# **Looking into Paul's letter** to the Christians in Rome

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#### Romans 1:16-17

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For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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#### Romans 1:18-19

#### **ESV**:

For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

#### **NKJV**:

For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.



#### Romans 2:1

#### **ESV**:

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

#### **NKJV:**

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.



## Romans 3:21-24

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus... through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

#### **NKJV**:

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace



**Romans 4:7-8** 

(Psalm 32:1-2)

#### **ESV**:

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

#### **NKJV**:

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

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## **Romans 5:1-2**

#### **ESV**:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

#### **NKJV**:

Therefore,
having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.



## **Romans 6:23**

#### **ESV**:

The wages of sin is **death**, but the free gift of God is **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **NKJV**:

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#### **Romans 7:18**

#### **ESV**:

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.

For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

#### **NKJV**:

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells;

for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

## A basic outline

Romans 1 to 2	We need salvation – our sin deserves God's wrath
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Romans 3 to 5	We can only be right with God through faith in Christ
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Romans 6 to 8 We must now learn to walk in our new life in Christ

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## Romans 5...

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The foundation for our life

Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

(Romans 5:1-2)

Living on the foundation

A sure and certain hope

#### Romans 6...

## Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? (Romans 6:1)



Don't you know
that all of us
who have been baptised
into Christ Jesus...

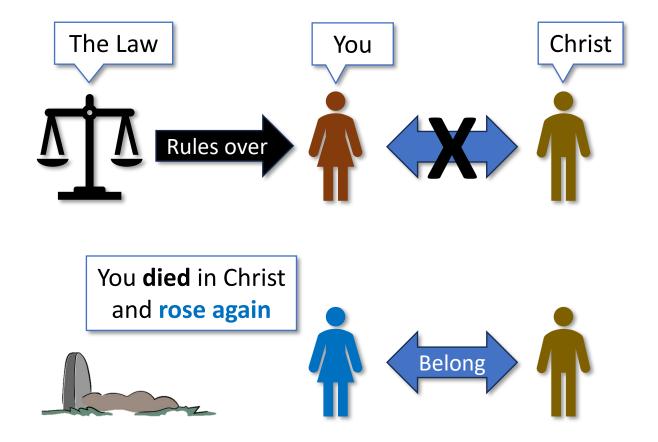


...were baptised
into His death?
We were buried with Him
by baptism into death



...in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too might walk in newness of life.

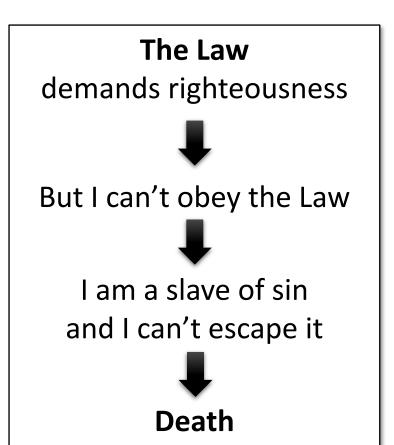
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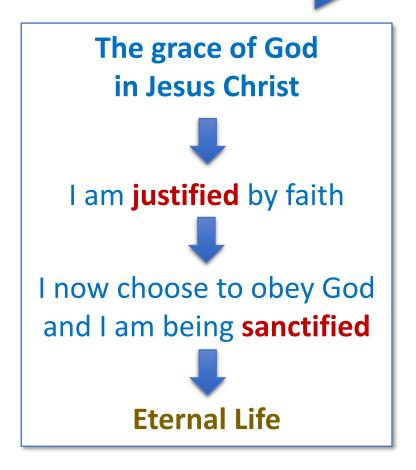


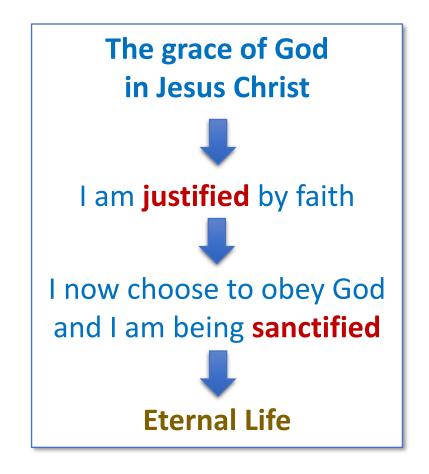
...so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit... (Romans 7:6)

## The Law in contrast to the grace of God

The gospel







Face to face with the Saviour



sin and Justified unbelief by faith

**Dead in** 

Being sanctified by faith and obedience

New birth

Spiritual growth

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Because of all that Paul has already explained

Condemnation is the opposite of justification

There is **therefore** now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 8:1)

"As many of us as were baptised into Christ..."

(Romans 6:3)

Law here means the governing principle

The Holy Spirit, called "the Spirit of life"

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made you free from the law of sin and death.

(Romans 8:2)

Romans 6:23

The Law demands obedience, but the flesh cannot obey.

The Law could not save us from sin.

For what the law could not do

in that it was weakened through the flesh,

God did by sending His own Son

in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin:

Each word matters!

To deal with sin

He condemned sin in the flesh,

By the crucifixion of Jesus

The life Jesus lived

In our daily life.

that the righteous requirement of the law — might be fulfilled in us

who do not walk according to the flesh The old life but according to the Spirit.

The better way to live

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Literally: "who are..."

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,

but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

For to set the mind on the flesh is **death**, but to set the mind on the Spirit is **life** and **peace**.

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

A person's whole outlook or worldview

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

(Romans 8:5-8)

This is the new birth (See John 3)

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the **Spirit of Christ** does not belong to Him.

(Romans 8:9)

## The hope of resurrection

The Spirit cannot die

But if Christ is in you, although the body is **dead** because of **sin**, the Spirit is **life** because of **righteousness**. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus

from the dead dwells in you,
He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead
will also give life to your mortal bodies <
through His Spirit who dwells in you.

(Romans 8:10-11)

We are all dying physically

God's righteousness

your justification

The resurrection of the body

## The hope of resurrection

He who raised **Christ Jesus** from the dead will also give life to **your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you**.

The resurrection of the body



1 Corinthians 15:54-57

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

The resurrection of the body

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## The conclusion – live for the Lord!

Our debt is to Christ and our calling, privilege and opportunity is to love and serve Him.

So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

(Romans 8:12)

# Some questions

#### 1. Does "no condemnation" mean I can do what I please?

No. It means you are accepted and loved by God as His child. As a Father, God disciplines His children in love for their good.

#### 2. Why don't I feel free from the law of sin and death?

When you are justified you are **accounted** righteous, but you are **not made** righteous - that requires ongoing **sanctification**. We will have our old sinful nature throughout this life.

#### 3. How do I "set my mind" on the things of the Spirit?

As we exercise active faith in Jesus, learning from Scripture and being taught by the Spirit, our whole outlook will be changed.

#### 4. How do I know if the Spirit of God dwells in me?

The Lord Jesus promised to give the Holy Spirit to all who sincerely trust in Him. Therefore, welcome the Holy Spirit into your life and ask Him to teach you about Christ and how to know His leading.

# More questions...?



#### **Romans 8:1-4**

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There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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