

**Series "How Great A Salvation"
"Not Ashamed Of The Gospel"
Romans 1:16-17
Study-3**

Theme of Romans – "How Great A Salvation"

Romans 1:1-17 – Greeting And Introduction: Verses 1-7 – The Address: Paul presents himself as a **Messenger Of God**. Paul announces the **Gospel of God**. Paul declared that the Gospel is the Gospel because of **Son Of God**.

Verses 8-15 – The Explanation: Paul gives a two-fold explanation for his letter!

- 1) Why Paul Is Writing**
- 2) What Paul Is Writing About**

Verses 16-17 – The Theme: These 2 verses encapsulate the entire book of Romans. Following these verses is the explanation and details of these verses.

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Gospel Is The Power Of God For Salvation Which Reveals The Righteousness Of God Imparted Through Faith."

- 1. Verse 16 – Gospel Is God's Power For Salvation**
- 2. Verse 17 – Gospel Reveals God's Righteousness**

1. Verse 16 – Gospel Is God's Power For Salvation:

Romans 1:16 – "For I am not ashamed of the gospel," – The Context: Paul has let the believers know that he has wanted to visit them for over 20 years, but it has not been in God's timing.

I Am A Debtor – Romans 1:14 – "I am under obligation"

I Am Ready – Romans 1:15 – "I am eager to preach the gospel"

I Am Not Ashamed – Romans 1:16 – "For I am not ashamed of the gospel," –Figure of speech.

Mark 8:38; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 23

When the Gospel is preached, it stirs up opposition and contempt and sometimes ridicule.

2 Timothy 1:8, 12

“Gospel” – “Good News”

How Does One Keep From Being Ashamed Of The Gospel? Paul Now States “it is the Power of God.” We Need To Be Reminded Of This!

Sufficiency Of The Gospel: “for it is the Power of God” – Greek word “dunamis,” we get our English word “dynamite, or dynamic, dynamo, explosive force;” God’s almighty saving power!

Paul used the term “Power of God,” associated with the wisdom of God, in contrast to man’s wisdom – 1 Corinthians 1:24; 2:4; 2 Corinthians 6:7.

Paul used the term “Power of God” as to the resurrection life power – 1 Corinthians 1:18.

The gospel resurrection power is more than mere words – 1 Corinthians 2:4

We never need to apologize for the gospel. It is absolutely without rival. The Gospel Is The Sufficiency Of God.

“for salvation” – Purpose; the use of the word “Salvation:” deliverance, rescue, preservation from danger; this word encompasses all of God’s benefits in Christ to believers. Salvation is the purpose of the Gospel which is to save man.

Salvation – Past Tense Regeneration/Penalty Of Sin – John 3:7

Salvation – Present Tense Sanctification/Power Of Sin – Hebrews 2:3

Salvation – Future Tense Glorification/Presence Of Sin – Hebrews 9:28

Our final and complete salvation is in the future – Romans 13:11

Simplicity Of The Gospel: “to everyone who believes,” – Universal; How much more simpler can it be? Everyone can believe, because everyone is in need of salvation.

“everyone who believes,” – the word “believes” – “putting your trust in and dependence on Jesus Christ, believing obedience; God offers and we simply take.”

Romans 3:22; Romans 4:11; Romans 10:4

“to the Jew first” – This Bible is a Jewish book, and it is written about a chosen people that God brought the messiah through. Israel was in a covenant with God; this is an historical fact. Israel had to be first!
Acts 3:25-26

“and also to the Greek.” – The non-Jewish, literally “all the gentiles.”

2. Verse 17 – Gospel Reveals God’s Righteousness:

Romans 1:17 – “For in it” – The Gospel

“righteousness of God (or From God) is revealed” – “righteousness” – 40X in Romans; “righteousness” – “in the right;” wickedness – “in the wrong;” righteousness – literally, “a God-kind of righteousness, God-righteousness.”

The Gospel reveals to mankind what the righteousness of God is. It is a righteousness that is imparted by faith!

What Is The Righteousness Of God? “righteousness of God is revealed” – How is it revealed? Through Jesus Christ! Righteousness – “worth, a worth before God; a sense of acceptance before God is given to you.”

Romans 5:17; 2 Corinthians 5:21

God’s righteousness can be thought of as a divine attribute; Our God is a righteous God; As an activity – He comes to our rescue; achievement – He gives to us His righteousness.

What does this mean? God is always right, in the right, and can be relied upon, therefore, to do what is right. That which is right can only be determined with reference to God. God makes men and women and children that are in the wrong to be in the right! (By Faith) Best commentary – Philippians 3:8-9.

What Is The Meaning Of Faith To Faith? “from faith to faith;” – Salvation/Righteousness is entirely by faith. “A righteousness that begins in faith, it ends in faith.”

Romans 5:1-2

“as it is written, ‘BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.’” – Paul is quoting Habakkuk 2:4.

This is the only OT passage that is quoted 3X in the NT. This statement is so important that the Holy Spirit inspired 3 New Testament books to explain it as mentioned before.

Romans – explains “the just;” Declares that all mankind are sinners. Paul explains how the sinner can be justified before God, Romans 1:17.

Galatians – explains how the just “shall live,” Galatians 3:11.

Hebrews – discusses “by faith,” Hebrews 10:38.

God’s point is not how righteous people live, but how sinful people become righteous!

“THE RIGHTEOUS man” – Romans 1:18-3:20 – The Righteous Man.

“BY FAITH” – Romans 3:21-11 – By Faith.

“SHALL LIVE” – Romans 12-16 – Shall Live.

1 Corinthians 1:23; Ephesians 2:8

Application:

1. The Gospel Is God’s Power To Salvation. The Greatest Manifestation Of God’s Power Is That Of Bringing Men To Salvation, Transforming Their Sinful Nature And Giving Them Eternal Life Through His Son.
2. The Gospel Reveals To Mankind What The Righteousness Of God Is. It Is A Righteousness That Can Only Be Imparted Through Faith.
3. “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH” – He Who Is Righteous-By-Faith Shall Live. God’s Point Is, Not How Righteous People Live, But How Sinful People Become Righteous.