

## Romans 1:10-11 (NLT)

One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you. <sup>11</sup> For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord.

Romans 1:12 (NLT)

When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

## Romans 1:14-15 (NLT)

For I have a great sense of OBLIGATION to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike. <sup>15</sup> So I am EAGER to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News.

## Romans 1:16 (NLT)

For I am NOT ASHAMED of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes - the Jew first and also the Gentile.

# **FAITH from FIRST to LAST**

**Romans 1:16-17**

- <sup>16</sup> **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.
- <sup>17</sup> 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."

People are **saved BY faith**, but faith is **NOT** the **cause** of salvation.

The **cause** of salvation is  
the **GRACE** of **God**, the **WILL** of **God**,  
and the **POWER** of **God**  
working through the gospel. CSB

→ We are called to be **UNASHAMED** of  
the gospel **-NOT-**  
**Anonymous OR Obnoxious**

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(NLT)



1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

...**Always** be prepared to give an  
**answer** to everyone who asks you to give  
the reason for the **HOPE** that you have.

But do this with **GENTLENESS**  
and **RESPECT**...

2 Timothy 1:12 (NLT)

That is why I am suffering here in prison.

But I am **NOT** ashamed of **IT**,  
for I know **the ONE** in whom I **TRUST**,  
and I am sure that **He is able to GUARD**  
what I have entrusted to Him  
until the day of His return.

## → The Gospel is the **POWER** of God to **CHANGE** Lives

1 Corinthians 1:18-19 (NLT)

The **message of the cross is FOOLISH** to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know **it is the very POWER of God.**<sup>19</sup> As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.”

## 1 Corinthians 1:20-21 (NLT)

So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. <sup>21</sup> **Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know Him through human wisdom,** He has used our foolish preaching **to SAVE those who BELIEVE.**

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# In the Gospel a Righteousness FROM God is Revealed...

## ➤ In His CHARACTER

Deut. 32:4 (NLT) He is the Rock; His deeds are Perfect. Everything He does is JUST and FAIR. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright He is.

## ➤ In His ACTS

1 Sam. 12:6-7 (NIV) Now then, stand here, because I am going to confront you with evidence before the LORD as to ALL the RIGHTEOUS ACTS performed by the LORD for you and your fathers.

# In the Gospel a Righteousness FROM God is Revealed...

## ➤ the GIFT of Righteousness

Phil. 3:9 (NIV) ...**NOT** having a **Righteousness of my own** that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the **righteousness that comes FROM God and is BY faith.**

The righteousness of God  
is that righteousness which  
**He IMPARTS** in order to make men  
righteous. Augustine



The life of **FAITH** is **ALL-  
ENCOMPASSING:**

it is **BY faith** that one **initially  
RECEIVES** the **gift of salvation**  
(eternal life), but it is also  
**BY faith** that one **LIVES each day**. ESV

→ We are **MADE** Righteous by **FAITH**

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a righteousness that is **BY FAITH...**

**Faith is unconditional TRUST –**  
it is the appointed way of receiving  
**God's righteousness.**

**Faith IN the fact** that Jesus Christ  
took our sins on Himself,  
taking the punishment we deserved,  
and in exchange **making us**  
**righteous before God.** LAB

Romans 3:21-22 (NIV)

But now **a righteousness FROM** God,  
apart from law, has been made known...

<sup>22</sup> **This righteousness from God**  
comes **THROUGH** faith in Jesus  
**Christ to ALL who believe.**

Romans 10:13 (NIV)

Everyone who **CALLS**  
on the **Name** of the Lord  
**WILL** be **SAVED**.

Romans 10:9-11, 13 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> ...**BELIEVE** in your heart...

<sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you  
**BELIEVE**...

<sup>11</sup> ...Anyone who **TRUSTS**...

<sup>13</sup> for **Everyone** who **CALLS** on the  
**NAME** of the Lord will be saved.

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→ **The Gospel is the Good News of  
God's SALVATION-  
Positional, Progressive, Ultimate**

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<sup>17</sup> ...**START to FINISH BY faith...** (NLT)



**Positional** - we are **IN** Christ

**Progressive** - we **WALK** with Christ

**Ultimate** - will be **LIKE** Christ

# Every Aspect of God's SALVATION comes BY FAITH

- **Justification**- saved from the **PENALTY** of sin
- **Sanctification**- saved from the **POWER** of sin
- **Glorification**- saved from the **PRESENCE** of sin

Romans 8:29-30 (NIV)

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be **CONFORMED** to the **likeness of His Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup> And those He predestined, He also called; those he called, **He also JUSTIFIED**; those He justified, **He also GLORIFIED**.

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