The Book of Romans

ROMANS 3

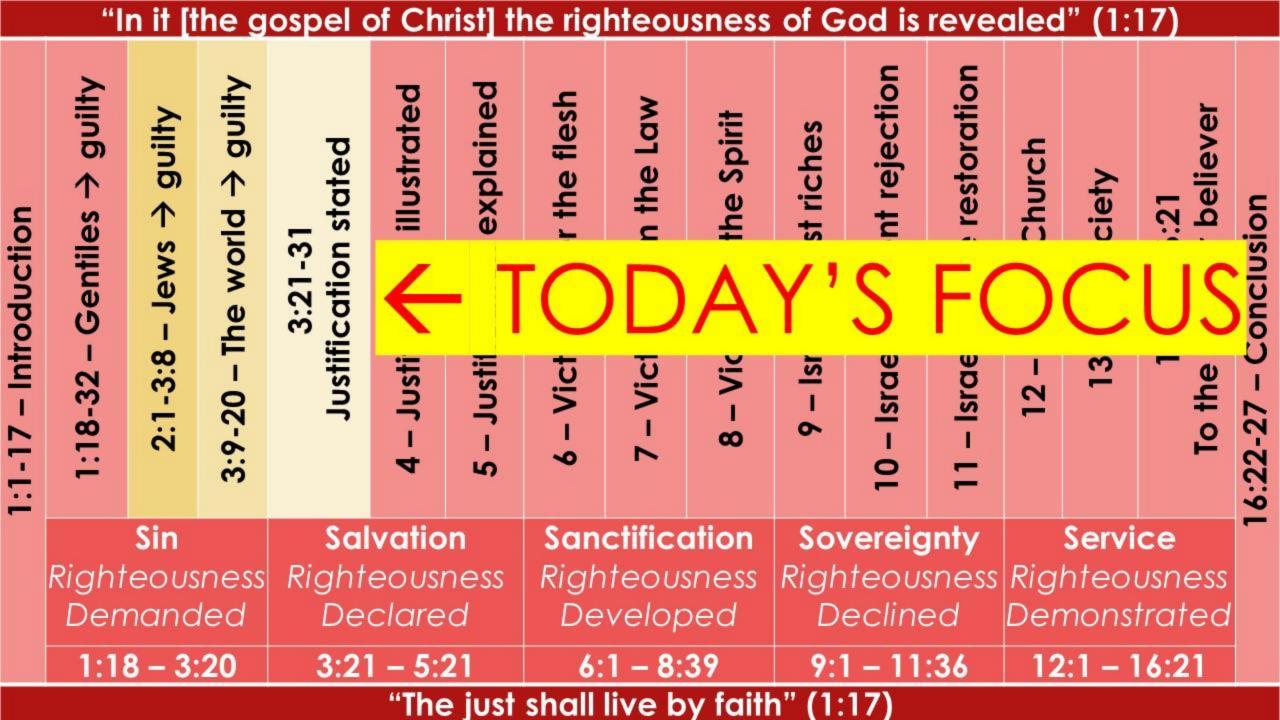
Main Theme of Romans

The righteousness of God which is available to all who are justified by faith in the salvation provided in Jesus Christ (1:16-17, 3:21-26).

Theological Message

"The gospel reveals how God is righteously righteousing (i.e., justifying) unrighteous individuals—both Jew and Gentile—at this stage in the history of salvation."





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#4—3:7-8 Why am I still being condemned a sinner if my sin makes God the more glorious?

Grand Finale, 3:9-20

Are Jews better than the Gentiles?

NOT AT ALL! ALL ARE UNDER SIN!

- The depraved person's CHARACTER, 3:10-12 Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-3
- The depraved person's CONDUCT,
 - Speech, 3:13 Psalm 5:9; 140:3; AND 3:14 Psalm 10:7
 - Approach to life, 3:15 Isaiah 59:7-8
- The CAUSE for being depraved, 3:18 Psalm 36:1

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Intended Response: "There is no escape from God's wrath! What hope do we have?"

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- "BUT NOW"—Martin Lloyd-Jones states, "there are no more wonderful words in the whole of Scripture than just these two words, 'But now.'"
 - SEE Rom 6:21-22; 7:5-6; 16:25-27; Gal 4:8-9; Eph 2:11-13; Eph 5:8; Col 1:21-22; 3:7-8; Heb 12:26; 1 Pet 2:10; 1 Peter 2:25—not a difference in the way we feel, but in who we are!

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SO, God is JUST, his wrath is poured out on sin...
AND he is JUSTIFIER, declaring righteous those who put their faith in him.

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WE PASSIONATELY PROCLAIM IT!

