

Session #4: “**RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**” – Romans 1:16-17

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Are you ever **ashamed of the gospel** of Christ?
- Do you know what “the power of God” means? – **“it is the power of God to salvation”**
- Why did Jesus say in John 4:22, that salvation is of the Jews? (to the Jews first). Has that priority been changed?
- What do you think “from faith to faith” means? (v. 17)
- The just (righteous) shall live by faith!! - How **strong is your faith?** – Are you **living by faith?**

1A. THE CHARACTER OF THE GOSPEL - ROMANS 1:1-7 (*Bondservant, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God*)

2A. THE CONCERN FOR THE GOSPEL - ROMANS 1:8-15 (*I am a debtor!; I am ready to preach the gospel!*)

3A. THE CONTENT OF THE GOSPEL ROMANS 1: 16-17

The theme verses of the book!

The word “**righteousness**” appears 306 times in the Bible, 99 of which are in the NT, and 39 in Romans - in its various forms, it is found 52 times in the book of Romans.

The word “**faith**” appears 247 times in the Bible, of which 245 are in the NT, and 38 in Romans; in its various forms, it appears 63 times in Romans.

The Greek word *dikaosune* appears 36 times in Romans, and related words another 27 times; the Greek word *pistis* appears 244 times in the NT, of which 39 are in Romans; the word *pisteuo* appears 250 times in the NT, with 21 in Romans.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

“I am not ashamed” - cf. Luke 9:23-26; Rom. 9:33; 10:11-13; Phil. 1:20-21; 11 Tim. 1:8, 12; 2:15; 1 Peter 4:16

1B. It is **CALLED by the PERSON of the Messiah** - “**the gospel of Christ**” 1:1 - “**the gospel of God**” 1:9 - “**the gospel of His Son**” 1:16 - “**the gospel of Christ**” - used 11 times in the NT Rom. 1:16; 15:19, 29; 1 Cor. 9:12,18; 11 Cor. 4:4; 9:13; 10:14; Gal. 1:7; Phil. 1:27; 1 Th. 3:2

2B. It is **CHARACTERIZED as the POWER of God** - “**for it is the power of God to salvation**”

1C. **It is Supernatural power** - “**power of God**” - used 14 times in NT - cf. John 1:13; 1 Cor. 1:18, 24; 2:5; 2 Tim 3:5; 1 Peter 1:5; Heb. 1:3; 1 Peter 1:5 - cf. 2 Samuel 22:31-33; Psalm 62:11; Jeremiah 10:12; 27:5; 32:17 – the same God’s creative power when a soul is saved, set free and born again!

2C. **It is Saving power** - “**to salvation**” - The word “**salvation**” is used 164 times in the Bible, of which 45 are in the NT, and 4 in Romans (1:16; 10:10; 11:11; 13:11)

The word “*saved*” appears 57 times in the NT and 8 in Romans (5:9, 10; 8:24; 9:27; 10:1, 9, 13; 11:26 - the word “*save*” once in *Romans 11:14*) - cf. *Matt. 9:1-6; John 1:12*

3B. It is **COMMITTED to all PEOPLE of the world** - “*for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek*”.

1C. The **Prerequisite demands faith** - “*for everyone who believes*” - cf. *John 3:16; Rom. 3:22-23*

2C. The **Priority involves reaching Jews** - “*for the Jew first*” - cf. *John 4:22; Lk. 24:47; Romans 3:1-2; 9:4,5*

3C. The **Plan** reaches **to all** pagans in this world - “*and also for the Greek*” (Hellenist) – Cf. *Matt. 28:19-20*

Rom 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

4B. It is **CONTROLLED by the PRINCIPLE of the righteousness of God** - “*For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith*”

1C. **Because God is righteous** - “*the righteousness of God*” - *1 John 2:29*

2C. **Because Jesus Christ is our righteousness** - cf. *1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21(in Him)*

3C. **Because it is received by faith alone** - *Rom. 10:4; Gal. 2:16; Phil. 3:8-9*- “*from faith*” (Greek: *ek*) to (Greek: *eis*) *faith* ” – out of it, into it! - It (the righteousness of God) is revealed out of your faith in it (the righteousness of God)! The righteousness of God is revealed as you trust in Him and walk by faith. *Gal. 2:20-21* The only righteousness I have is that revealed to me of that of Jesus Christ!

5B. It is **CONFIRMED** in biblical **PROPHECY** - “*as it is written, The just shall live by faith*” - cf. *Habakkuk 2:4*

1C. It **Eliminates being justified** (made righteous) **by the law** – cf. *Galatians 3:11*

2C. It **Encourages patience as we wait for the fulfillment and complete realization of God's promises** - cf. *Heb. 10:35-39*

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