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Misc. The church at Rome had been established for several years by the time Paul wrote this letter (15:23). Paul wrote this letter near the end of his third missionary journey, probably while in Corinth since he mentions both Gaius and Erastus in 16:23 who were from Corinth, and he had finished his collection from the churches in Macedonia & Achaia (15:25-26).

Theme: Soteriology (The righteousness of God). *“To give systematic exposition of the Gospel to those at Rome who have not had apostolic ministry.”*

Brief Outline

- I. Introduction. 1:1-17
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People to Know: Paul

Key Chapters & Verses: (Bold required for Elders)

- 1** Intro & Ungodly Unbelievers
- 1:16,17** - The gospel is the power of God and it reveals His righteousness.
- 1:18-32. Ungodly Unbelievers
- 2** Religious and Jewish Unbelievers
- 2:1-10 God's impartiality
- 3** All are guilty, Justification defined.
- 3:20** . The works of the law cannot justify, only bring the knowledge of sin
- 3:23** . All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
- 3:21-28 Justification by Faith defined.
- 4** Justification by Faith illustrated in Abraham
- 5** Justification's results; Christ & Adam
- 5:1-10. Justification's benefit: Peace, Grace, Rejoicing
- 6** New life: dead to sin, alive to God
- 6:23** . The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
- 7** United to Christ; Conflict of Natures
- 7:14-25. Conflict of natures within.
- 8** Life in Christ: Power of Spirit, Goal, Certainty
- 8:1-4**. The new law - no condemnation to those in Christ
- 8:26-27.. The Holy Spirit's Intercession
- 8:28,29-30**.. God's sovereignty (circumstances, salvation)

- 8:35-39** Absolutely nothing can separate the Christian from the love of Christ.
- 9-11.** . God's faithfulness to His promises to Israel
9. . . . Israel's past - election
- 9:6. . . They are not all Israel who are from Israel
- 9:19-24.. God as creator. Creates vessels of Honor, endures vessels of wrath.
10. . . Israel's present - rejection
- 10:9-10** Requirements of salvation: confess Jesus as Lord, Believe God raised Him from the dead
11. . . . Israel's future - restoration
- 11:13-32.. Israel's rejection is temporary
- 12.** . . . Responsibilities toward God and society
- 12:1-2.** Being a living sacrifice not conformed to the world but transformed by a renewed mind
- 12:5-9.. Gifts of Grace/Spirit for the Body
- 12:19-21. Vengeance belongs to the Lord alone
- 13.** . . . Responsibilities toward government and neighbors
- 14.** . . . Principles of Christian liberty - freedom and responsibility
15. . . . Practices of Christian liberty - Christ's example
16. . . . Conclusion - praise and greetings.

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 - C. Paul's Message to the Romans 1:16-17
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 - A. The Immoral Unrighteous (1:18 - 1:32)
 - 1. The Witness of God to Man (18-20)
 - a. Internal (18-19)
 - b. External (20)
 - 2. Man's Rejection of God's Witness (21-23)
 - a. Rejection of Conscience (21)
 - b. Rejection of Wisdom (22)
 - c. Rejection of God's glory (23)
 - 3. Consequences of Man's Rejection of God (24-32)
 - a. Given Over to Lust and Impurity (24-25)
 - i. Their bodies are dishonored (24)
 - ii. They serve the creature instead of the Creator (25)

- b. Given Over to Degrading Passions (26-27)
 - i. Lesbianism (26)
 - ii. Homosexuality (27)
- c. Given Over to Depraved Minds (28-32)
 - i. They do things which are not proper (28)
 - ii. They are filled with all manner of sin (29-31)
 - iii. They practice what is worthy of death and approve those who do likewise (32)

B. The Moral Unrighteous (2:1 - 2:16)

- 1. Condemned by Their Hypocrisy (1-10)
 - a. Their Self Condemnation (1)
 - b. God's Judgment on All Who Practice Evil (2-3)
 - c. Their Stubbornness (4-5)
 - d. God's Judgment According to Their Deeds (6-10)
- 2. Condemned by Their Conscience (11-16)
 - a. God's Impartiality (11)
 - b. God's Judgment of those Under the Law (12-13)
 - c. God's Judgment of those Under Conscience (14-16)

C. The Religious Unrighteous (2:17 - 2:29)

- 1. The Heritage of the Jews (17-20)
- 2. The Hypocrisy of the Jews (21-24)
- 3. Outward vs. Inward Religion (25-29)

D. The Guilt of All Humanity (3:1 - 3:20)

- 1. The Advantage of Being Jewish (1-2)
- 2. The Truth of God's Promises (3-4)
- 3. The Purity of God (5-8)

4. Man's Equality - All Are Under Sin (9-20)

a. Sinful Character (10-12)

b. Sinful Conduct (13-18)

c. Condemned by the Law (19-20)

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1. The Righteousness of God through Faith, not law (21-23)

2. Justified by God's Grace through Redemption by Christ (24-26)

3. The Exclusion of Man's Boasting in His Works (27-31)

B. Justification by Faith Illustrated (4:1 - 4:25)

1. Abraham was Justified Apart from Works (1-8)

2. Abraham was Reckoned Righteous before Circumcision (9-12)

3. The Promise to Abraham was through Faith, not Law (13-15)

4. Abraham was Justified by Faith (16-25)

a. Abraham was Given a Promise by God (16-18)

b. Abraham Believed God's Promise (19-22)

c. We are to Believe God's Promise (23-25)

C. Justification by Faith's Results (5:1-21)

1. The Benefits of Justification (5:1-11)

a. Peace with God (1-2)

b. Security in God's Love (3-8)

c. Saved from God's Wrath (9-11)

2. The Basis for Justification 5:12-21

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i. Sin's Entrance & Spread (12)

ii. Sin's Universality (13)

iii. Sin's Reign of Death (14)

- b. The Origin of Hope (5:15-21)
 - i. The Transgression vs. God's Grace (15)
 - ii. The Judgment vs. The Free Gift (16)
 - iii. The Reign of Death vs The Reign of Life (17)
 - iv. Condemnation vs. Justification (18)
 - v. One Man's Disobedience vs. The Obedience of the One (19)
 - vi. Consequence of Law vs. Consequence of Grace (20-21)

IV. Righteousness of God Revealed in Sanctification. 6:1 - 8:39

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- 1. Our Identification with Christ (6:1-11)
 - a. Those Dead to Sin Should Not Live in It (1-2)
 - b. Identification with Christ's Death, Burial & Resurrection by Baptism (3-5)
 - c. The Crucifixion of Our Old Man with Christ Frees Us from Sin (6-11)
- 2. Presenting Our Bodies as Instruments of Righteousness (6:12-14)
- 3. Obedience (Slavery) to God and Righteousness (6:15-23)
 - a. You are a Slave of Whom You Obey (15-16)
 - b. You have been set Free from Slavery to Sin (17-18)
 - c. You are to Present Yourself as a Slave to Righteousness (19-21)
 - d. You will Receive the Fruit of Righteousness (22-23)

B. Sanctification and the Law (7:1-25)

- 1. Free from the Law (7:1-6)
 - a. Death Ends the Law's Jurisdiction (1-3)
 - b. We are Released from the Law through Christ (4-6)
- 2. The Purpose & Nature of the Law (7:7-14)
 - a. It Reveals Sin (7-11)
 - b. It is Holy (12)
 - c. It is Spiritual (13-14)

3. The Conflict of the Flesh & the Spirit Under the Law (15-25)

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1. The Spirit Gives Freedom from the law of Sin and of Death (1-11)

2. The Spirit Gives Sonship (12-17)

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4. The Spirit Helps in the Present & Assures of Future Glory (26-30)

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b. Nothing Can Separate Us from the Love of Christ (35-39)

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A. Israel's past - Election (9:1-29)

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2. The Privileges of Israel (5-6)

3. The Children of Promise vs. The Children of the Flesh (7-13)

4. God's Sovereign Mercy (14-29)

a. His Sovereign Choice (14-18)

b. Vessels of Wrath vs. Vessels of Mercy (19-24)

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B. Israel's present - Rejection (9:30-10:21)

1. Israel Pursues Righteousness by the Law (9:30-33)

2. Israel Rejects Righteousness by Faith in Christ (10:1-15)

a. Paul's Desire for Them (1)

b. Religious Ignorance (2-5)

- c. The Righteousness of Faith (6-10)
 - d. The Offer of Salvation (11-15)
 - 3. Israel Rejected the Prophets (10:16-21)
 - a. Rejection and Responsibility (16-18)
 - b. God's Faithfulness (19-21)
- C. Israel's future - Restoration (11:1-36)
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 - i. A Remnant Preserved (2-6)
 - ii. The Hardening of the Rest (7-10)
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 - b. God's Provoking of Israel (13-15)
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