

# Discover the New Testament – Romans Part 1

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**AUTHORSHIP:** The Apostle Paul wrote the book of Romans.

**Romans 1:1** - Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God.

Romans was likely written in Corinth on Paul's third missionary journey around A.D 56.

**THEME:** Righteousness by Grace through Faith in Jesus

**Romans 1:14-17** – **14** I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. **15** That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome. **16** I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **17** For in the gospel ***a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last***, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

**SUMMARY:**

## 1. Introduction – 1:1-17

- a. Paul's greeting – 1:1-7
- b. Personal Matters – 1:8-13

**Romans 1:8** - First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for ***all of you***, because ***your faith*** is being reported all over the world.

## 2. The Sinfulness and Condemnation of all Men – 1:18-3:20

Before you can preach how to obtain "Righteousness", you must first establish the "Unrighteousness" of the recipient.

### A. The Guilt of the Gentiles – 1:18-32

**Romans 1:18-32** – **18** The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, **19** since what ***may be known about God is plain to them***, because ***God has made it plain to them***. **20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature-***have been clearly seen***, being understood from what has been ***made or created***, so that ***men are without excuse***. **21** For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God ***for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles***. **24** Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **25** ***They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and***

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*worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator*-who is forever praised. Amen. **26** Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. **27** In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. **28** Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. **29** They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, **30** slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; **31** they are senseless, faithless, heartless, and ruthless. **32** Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they ***not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.***

## **B. The Guilt of the Jews – 2:1-3:8**

**Romans 2:25-29** – **25** Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. **26** If those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? **27** The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker. **28** A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. **29** No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God.

## **C. The Guilt of all Men – 3:9-20**

**Romans 3:9-10, 20** – **9** What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. **10** As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;  
**20** Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, ***through the law we become conscious of sin.***

As the law was meant to produce a "Sin Consciousness," the Righteousness of God through Jesus is meant to produce a "Righteousness Consciousness."