

Romans

**The Righteousness of God
proven through Messiah,
King Jesus**

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Theme of chapters 5-8 – Those whom God justifies (declares righteous) God glorifies (will inherit the Cosmos)

a) Past – Been made righteous

b) Present – Peace with God

c) Future – Will be glorified...it will end well

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We are reenacting the Exodus on a grand scale:

1) We have been set free from our sin of Egypt

*2) We will enter the promised inheritance God is preparing –
the new heaven & earth*

*3) But 1st we must march thru the suffering of Canaanite
territory*

And we can trust God because He has PROVEN Himself to us by His
Son POURING Himself out for us when we hated Him and were at our
most unworthy state

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Paul will start with how the Creator/Covenant God has successfully dealt with our Egypt = SIN & DEATH!

I.5:12 – Opening statement

II.5:13-14 – 1st side explanation = sin & death between Adam & Moses

III.5:15-17 – 2nd side explanation = Imbalance between sin & grace

IV.5:18-20 – Returns to opening statement in vs. 12

V.5:21 – Triumphant conclusion = Kingdom of grace triumphs over kingdom of sin

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Idea of Kingdoms: to rule or reign:

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| <u>Kingdom of Sin</u> Death, trespass, disobedience, and condemnation | <u>Kingdom of Grace</u> Righteousness, justification, acquittal |
| <u>Adam</u> | <u>Messiah</u> |

By fulfilling the covenant promises to Abraham the Creator God has addressed & dealt with the problem of Adam

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1.5:12 – Opening statement = Just as sin entered & brought death...

1) Sin & Death are being personified – Paul is speaking of them almost as if they are taking human form = Sin & death are like characters to Paul in an ugly play

2) Sin = harmatia = personified force = Think of it as a ruler

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1.5:12 – Opening statement = Just as sin entered & brought death...

1) Adam sinned & the personified force of sin & death took it's rule over humanity (everyone that followed)

2) And “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” ever since

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II.5:13-14 – 1st side explanation = sin & death between Adam & Moses

Paul is addressing a perceived problem = what happened between Adam & Moses

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Point = Sin did spread to everyone, even to those who didn't have any written commandments from Torah

1) Sin must have been (vs. 13a for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given) there because DEATH WAS THERE (vs. 14a death reigned from Adam to Moses)

2) There were sinners during this weird time between Adam & Moses, they were just a different kind of sinner because they weren't sinning against a specific written commandment

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III.5:15-17 – 2nd side explanation = Imbalance between sin & grace

Point = *Even though Adam is a “type” of Jesus – they aren’t even comparable*

- 1) Jesus didn’t start where Adam started – creation out of anti-creation
 - 2) The reign of death is far outweighed by the reign of “believers”
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III.5:15-17 – 2nd side explanation = Imbalance between sin & grace

Daniel 7:27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heave shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.'

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IV.5:18-20 – *Returns to opening statement in vs. 12*

Jesus steps in front of the proverbial bus on our behalf:

- 1) *He lives perfectly as Man, righteously perfect before His Father*
- 2) *And then turns to His Father and says, I will hand my righteous life to anyone that asks*
- 3) *Result = WE are made righteous before God*

Jesus' righteousness in the middle of the Great Story leads to our
acquittal in the last day

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IV.5:18-20 – *Returns to opening statement in vs. 12*

And what was Jesus obedient to?

1) He kept the commandments but I think much more is meant here

2) Jesus was faithful to the saving purposes of God - The plan marked out from the beginning with Abraham that Israel refused to follow

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When Torah came in, it was the Divine call of God on Israel

➤ *This is Me, this is you, now show the world who I am*

Israel misunderstands this call for eternal membership

➤ *Because we HAVE (& do) Torah, we are forever God's*

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The commandment/the Torah purposes to SHOW ME how enslaved to sin I already am:

- 1) We bare the mark of Adam's sin...we are born into sins darkness*
- 2) We then hear the commandment, and sin entices us even more*
- 3) God watches all this and steps in HIMSELF*

God does what Torah could never do

God super-abounds His grace to us!

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He outwits & outmatches the dark force of sin & death:

1) He pours His grace out to us

2) He declares us righteous

3) He frees us & gives us life, and not just life, but co-rulers over His New Creation

Grace (the sovereign, loving, personally invested purpose of God) now rules thru His covenant faithfulness (God accomplishing thru Jesus that which was promised to Abraham that Israel refused or could pull off) ushering in the “age to come”, eternal life!

Is. 53:2-11 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Is. 53:2-11 *By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.*
