
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

What Paul has taught us is the Gospel

Mankind is alienated from God due to sin. Sin must be punished (death).

God provides a substitutionary sacrifice for man in the God-Man Jesus Christ, Whose death enables anyone, through faith to be declared righteous in God's eyes, to be credited with Christ's righteousness, to have full access to God based on the removal of sin's guilt—to be in a right relationship with God.



Think about it

Why don't we share our faith?

How do we share the gospel?

With whom should we share the gospel?



Act on it

Develop a list—an Impact List—of people you would like to see God allow you to share with

What steps do you need to begin to take?