

Sermon Series on Romans

Paul's Letter to the Romans

Fettes Park Baptist Church

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Sermon Text

Romans 1:1-17

Sermon Title



**Made right
with God**

Romans 1:1-17
divided into
3 chunks

- I. Introduction (V1-7)**
- II. The heart of an Apostle (V8-16)**
- III. The key message (V17)**

Who is Paul? His identity and calling

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God. (Verse 1)

δοῦλος

bondservant

A Slave?

**An
Apostle**





**Set apart
for the
gospel of
God**



The gospel of God

Fulfilment of a Promise

The gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. (Verse 2)

This gospel is about God's Son

...regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, (Verse 3)

He is the Son of God, our Lord

..and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. (Verse 4)

We receive grace and apostleship

Through him we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. (Verse 5)

There are Gentile believers among you

And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. (Verse 6)

Greetings to ALL

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Verse 7)

2nd Part

- Introduction (V1-7)
- **The heart of an Apostle (V8-16)**
- The key message (V17)

I heard about you and I thank God for you

*First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you,
because your faith is being reported all over the world..
(Verse 8)*

God, whom I serve is my witness

God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness. . (Verse 9a)

I constantly prayed for you

*how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times.
(Verse 9b, 10a)*

That I may visit you but...

..and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. (Verse 10b)

I want to share with you my spiritual gift

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong. (Verse 11)

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Giving and sharing is reciprocal

..that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. (Verse 12)

I want to visit you

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now). (Verse 13)

I want to see fruit among you

in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles. (Verse 13b)

The three “I am’s”

¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Romans 1: 14-16

I am obligated to ALL

I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. (Verse 14)

I am eager

That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. (Verse 15)

I am not ashamed

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. (Verse 16)

Last Part

- Introduction (V1-7)
- The building up (V8-16)
- **The Summit (V17)**

In the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” (Verse 17)

Righteousness

Means perfect conformity
to a standard





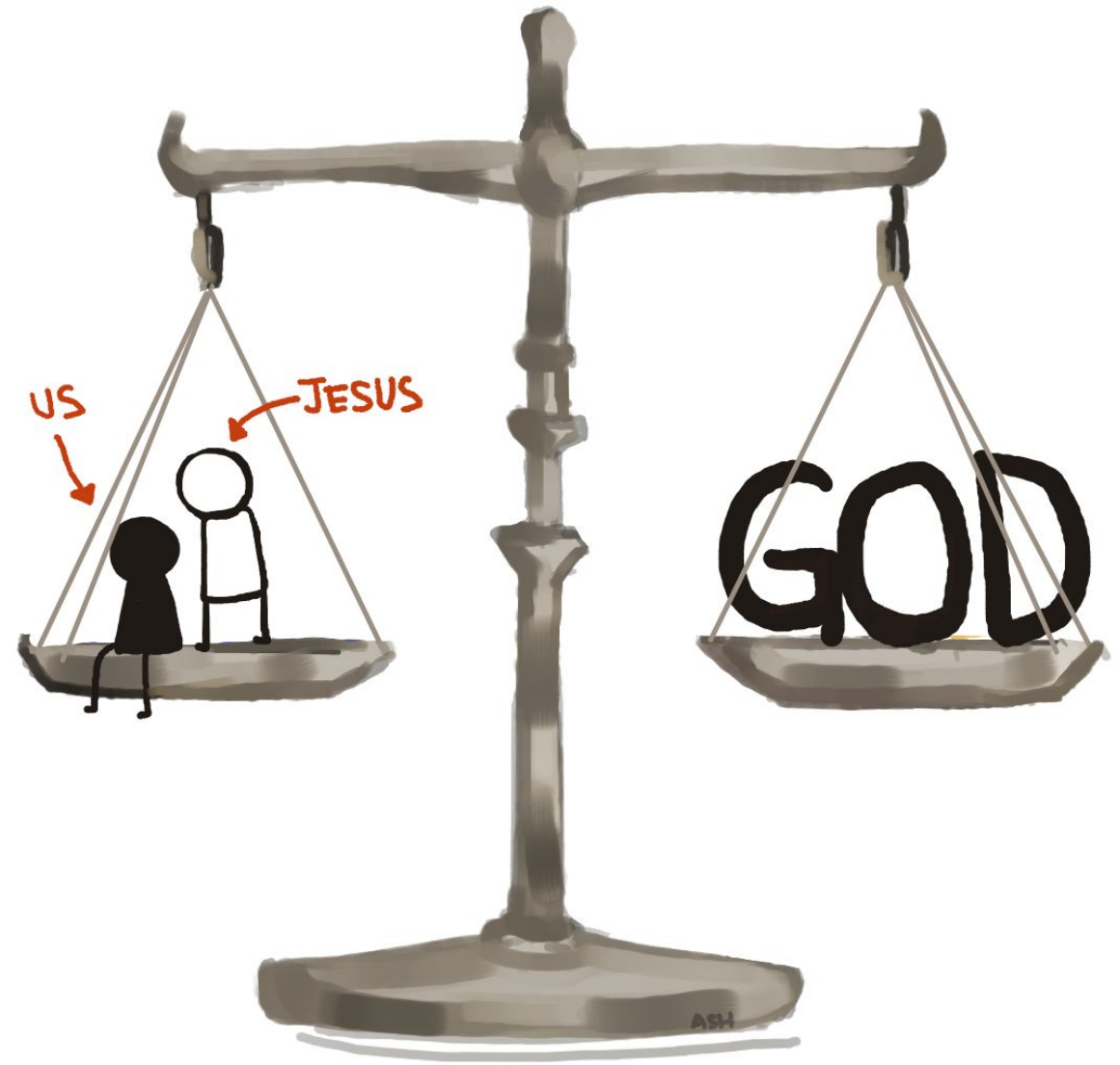
God's
Judgment



Martin Luther (1483-1546)

And He is the propitiation for our sins and not only for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world


1 John 2:2





**A righteousness that is by
faith**

*...a
righteousness
that is by faith
from first to last,
just as it is
written: "The
righteous will live
by faith."*

A woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a dark hoodie and glasses, sits on a large, dark rock on a cliffside. She is looking out over a vast coastal city and harbor. The harbor is filled with numerous ships and piers. The city below is densely packed with buildings. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene is one of a peaceful, elevated vantage point overlooking a bustling port city.

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO
HUNGER AND THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS,**

**FOR THEY WILL BE
SATISFIED.**

(MT. 5:6)