# Be Accepting

#### Romans

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# We accept others when we are young.

Too often we don't accept people different from us.



## Why accept one another?





Accept One Another As Christ Has Accepted You The Theme of Romans Based on

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## Theme

#### "Accept one another just as Christ has accepted us for the glory of God" (Rom 15:7)









#### Message & Romans 1

God is angry at the Gentiles who reject him

#### The Theme of Romans

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<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."

Don't be ashamed of the gospel because it works! It alone makes us righteous!



# We need to be saved

#### God's Wrath (Romans 1:18-20)

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# The Reality (18a) The Reason (18b-20a) The Result (20b)

#### WHY YOU ARE WHY YOU ARE EXCUSE

#### ROMANS 1:20

Romans 1:20 155e **Person who is Person who** is Limitless **Supernatural** 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, so that men are without excuse (NIV).



#### Romans 2:1–3:8

God is angry at the self-righteous and Jews too

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Experience The Power

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#### God Despises Human Pride

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Condemned Group	Benefits Received	Reason Condemned	Degree of Judgment
Gentiles (1:18-32)	Preation 20) A//A	Rejection of the light they have (1:21-22)	Great (1:20b)
Self- Righteous People (2:1-16)	Const. 9 Gg (2:14-15)	fusal to obey ince (2:1) Before Hypocrisy	Greater (2:4)
Jews (2:17–3:8)	Law (2:17-20; 3:2)	Hypocrisy (2:21-24)	Gog
All Humanity (3:9-20)	Creation and/or Conscience or Law	Lack of understanding and turning away (3:11-18)	

<sup>10b</sup> "No one is righteous— 155e not even one. e.1)c] <sup>11</sup> No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one (Pss 14:1-3; 53:1-3–Greek version). <sup>13</sup> "Their talk is foul, like... stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies." "Snake venom drips from their lips" (Ps 5:9 Gr.; 140:3). <sup>14</sup> "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness" (Ps 10:7 Gr. version). <sup>15</sup> "They rush to commit murder. <sup>16</sup> Destruction and misery always follow them. <sup>17</sup> They don't know where to find peace" (Isa 59:7-8). <sup>18</sup> "They have no fear of God at all."

(Rom 3:10b-18 NLT)

#### Romans 3:21-31

God's righteousness is provided through justification by faith





Now for Some Theological Words in Romans

Righteousness (3:21)

Holiness or perfection inherent for God yet imputed (applied) to us in Christ

#### Faith (3:22)

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Trust or reliance on Christ's atonement on the cross as the sinless substitute to pay the sinner's penalty due to God

<u>Justification (3:24)</u> God's act of declaring us "not guilty" for our sins, making us right with him

Justice (3:25-26) The fairness of God where He punishes sin in an individual himself or in a Sinless Substitute (Jesus Christ)

#### "It is finished"



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#### Romans 4

## Justification by faith is illustrated

#### In Other Words...

### Salvation has ALWAYS been through faith alone!

[God took Abraham] outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said, "So shall your offspring be."

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

#### Romans 5

## Righteousness through imputation gives assurance

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"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us"

#### Romans 5:1

#### **Adam versus Christ**



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#### Romans 6

Righteousness is imparted in sanctification through positional identification with Christ
#### Contrasts Between Justification and Sanctification

#### JUSTIFICATION

- 1. "Not guilty"
- 2. Legal Standing
- 3. Once for all time
- 4. Entirely God's work
  - 5. Perfect in this life
- 6. Same in all Christians

#### SANCTIFICATION

- 1. "Set apart"
- 2. Internal condition
- 3. Continuous throughout life
  - 4. We cooperate with God
  - 5. Not perfect in this life
    - 6. Different levels

Righteousness Imparted in <sup>154b</sup> Sanctification (Rom. 6–8) How does the blood of Christ apply to us?

Chapter 6 New Basis

Identification

# "Shall we go on sinning that grace may increase?" (6:1)

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"Well, I haven't exactly *DIED* to sin, but I did feel kind of *faint* once."

# **INSTRUMENTS** of Righteousness ROMANS 6:13

"And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead and your members as INSTRUMENTS OF **RIGHTEOUSNESS** to God." Romans 6:13



## Romans 7

#### **Believers are free from the Law**

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Chapter 6 New Basis

Identification

Chapter 7 New Relationship

Freedom

"As a wife is no longer married to her husband when he dies, so a Christian is no longer under the Law"

(John A. Witmer, "Romans," in *BKC*, 2:465).

# Marriage: 30 December 1983



## What "Marriages" (7:1-6)?





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Our "BC" Marriage (Rom. 7:1-4a)

Our "AD" Marriage (Rom. 7:4b-6) Christ's death (and our death with Him) frees us from "marriage" to the Law since now we are "married" to Christ (Rom. 7:4, 6)

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# In what ways do believers today still try to live by the Mosaic law?

# Sabbath observance Food laws Tithing Not charging Christians interest Circumcision



# Our Sabbath Lift in Galilee

We arrived at our hotel on the Sabbath, so it would not stop at our floor. Instead, we carried our luggage for two floors by hand in celebration of the day of rest!

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# Victory in the Christian Life

"Paul does not view Christian living as victory apart from any conflict or as conflict apart from any victory. Instead, he sees the Christian life as a life of victory amid conflict."

> "Paul & His Epistles: Life and Teachings of Paul," NT Survey (Moody Online Study Guide), p. 7 (emphasis mine)

# Romans 8

#### Power in Sanctification is through the Holy Spirit

Righteousness Imparted in<br/>Sanctification (Rom. 6–8)154bHow does the blood of Christ apply to us?

Chapter 6 New Basis Chapter 7 New Relationship Chapter 8 New Power

Identification

Freedom

Spirit

# No Condemnation (8:1)!



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"...those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all" (Rom. 8:9)



## **Two Types of Inheritance**

#### "Now if we are children, then we are heirs heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed w share in his suffering in order that w may also share in his glory" (Rom. 8:17 NIV).

## = Salvation



"The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed... The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God."



#### <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?



#### <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?



#### <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.



<sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.



#### <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?



#### <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."



#### <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.



#### <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,



#### <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



# Romans 9

# Righteousness was revealed in God's sovereign choice of Israel

"For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel" (9:6)

# ≠ "Israel" refers to believing Gentiles?!?!

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= Not all Jews believe

"Israel" always means ethnic seed of Jacob (9:1-5)

# Romans 10

#### Righteousness is revealed in Israel rejecting God (not vice versa)

Is There a Future for Ethnic Jews?



## Summary of Romans 9–11

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9:1-29	9:30-10:21	11:1-36
Israel's past	Israel's present	Israel's future
God elected Israel	Israel rejects God	God will reject Israel only partially and temporarily
Israel's failure is not due to God's unfaithfulness	Israel's failure is due to rejecting her Messiah	Israel's failure will be neither total in scope nor final
A Jewish remnant has been preserved by God	Only a small Jewish remnant accepts Him now	Yet this remnant will grow into an entire believing nation
Gentiles have also become elect of God in Christ	Gentiles are now becoming saved by faith in Christ	Gentiles should not be proud over blessings that Jews reject
Divine side	Human side	Divine results
God's election	Man's responsibility	God's mercy
Human unbelief cannot eradicate God's promises because they are based on the principle of sovereign election	However, God's election in sovereign grace to fulfill His Word does not eradicate human responsibility for unbelief	Ultimately, God's election will be justified in the salvation of the Jewish nation alive when Christ returns

# Romans 11

#### Righteousness will be revealed in Israel's future restoration


#### **Gentile Engrafting**



#### Romans 12

#### Righteousness is applied in transformed living

#### 145 RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT TRANSFORMS IN ROMANS 12–13

IN THE CHURCH (CH. 12)

IN THE SOCIETY (CH. 13)

### Romans 12:1

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"Offer your body as a living sacrifice..."

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

#### **ROMANS 12:2**

#### Romans 13

#### Righteousness shows in submission to government and in love for the saints

# Submit to Government (13:1-7)

Reasons we respect gov't (1-5)
 Reasons we pay taxes (6-7)



#### Romans 14:1–15:13

Righteousness transforms our ways of handling different convictions

# Black & White

Practices the Bible says are always wrong Idolatry Adultery Murder

Coveting

Practices the Bible says are always right

> Contentment Obedience Prayer Purity

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# Gray Areas

Practices not forbidden in the Bible over which Christians disagree

# Gray Area Examples

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Accepting gifts with the left hand Being a Democrat (or Republican!) Buying a Mac (or Windows) computer **Celebrating Christmas or Easter Celebrating Good Friday Celebrating Lent Celebrating Palm Sunday** Changing to a "Christian" name Chinese New Year giving of hong baos Should we follow someone else's conscience?

Why should we give up our rights in gray matters?



#### Romans 15:14–16:23

Righteousness is disseminated by propagating the gospel

#### Romans 15:28-29

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<sup>28</sup> As soon as I have delivered this money and completed this good deed of theirs, **bill come to see you on my way to Spain**. SPAIN <sup>29</sup> And I am sure that when I come, Christ will richly bless our time together.

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## Paul's Next Mission Field: Spain (15:23-29)



600 mi.

800 km.

200

400

200

400

600



### YOU are needed!

- Women's Ministry Team
- Men's Ministry Team
- Missions & Evangelism
- Coordinator for Ushers/Greeters
- Youth Sponsors & assistant (woman)
- PPT design
- Set-up, Take down (e.g. signs)
- Home group leaders
- Worship leader



# Romans 16

# For Righteousness Disseminated it Takes...

Building Bridges to Propagate the Gospel Money (15:14-33)
People (16:1-24)
God (16:25-27)

# Why accept one another?





We accept each other because God's righteousness comes to us equally.

# Main Idea of Romans

### Accept others. How?

- 1. Have you received God's forgiveness offered freely by trusting Christ?
- 2. If so, are you seeing yourself clearly—that is, humbly?
- 3. Or do you think yourself better than someone else? Who?
- 4. Which Christian are you not accepting? How can you better accept that person?

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