

A hand holding a quill pen is the central focus, positioned as if writing on a parchment surface. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with faint, ghostly cursive text scattered across it. The main title is written in a large, elegant, white cursive font.

# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE Romans

# Coming back to Faith

- Revelations of wrath and righteousness
- Jews have the advantage of “Law”
  - All that came with it
  - But law could only give knowledge of sin
  - So what is God’s plan?
  - Apart from law, Law and prophets! (21)

# All in Jesus - 23ff

- All come, because all sinned!
  - Falling short of God's glory...
  - gift of grace thru redemption in JC
  - Mode, Origin, Means...
  - Propitiation – mercy seat of the ark
  - To demonstrate His righteousness

# "Just and Justifier" vs.26

- God passed over sins (25) to focus...
- "the faith of Jesus" – by relationship
  - God shows His righteousness
  - Making us righteous at the same time
  - Previously, sins! Present time, justified!

# All by faith alone (27-30)

- Boasting lifestyle, self-righteousness
  - Not by law, not by works...
  - Rather by the faith relationship!
- This opens salvation to all! Jew/Gentile
  - Not about birth, about God!

# Nullify or establish?

- Faith is the pathway
  - We do not get rid of the Law
  - Lifestyle of faith is the same Spirit that gave the law itself. “You shall love...”
  - Faith creates new obedience because of love
  - What restrict us more...?

**SIN**

**Law**

**SIN**

**Faith!**

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# Speaking of faith...Ch. 4

- Abraham!

- Jews trace their roots/blessings to him
- Called, led, blessed, promised...
- If he came by works, then he has a boast...
- He believed God
- Reckoned - count, calculate, impute



# Godet:

“The object of His faith, when he embraced the promise, was God Himself – His truth, His faithfulness, His holiness, His goodness, His wisdom, His power, His eternity.”