

A Romans Refresher: Part 2: *Justification* in Romans
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Introduction

Basic Outline of Romans (adapted from Zane Hodges)

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| I. | Introduction | (1:1-15) |
| II. | Thematic Statement: Gospel Contains God's Power for Deliverance | (1:16-17) |
| III. | Body: Spiritual Deliverance Arises from Righteousness God Grants to Faith (1:18-15:13) | |
| | a. <u>God's Displeasure with Humanity Is Manifest</u> | (1:18-3:20) |
| | b. <u>The Unrighteous Can Obtain Righteousness</u> | (3:21-5:11) |
| | c. Those who Are Righteous by Faith Can Live Victoriously | (5:12-8:39) |
| | d. Parenthesis: God's Faithfulness Will Bring Deliverance to Israel | (9:1-11:36) |
| | e. God's Will Worked Out in the Lives of the Delivered | (12:1-15:13) |
| IV. | Conclusion: Final Remarks to the Roman Christians | (15:14-16:20) |
| V. | Postscript and Benediction | (16:21-24) |

God's righteousness is available by faith (3:21-22a)

Christ is the Mercy Seat for all men (3:22b-26)

3:23 speaks of personal sin, not imputed sin

3:25: whom God has set forth as a Mercy Seat through faith, ~~in~~ by means of His blood, to serve as proof of His righteousness in passing over, in the forbearance of God, the sins previously committed.

3:26 that He may be righteous and justify the person who has faith in Jesus

Faith-Righteousness Actually Vindicates the Law (3:27-31)

Not even "works done in gratitude to God" count (3:27: cf. 2:17 and Luke 18)

Abraham was not justified by works before God and had no basis for boasting before God (4:1-2)

Faith Is Imputed as Righteousness (4:3): cf. Genesis 15:6

Work Incurs Debt; Justification through Faith (Alone) is by Grace (4:4-5)

The Blessedness of Justification Exceeds the Blessedness of Forgiveness (4:6-8)

Justification Is for the Uncircumcised, because Abe Was Justified while Uncircumcised (4:9-12)

Promise (to Abe) Was pre-Law, so it Is Not thru Law which would nullify the Promise & Grace (4:13-15)

Promise is by faith so it can be by grace so it could be for all (not just Abe's physical seed) (4:16-17a)

Abe Expectantly Believed God who gives life to the dead and speaks of (unborn generations) as though they already existed (4:17b-18)

Abraham believed God's promise without wavering (despite its seeming impossibility (4:19-21)

Abraham's faith was imputed as righteousness (4:22)

The record that his faith was imputed as righteousness is also for the benefit of us who believe that God raised Jesus from the dead—who died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification (4:23-25)

Justification by faith gives us peace with God (reconciliation) and enables living for Christ (5:1-11)

Note especially 5:9-10