plain, meagre'.

Soanes, C., & Stevenson, A., eds. (2004). In Concise Oxford English dictionary (11th ed.). Oxford University Press.

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- The Cross
- The Death
- The Jewish Rejection
- The Jewish Persecution

2 Timothy 1:11–18

¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald, apostle, and teacher, ¹²and that is why I suffer these things. **But I am not ashamed,** because I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day.

¹³Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

2 Timothy 1:11–18

¹⁵You know that all those in the province of Asia have deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. ¹⁷On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he diligently searched for me and found me. ¹⁸May the Lord grant that he obtain mercy from him on that day. You know very well how much he ministered at Ephesus.

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because it is the power of God...

VIDEO

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Isaiah 52:7 ⁷How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of the herald, who proclaims peace,
who brings news of good things, who proclaims
salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

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because it is the power of God for salvation...

Saved from what?

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Saved from what?

Salvation from the wrath of God:

Romans 1:18 ¹⁸For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth,...

1 Corinthians 1:22–25

²²For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles. ²⁴Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, ²⁵because God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 6:9–11

⁹Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, ¹⁰no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. ¹¹And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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Not universal!

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Condition:

Appropriate Response
(Faith, Trust, & Belief)

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- 2. Not a contribution!**

to everyone who believes, ...

Not universal!

**But it is without
distinction and without
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Condition:

**Appropriate Response
(Faith, Trust, & Belief)**

- 1. Not a precondition!**
- 2. Not a contribution!**
- 3. It is God freeing us!**

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**Not just reporting the historical pattern
of Paul's Evangelism Strategy**

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**Paul is telling us that God's chosen people, the
Jews, still have a special place and roll in God's
salvation plan.**

Romans 2:9-11

⁹There will be affliction and distress for every human being who does evil, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek; ¹⁰but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does what is good, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. ¹¹For there is no favoritism with God.

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2. As the “saving activity” of God

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The Gospel

“righteousness of God”

1. As a characteristic of God (Example: Romans 3:5)
2. As the “saving activity” of God
3. As the “forensic/judicial” declaration of God

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The righteous will live by faith.

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1. Vaughan: "begins in faith and ends in faith"
2. Hodge: "by faith alone"
3. Barrett: "on the basis of nothing but faith"
4. Knox: "faith first and last"
5. Stagg: "the upright out of faith shall live"

Utley, R. J. (1998). The Gospel according to Paul: Romans: Vol. Volume 5 (Ro 1:17). Bible Lessons International.

Habakkuk 2:2-4

²The Lord answered me:

Write down this vision;
clearly inscribe it on tablets
so one may easily read it.

³For the vision is yet for the
appointed time;
it testifies about the end
and will not lie.

Though it delays, wait for it,
since it will certainly come and
not be late.

⁴Look, his ego is inflated;
he is without integrity.

But the righteous one will live by
his faith.

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