

## **Romans 1:16 (NIV)**

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.

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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."

## **Romans 3:21-22 (NIV)**

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe...

## **Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)**

...There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

## **Romans 4:24-25 (NIV)**

**<sup>24</sup>...God will credit righteousness-for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.**

# **Letter to a DIVIDED Church**

**Romans 1-4**

Chpt. 1 ALL Humanity is trapped in Sin and  
Needs a Savior

Chpt. 2 **Salvation** is NOT EARNED by  
Obeying Old Testament Law

Chpt. 3 God's Righteousness is offered to  
the World Through **FAITH** in Jesus

Chpt. 4 **BOTH** Jews and Gentiles are a part  
of God's **REDEEMED** People

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



The life of **FAITH** is **ALL-  
ENCOMPASSING**: it is **BY FAITH** that one  
initially **RECEIVES** the gift of salvation,  
but it is also **BY FAITH** that one  
**LIVES** each day. ESV

# → The Gospel is the Good News of God's Salvation-

<sup>17</sup> For in the gospel a Righteousness FROM God is revealed, a righteousness that is BY faith from FIRST to LAST...

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

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

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

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

We are **SAVED** by Faith-  
but the **ENJOYMENT** of our **Salvation**  
comes through our **OBEDIENCE** and  
**SUBMISSION** to the work of Christ  
in our Lives.

<sup>17</sup> For in the gospel a **righteousness**  
**FROM God** is revealed, a righteous  
that is **BY faith** from **FIRST** to **LAST...**

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

## **GENTILES**

Creation  
Conscience

## **JEWES**

Creation  
Conscience  
God's Law

→ God offers us something far better than  
**Favoritism - He offers GRACE**

<sup>11</sup> For God does **NOT** show **FAVORITISM**.

<sup>6</sup> God will give to each person **ACCORDING**  
to what he has **DONE**.

## HOW God Judges

- He judges Honestly Based on what is **TRUE**
- He judges what each person Really **DID**
- He judges everyone Justly and **FAIRLY**

Constable



## Revelation 20:11-12 (NIV)

Then I saw a **great white throne** and Him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from His presence, and there was no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. **The dead were judged according to what they had DONE as recorded in the books.**

Revelation 20:15 (NIV)

...<sup>15</sup> If anyone's name was **not FOUND** written in the **Book of Life**,  
he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Jesus became what we **ARE**

-SO THAT-

we could become what **He IS**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made Him who had **NO sin**  
to **BE SIN** for us, so that **IN Him** we  
might become the **RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
of God.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

For we must all appear before the **Judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive what is **DUE** him for the things **DONE** while in the body, whether good or bad.

Because Adam sinned, we are **ALL born**  
with a **SIN Nature**. But not only are we  
**sinners by NATURE**; we are also  
**sinners by PRACTICE**.  
We **ALL** fall **SHORT** of the **glory** of **God**.

MacDonald

1:17 For in the gospel **a righteousness**  
from **God is revealed,**  
a righteousness that is  
**BY FAITH** from **first** to **last...**

# Justification by Faith gives us a...

- new **STATUS**
- new **FAMILY**
- new **FUTURE**



→ We have been **REDEEMED** by  
the **Blood of Jesus**

<sup>23</sup> For **ALL HAVE SINNED** and  
**fall short** of the glory of God.

<sup>24</sup> They are justified freely by  
**HIS GRACE** through the  
**REDEMPTION** that is in Christ Jesus.

(HCS)

1 Peter 1:18-19 (HCS)

For you know that you were

**REDEEMED** from your empty way of life

inherited from the fathers, not with  
perishable things like silver or gold,

<sup>19</sup> but with the **precious BLOOD** of

**Christ**, like that of a **LAMB** without

**Defect** or **Blemish**.

Philippians 1:6 (HCS)

I am sure of this, that **He who STARTED**  
a good work **IN** you will **CARRY**  
it on to **COMPLETION** until the  
day of Christ Jesus.

→ He was Delivered to **DEATH**  
-and- Raised to **LIFE**

<sup>25</sup> He was handed over to **DIE**  
because of **OUR SINS**,  
and He was raised to **LIFE**  
to make us **RIGHT** with God.

(NLT)

<sup>17</sup> For in the gospel a **righteousness from God** is **REVEALED**,  
a righteousness that is  
**BY FAITH** from **First to Last...**

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)

**He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree**, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NET)

So then, if anyone is **IN Christ**,  
he **IS** a **NEW creation**; what is old has  
passed away - what is **NEW has come.**