Romans Lesson 1

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INTRODUCTION

- The Book of Romans is perhaps the best treatise on the subject of salvation by the grace of God through faith.
- It is necessary that we get an overview of what the book is about, and be certain that we're taking verses in the context of the study itself.
- This is the great book on salvation by the grace of God, but it does not say by grace only. It teaches that it's salvation by grace through faith.

1 For I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ

Romans 1:16; Romans 1:1–15; Acts 9

- If there were anyone who could have been ashamed, or who could have been tired and weary of preaching, you might think it was the Apostle Paul.
- Everywhere he went, his preaching was blaspheme, spoken against, and physically he suffered many persecutions.
- Here you see an attitude of a man, though he could have prided himself being an apostle, yet he looked upon himself as a servant.
- To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ is to preach that he is both man and God.
- As a servant of Jesus Christ, the apostle felt that indebtedness to all men, both to the Greek, to the barbarian, to the wise and the unwise.
- For the gospel is God's power to save. Man without the gospel is lost.

2 For It Is the Power of God unto Salvation

Romans 1:16; Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 1:22–25

- You notice the apostle did not say that the power of God unto salvation is God's election.
- God has elected the means of salvation to be through Jesus Christ.
- He did not say that it's through Holy Spirit baptism.
- Faith comes by hearing. Hearing by the word of God, Romans 10 and verse 17. If men are going to be saved by the gospel, they need to hear the gospel.
- Being born again. Not a corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever.
- It's so important that we come to the word of God and we neither add to it or subtract from it.

3 For Therein Is the Righteousness of God Revealed

Romans 1:17; Romans 10:1–3; Galatians 3:23–25

- God's righteousness is that which saves, not the righteousness that may come through man's work.

- For they being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God.
- The New Testament speaks about the source of faith, the Word of God, and calls it the faith.
- From the faith, it produces faith in the heart of man who hears it.
- It isn't by faith only, in the sense of just mentally understanding and agreeing, it is obedient faith.
- The just, those who are saved, those who are justified by God's righteousness, are going to be saved by faith.

THE CHALLENGE

I hope that you'll be studying with us each time as we continue our lessons in this great book of Romans.

MY NOTES