

Romans

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

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Chapters 1-11 – God's righteousness is on trial:

- 1) *Has He done what He said He would do?*
 - 2) *Is He really fixing life?*
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Outline of Romans 5:1-8:30

Romans 1:18-3:20 = You have the wrong Person on trial

***Romans 3:21-8:39 = God will put the world to rights thru
Messiah (as promised!)***

Romans 9-11 = God has been faithful to what He promised

*Romans 12-16 = Now live in harmony & love as the true
renewed humanity of God*

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How in this 2nd section has Paul answered these 2 questions?

Chapter 4 = Calls his 1st 2 witnesses – Abraham & David

- *Original contract called for Jews AND Gentiles*
- *Abraham the founder of this relationship joined God thru FAITH*

Chapter 5 = Messiah lifts us from the solidarity of the dark force of sin & places us under the solidarity of Jesus & His grace

Chapter 6 = Messiah Jesus does this through identifying us in His life, His death, His burial & His resurrection

Chapter 7 = Side bar to exonerate God's Words (Torah) and show just how dark sin is

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Paul is walking us thru the imagery of the Exodus:

- *This time it isn't the Exodus from Egypt*
- *It is rather leaving the "Egypt of sins dark force & reign"*

Chapter 6 = Thru the "baptism" of the Red Sea as we are "identified" now with Jesus

Chapter 7 = Sinai & the purpose of Torah

Chapter 8 = Entering the Promised Land with Jesus' Spirit

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Rom. 5:21 “so that, as sin reigned in death (& used innocent Torah to do it), even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Messiah our Lord.”

- *Saw what the reign of death did thru Adam (ch. 5)*
 - *Saw how Messiah breaks this reign of sin (ch. 6)*
 - *Saw how sin used the innocent Torah to destroy rather than give life (ch. 7)*
 - *Now we will see how Jesus gives life thru His Spirit*
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Outline of Romans 8:1-11

Vs. 1-4 = How God has given life that Torah could not

Vs. 5-8 = Rules out any other way to receive life

Vs. 9-10 = Those who are “in Christ” are “in His Spirit”

Vs. 11 = Concludes – The indwelling Spirit of Jesus will give new life to your mortal bodies

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Romans 8:1 (How God has given life that the Torah could never give?)

“condemnation” = Final judgment that God as the Righteous Judge who MUST FIX LIFE fairly must mete out upon humanity in order to accomplish it

What is Paul’s conclusion?

1) I am free from being condemned BECAUSE GOD has dealt w the reign of sin in my life

2) And now HE has provided new life

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Romans 8:1-2 (How God has given life that the Torah could never give?)

- a) Those who are IDENTIFIED with Messiah are indwelt by His Spirit permanently
- b) Those who are indwelt by His Spirit are brought out of the slavery of the “Egypt of sin”
- c) And we are promised citizenship in the new Kingdom Life – God’s Promised Land

You are in the solidarity of His Spirit, not Adam anymore

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Romans 8:3-4 (How God has given life that the Torah could never give?)

What again could the Torah not do? GIVE LIFE!

And we should remember why:

a) It points sin out in our life

b) Sin uses it to strangle us by getting us to sin even more

And it cannot give life not because of IT but because our flesh is so weak & sin is so evil & dark & powerful

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Romans 8:3-4 (How God has given life that the Torah could never give?)

So what again did God do to give us life?

He condemned sin in the flesh OF JESUS (our old self was crucified & buried) so that the life the Torah always wanted for us can now be obtained by those who are indwelt by and led by His Spirit

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Romans 8:3-4 (How God has given life that the Torah could never give?)

How can Jesus' human death take on the judgment of God for us? The judgment that we deserved.

a) Vs. 1 – “in Messiah Jesus” = As Messiah He represents His whole people = what is true of Him is true of His people

b) The Torah's purpose was to allow sin to abound and be heaped up in a pile on the cross to be dealt with

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Romans 8:5-6 (Rules out any other way to receive life)

Now Paul tells us WHY those who walk according to the Spirit INHERIT LIFE

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Romans 8:7-8 (Rules out any other way to receive life)

The Spirit produces resurrection life

When we are identified with Jesus (ch. 6) the Spirit both:

- Raises us and gives us life
 - And assures this life forever
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Romans 8:7-8 (Rules out any other way to receive life)

Here is how it works:

- a) The flesh LOVES doing = willful independence for the sake of righteousness
- b) Sin knows this = grabs the flesh by the throat and lets the reigns out & gets us to try & achieve life without God
- c) We realize somehow over time this doesn't produce life
- d) We acknowledge our need for Jesus = flesh dies & the Spirit resurrects us
- e) And now the Spirit pours resurrection life thru us
- f) And we naturally thru His Spirit ~~DO TORAH~~

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Romans 8:9-11 Those who are "in Christ" are "in His Spirit"

- a) The Spirit of Jesus lives in you
 - b) The Spirit is the same Spirit of God who raised Jesus
 - c) Jesus is the Messiah and you are now identified with Him, you belong to Him
 - d) The same Spirit of God who then raised Jesus will raise all Messiah's people
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Final thoughts:

1) SIN is the villain in the Story

- A force so dominating that our weak flesh cannot overcome it on our own
 - A force so deceiving that it uses the beautiful Torah, God's Words to wreak havoc
 - A force so insidious that only God can break its powerful clutch
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Final thoughts:

1) SIN is the villain in the Story

2) When you have Jesus...you have JESUS!
