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“Romans”

Introduction

Part1

The apostle Paul was as intelligent, articulate and committed as any lawyer who's ever lived and so, he presents the case for the Gospel of God in the book of Romans.

The average man didn't speak Latin even if he had a Bible and he was in no position to question a priest or certainly, the Pope.

It's been said that the major themes of Scripture find their root in *Genesis* and their branch in *Isaiah*, so they flower in *Romans*.

The Holy Spirit has used the study of the book of *Romans* to change the lives of a multitude of men and women.

Why would God reveal more about the doctrine of salvation if He didn't want us to study it?

‘Romans’ explains how God's righteousness can become man's possession.

Paul will show you how lost you are, before he gets you saved.

Not one human being on the planet that has thinking capabilities, does not know that God exists and is all-wise and all-powerful.

If you turn away from God, you've got to turn toward something which is never good for you.

GOOD NEWS:

Paul doesn't simply show you that you're lost and leave you there.

To be saved, it takes just a little more faith than no faith at all, but after that God expects a strong faith from His children.

What the righteousness of God condemned in eternity past, the justice of God imputed to Christ on the Cross and judged, so that the love of God as expressed in the grace of God provided the solution: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

If there was even one case of partiality, there is no divine righteousness in Heaven, there is no justice in Heaven and there is no salvation.

The love of God does not reject these men and their leaders;
they reject the love of God by refusing to believe in Christ.

God was impartial in both cases and the righteousness of God was not compromised.

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**And God's love does not reject the unbeliever;
the unbeliever rejects divine love.**

God does not deal with us emotionally.

Ultimately, all blessing or discipline from God to us must be filtered through His justice.

God's motivation is love;

His decision is sovereignty, but neither love nor sovereignty can go any farther than justice will take them.

Once you adjust to the justice of God, everything else in your life will fall into place.

Divine justice administers what divine perfect righteousness demands.

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Only faith in the object of Christ can provide that instant adjustment to the justice of God.

Only justice and no other part of God's essence can forgive sin.

Recovery adjustment to the justice of God is never a licence to sin; it is the encouragement for the believer to adjust to the justice of God, recover from sin and continue in his spiritual momentum.

Maximum truth in the soul of the believer, frees the justice of God to provide blessing for the mature believer.

The issue in the Christian life is that we adjust to the justice of God and receive blessing from God; or the justice of God will adjust to us and we receive divine discipline from God.

Salvation maladjustment is the basis for spending eternity in the LOF, as well as the basis for much of the great sorrow, tragedy, heartache, and disaster in history.

If we add anything to naming our sins, that's legalistic; for legalism and grace are mutually exclusive.

Maladjustment or adjustment to the justice of God is the issue in life.

The subject of Romans 1 is maladjustment to the justice of God.

To live by faith means embracing a lifestyle that contradicts most of life.