



The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

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Rome and Righteousness: Romans 1:8-17

Are there areas of your life (plans, desires, goals, schedules, sins) that you need to submit to the will of God? What keeps you from doing that?

Romans 1:8

Why does Paul thank God for the Roman Christians? What is their reputation?

Do you carry a reputation for genuine faith?

Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed.

Romans 1:9-10

To what is God a witness?

How does Paul submit to God's will?

James 4:15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

Romans 1:11-12

What does Paul want to impart to the Roman Christians?

2 Timothy 1:6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Romans 1:13

What is Paul's metaphor for his Gospel work?

1 Corinthians 3:6-8 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.

Who are the Gentiles?

Romans 1:14-15

Why is Paul obligated to preach?

Jeremiah 20:9 If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

To what categories of people is Paul obligated to preach the Gospel?

Colossians 3:11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Romans 1:16-17

What key to the Gospel does Paul present?

"I began to understand that the righteousness of God is a gift of God by which a righteous man lives, namely faith, and that sentence: The righteousness of God is revealed in the Gospel, is passive, indicating that the merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written: 'The righteous shall live by faith.' Now I felt as though I had been reborn altogether and had entered Paradise. In the same moment the face of the whole of Scripture became apparent to me." Martin Luther, *Tabletalk*

What does Paul mean, "from faith for faith"?

^{ESV} **Romans 1:17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

^{NIV} **Romans 1:17** For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

^{NKJ} **Romans 1:17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

^{NLT} **Romans 1:17** This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

December 16: His Invisible Attributes: Romans 1:18-25