

Romans: The Righteousness of God

A Survey of the Bible

Context: Who, Where, When and Why?

- *Who composed Romans?*
- *Who was Romans's original audience?*
- *When was Romans written?*
- *Where was Paul and his readers?*
- *Why was he writing?*

Content: How and What?

- *How is Romans organized?*
 - **Salutation:** The righteousness of God Valued (1:1-17)
 - **Sin:** The righteousness of God Needed (1:18-3:20)
 - **Salvation:** The righteousness of God Imputed (3:21-5:21)
 - **Sanctification:** The righteousness of God developed (6:1-8:39)
 - **Security:** The righteousness of God Validated (9:1-11:33)
 - **Service:** The righteousness of God Demonstrated (12:1-16:27)
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- *What is the message of Romans?*

Conviction: So What?

- Where does Romans fit?

Romans is Paul's doctrinal Magnum Opus. In this book, he systematically outlines the Gospel he preaches as he travels the world.

- Paul uses this letter to prepare the church in Rome for his first visit there. He desires to unite the recently divided church around the truth of the Gospel.

- Paul is also wanting to gather support for his missionary trip to Spain where he will preach the Gospel to "unreached people" who have never heard the message.

- What should we believe?

- Everyone is in need of the righteousness of God but falls short of it on their own merit.

- The righteousness of God is imputed to everyone who has faith in the person and finished work of Jesus Christ. Our sin goes to Christ—His righteousness comes to us.

- The righteous life of Christ is lived out in us practically and on a daily

basis as we consider ourselves dead to sin, alive to God, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

- How should we behave?

- Not ashamed but boldly proclaiming the Gospel of Grace to ourselves and others.

- Clearly presenting the good news that salvation comes by faith alone in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross validated by His resurrection.

- Growing in Christlikeness as we focus on Him and allow the Holy Spirit to transform us.

- Loving others and serving others in the Body of Christ.

Next Steps

- *Boldly embrace the good news of grace for yourself and for others.*
- *In light of the grace of salvation live a life of grateful surrender to the will of God.*
- *Find your place to serve in the Body of Christ.*

This Week's Growth Guide

God's Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- **Monday** - Romans 1:1-16
- **Tuesday** - Romans 3:21-31
- **Wednesday** - Romans 4:1-25
- **Thursday** - Romans 5:1-35
- **Friday** - Romans 6:1-23
- **Saturday** - Romans 8:1-39
- **Sunday** - Romans 12:1-21

Home Church Questions

- What encouragement did you receive from Ken's message on Romans?
- Read Paul's introduction to the theme of the book in 1:16-17, anchored by the statement, "the righteous shall live by faith." Discuss the practical ways this happens in everyday life. What challenge is confronting your life now for which you must live by faith?
- In 5:1-5, Paul relates that our faith results in "peace" (v. 1) and "joy" (v. 2), even in the face of difficulties. What tends to disturb your peace and your joy? How can we find peace and joy in difficulties (vs. 3-5)?
- Paul describes us as living under grace in 6:12-19. What "excuses" have you given to yourself to allow sin in your life? How would you summarize living under grace from this passage?
- Read chapter 8 in your group (yes, the whole chapter). What truth from this powerful chapter stands out as most meaningful in your walk right now?
- Paul appeals to us to respond to the gospel as he describes in 12:1-2. What are practical ways that we are transformed by the renewal of our minds? Would you say that you are "doing good," "struggling along", or "need a jump start?"
- *What is your personal take-away from the book of Romans? What steps can you take in response?*

Finances

Weekly Budget	32,692
Giving For 03/03	22,539
Giving For 03/10	47,576
YTD Budget	1,209,615
Giving	1,321,115
OVER/(UNDER)	111,500

Easter Offering

This year's Easter Offering goal of \$40,000 will allow us to finish the atrium remodel which we initially started funding with the Christmas Offering in 2022. The project will cost approximately \$240,000 and will bring the atrium and bathrooms up to the same standards used for the 2019 additions and remodel. This will also address some water damage caused by recent water issues. Finally, the new arrangement in the atrium will make the entire area more functional for the various churches and local ministries that use our building. Offering envelopes are on the seat next to you. You can also give online at fellowshipconway.org/give by selecting "Easter Offering" from the menu.

New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you chose to worship with our Fellowship Family to worship this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the "Connect Card" and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium, we would love to say "hi" and give you a gift.

Crucifixion Dinner

Join us on Good Friday for our annual Crucifixion Dinner. We invite you to fast during the day as you meditate on the life and death of Jesus leading up to a time of worship and remembrance, breaking the fast with a bowl of chicken broth and bread. Join us March 29 at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. *Child care for 6 years and younger, please text Shanna at 501-336-0332.*

Men's Muster - The Surrendered Life

Men, mark your calendar for our retreat on April 19-21 at Shepherd of the Ozarks. \$170 for adults, \$85 for ages 14-17. \$40 deposit due at registration. Register at fellowshipconway.org/register.

Fellowship 101

We invite you to join us on Sunday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. to learn more about Fellowship. This is a great opportunity to hear about our mission, values, and our ministries. During this time, you will meet some of our ministry leaders and get to ask questions. Register at fellowshipconway.org/register.

Fellowship on the Lawn | April 28 | 4:30 p.m.

Bring your camp chairs, blankets, and tents to enjoy time in community with the entire Fellowship Family. The kids will be able to play on the playground and there will be two different inflatables, one for older elementary kids and one for the younger. There will be three food trucks: offering adult meals from \$8-12 and kid meals from \$5-7 complete with a main course, side, and drink. The food trucks will be ready to serve at 4:30 p.m.

Prayer During Service

We love to pray for one another. Our prayer team will have people by the "Pray" signs at the back of the Auditorium to pray for you after the message. Please feel free to walk up to them for prayer or encouragement during the first worship song after the message.