
Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008
Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

Interlude

Review: Romans 3:21–5:21

Romans 3:21-31

God has revealed His righteousness
but mankind has rejected it and they find themselves enslaved to sin
“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested. . .”
in Jesus Christ
through faith
for all who believe
it is a gift of God’s grace which
justifies (declared righteous in Christ)
and redeems man (purchased through exchange)
and satisfies God’s righteousness (propitiation)
so man can claim no personal accomplishment—it’s all of God

Romans 4

Paul uses Abraham as a test case of the main point of 3:27-31
—a right relationship with God—a righteous God—is only made possible by the substitutionary
death of Christ which is obtained through faith
Abraham, in spite of his lofty status has nothing to boast about for he was justified by faith alone
(4:1-8) not circumcision (4:9-12) nor the law (4:13-17)
Abraham’s faith was firm, despite circumstantial evidence, allowing him to enjoy God’s
promises (4:18-21)

Christians receive Christ’s righteousness through that same faith (4:22-25)

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (ESV)

In light of what God has done through Christ, we can have assurance of a present and permanent
relationship with Him.

Christ’s payment on the cross for our sins (debt) has settled the claims against us and judicially
declared us righteous, therefore without a barrier between us and God—we have full access.

The salvation God provides is permanent because of how it was provided and it is able to withstand
trials. The Holy Spirit’s presence is an assurance of the future and of God’s love in the present.

Romans 5:12-21

Sin’s entrance into the world by Adam resulted in death for all men.
The entrance of the Law revealed the sinfulness of man’s sin but this is surpassed by the
sufficiency of God’s grace and results in eternal life.

Sin affects everyone and everything
Justification is available to everyone, everywhere

The Gospel

The gospel then, is _____
_____ He is
_____ He did

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (ESV)

The point of the gospel to people is about a relationship with that Person.

Telling My Story¹

The Gospel: Trusting only in Christ’s cross work to provide an eternal relationship with God.

A Biblical Model —*Mark 5:1-20* (Daniel 4; Acts 22:1-21; 26)

The scene: Jesus and His disciples crossing the Sea of Galilee

The encounter: demon possessed man

The triumph: demons cast out

The trouble: town’s people

The man’s desire

The Command: Mark 5:18-20

Three reasons why your story is important

1. Friends will be _____
2. Friends can _____ to it
3. It is _____ with something personal

How to Organize Your Story

A Definition: A testimony is your personal experience of eternal life.

First Handle: BC

Before Christ Before I received the gift of eternal life

1. Where were you spiritually before you trusted in Christ and received the gift of eternal life, and how did that affect you—your feelings, attitudes, actions, and relationships?
2. What caused you to begin considering God/Christ as a solution to your needs?
Crisis, blessing, interactions with people, events, etc.

Second Handle: ✝

Conversion How I received the gift of eternal life

3. What realization did you come to that finally motivated you to receive Christ?
4. Specifically, *how* did you trust in Christ?

Third Handle: AD

After Christ Since I received the gift of eternal life

5. How did your life begin to change after you trusted Christ?
6. What other benefits have you experienced since becoming a Christian?
7. Concluding Question: *Can you relate to any of this? Does this make sense to you?*
Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life?
8. Unifying them

¹ These material has been developed over a number of years and includes ideas from a number of resources particularly D. James Kennedy, *Evangelism Exposition*, Bill Hybles and Mark Mittelber, *Becoming a Contagious Christian*.

Telling His Story

LIFE Ministries. The *Evangelism Explosion* material is very helpful and complete.

There are also very simple approaches:

Good News, Bad News
The Bridge to Life
One verse Evangelism

*Romans Road*² (ESV)

Because of our sin, we are separated from God

Romans 3:10 as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

The Penalty for our sin is death

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The penalty for our sin was paid by Jesus Christ!

Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

If we acknowledge our sin, then confess and trust Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we will be saved from our sins!

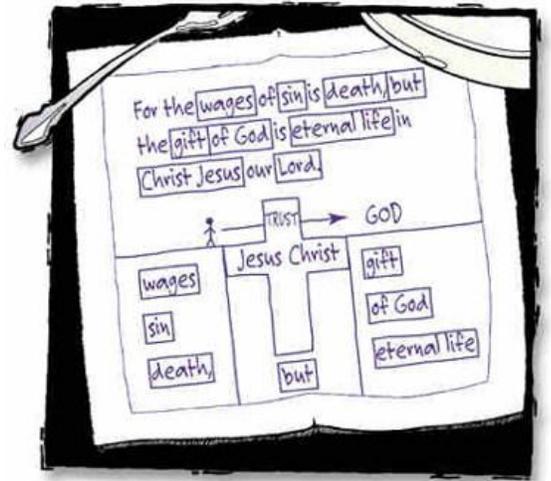
Romans 10:9-10 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Now that you are a “new creation” in Jesus Christ, the road ahead will be full of life changing experiences.

Salvation Prayer - The Simple Steps:

1. Acknowledge in your heart that Jesus is Lord.
2. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord.
3. Believe that Jesus died for your sins and was raised three days later.



² There are many different presentation that have been labeled “The Romans Road” this is just one.

Good News, Bad News

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There are several versions; this one has been adapted from Larry Moyer at EvanTell³

There are 4 points to remember and 4 Scripture verses to support them.

1. **Bad News #1** – We are all sinners. (Romans 3:23)
2. **Bad News #2** – The penalty for sin is death. (Romans 6:23)
3. **Good News #1** – Christ died for you. (Romans 5:8)
4. **Good News #2** – You can be saved through faith in Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

“May I Ask You a Question?” and unfolds the Gospel as follows:

- (1) The question asked is: “Has anyone ever shown you from the Bible how you can know you’re going to heaven?”
- (2) According to the Bible, there is some bad news and some good news. The bad news is about you, the good news is about God.
- (3) Bad News:
 - (a) You are a sinner, indeed, all have sinned and fallen short of God’s standard of perfection (Romans 3:23); sin means “missing the mark” of God’s righteousness, His glory. No matter how good you are, you are not as righteous as God.
 - (b) The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23); death means eternal separation from God and is the just penalty for our sins in light of a perfect, holy God.
- (4) Good News:
 - (a) Jesus Christ, while we were still sinners, paid the penalty (death) for your sins by dying on the cross (Romans 5:8). Three days later Christ rose from the dead, proving that sin and death had been conquered and that His claims to be God were true.
 - (b) If you will trust in Jesus Christ (trust means to depend upon, to have faith in) and not your own good works (Ephesians 2:8-9) you will receive the gift of eternal life, which means that you are saved from the penalty of sin (death).
- (5) If you have trusted in Christ for eternal life, according to John 5:24 you know that you have eternal life, which means that you know that you will go to heaven. If you want to, you can pray the following prayer to God (but remember that this prayer does not save you, only your decision to trust in Christ alone saves you): “Dear God, I know I’m a sinner. I know my sins deserved to be punished. I believe Christ died for me and rose from the grave. I trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank you for the forgiveness and everlasting life I now have. In Jesus’ name, amen.”
- (6) Now you should start reading your Bible, going to church and telling others about Jesus. Undoubtedly this is fairly simple to remember and to communicate to others.

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Gospel Presentation from the Old Testament⁴

A. The Bad News

1. Jeremiah 17:9
2. Isaiah 64:6
3. Isaiah 59:1-2

B. Transition

Isaiah 1:18

C. The Good News

1. Isaiah 53:3-8
2. Daniel 9:25-27

D. The Promise of God—Faith

1. Genesis 15:6
2. Habakkuk 2:4

³ Evantell.org you can also read the whole approach at <http://www.mansfieldbible.org/destined.htm>

⁴ From a Jewish Missionary, Mitch Triestman, *Friends of Israel*.