

Gospel Centered Living: A Study of the Book of Romans
The Transforming Power of the Gospel
Romans 1:16-17
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As we trust Jesus Christ for our salvation, we recognize there is tremendous power in centering our lives in His gospel which is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Romans will teach us our need for this transforming power and how to access it by grace for the challenges we face. This study will show us how to be right with God, ourselves, and others. The great reformer, Martin Luther shares: "Romans is a feast for one's soul." Jack Kuhatschek adds, "If a person understands it, he has a sure road opened for him to the understanding of the whole Scripture." We are going to have some sweet Bible times at church and at our small groups this season. But watch out! Those who study Romans are rarely the same afterward. As you study Paul's letter, may you be challenged by the new life and the new lifestyle we have in Christ! Enjoying the Journey, Pastor John

The Passage:

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Big Idea: We can place our complete confidence in the gospel of Jesus Christ because it brings the power of God to save and empowers us to live by faith bringing glory to God.

- I. Place your complete _____ in the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:16 *I am not ashamed of the gospel*, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

1Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:14)

Romans 6:21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now *ashamed* of? Those things result in death!

Romans 9:33 As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to *shame*." (Rom. 10:11)

2Timothy 1:8 So do not be *ashamed* to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, (Philippians 1:20)

2Timothy 1:12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not *ashamed*, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

***Lord destroy my trust in my own power,
and increase my trust in your power!***

- II. Trusting in Jesus to save brings God's _____ to you.

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, *because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes*: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Romans 3:22 This *righteousness* from God comes through *faith* in Jesus Christ to all who *believe*. There is no difference,

Man's way- Works bring about righteousness or righteousness follows works.

God's way- Righteousness precedes works and good works grow out of it. (See Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5)

Romans 3:25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through *faith* in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

Isaiah 59:1 Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.

Psalms 31:1 In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Jesus saves us when we put our trust in Him.

III. Trusting in Jesus brings God's _____ to you.

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel a *righteousness* from God is revealed, a *righteousness* that is by faith from first to last,

Micah 7:9 Because I have sinned against him, I will bear the LORD's wrath, until he pleads my case and establishes my right. He will bring me out into the light; I will see his righteousness.

Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Romans 3:21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.
22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,

“Justification is the act by which God brings people into right relationship with himself.” Douglas Moo

Romans 4:24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness-- for us who *believe* in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

God's imputed righteousness makes us right with Him.

IV. The just find life by _____ and must live by _____.

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "*The righteous will live by faith.*"

Galatians 3:11 Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "*The righteous will live by faith.*"

John 19:30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

1John 5:4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our *faith*. (Heb.1:6)

The just – we are justified based on Christ's finished work alone.
shall live – we are accepted by God based on Christ's finished work.

by faith – not based on anything we can do.

Trusting in Christ is the way to live!