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Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

Romans

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The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God								
Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." (ESV)				Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)				

Subject/Purpose

Paul records his most systematic and in-depth theological letter to a mainly Gentile audience (with a strong Jewish constituency) in Rome to teach them that the *transforming power of the righteousness of God* is available to all through the substitutionary death of Christ, giving them a life transformed and triumphant within the context of community and for the sake of expanding the Gospel.

Simply put: Paul's goal was manifesting and multiplying the impact of the gospel individually and corporately

The Righteousness of God

Central thought or thesis of the book of Romans is the righteousness of God, appropriated by His grace, through faith and the subject of justification by faith, which is revealed by godly living.

So, in our study of Romans, we need to . . .

Ponder the achievement of God.

He doesn't condone our sin, nor does he compromise his standard.

He doesn't ignore our rebellion, nor does he relax his demands.

Rather than dismiss our sin, he assumes our sin and, incredibly, sentences himself.

God's holiness is honored. Our sin is punished . . . and we are redeemed.

God does what we cannot do so we can be what we dare not dream: perfect before God.¹

Paul systematically develops a theology of the Gospel, which reveals the righteousness of God.

The Transforming (12:1) Power (1:16) of the Righteousness of God (1:17)

¹ Max Lucado, *In the Grip of Grace* (Word Publishing: Dallas, 1996) p. 55.