

# Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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## "The Gospel: Righteousness by Faith" Romans 1:16-17



### Introduction:

#### I. THE SUPREMACY OF THE GOSPEL (vs. 16a)

##### A. It Is Scandalous

"for [*gar*] I am not ashamed of the gospel"

"**for** [*gar*] it is the power of God for salvation"

"for [*gar*] in it the righteousness of God is revealed"

##### B. It Is Dynamic

"for it is the power [*dunimis*] of God for salvation"

Paul's doctrine of shame (vs. 16):  
Philippians 1:20  
II Timothy 2:15  
Follows Jesus' own words...  
Luke 9:26

#### II. THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE GOSPEL (vs. 16b)

##### A. Individually

"to everyone who believes"

##### B. Ethnically

"to the Jew first and also to the Greek"

Romans 15:8-13

Luke 24:47

Acts 13:46

#### III. THE SIMPLICITY OF THE GOSPEL (vs. 17)

##### A. It Produces Righteousness

"for [*gar*] in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith"

❶ Is it an **attribute** of God's character? (possessive genitive)

❷ Is it an **activity** of God's person? (subjective genitive)

❸ Is it an **advantage** granted by God's grace? (objective genitive)

This is a forensic application - God's legal declaration that the believer in Jesus is righteous.

"a righteousness *from* God" (NIV)

3:21-22  
4:5-6, 13  
10:3, 4, 6, 10

Galatians 2:20-21  
Galatians 3:21-22  
Philippians 3:9

= God's gift of a right status before Him; the doctrine of justification by grace alone, received by faith alone.

"from faith to faith" (Greek lit. = "out [ek] of faith into [eis] faith")

## B. It Is By Faith

"as it is written, 'BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.' "

Hebrew = "the righteous by his faith/faithfulness shall live"

LXX = "the righteous shall live by my [God's] faith"

quotation from Habakkuk 2:4; (c.f. Galatians 3:11 and Hebrews 10:38-39)

**Conclusion:** Some questions to help you apply this text...

- 1) What do my words and actions reveal about who I am and what I hold most dear?
- 2) Who are the people in whom I am building a love for God and for the gospel?
- 3) How am I demonstrating my love for the gospel message?
- 4) How would I describe my life's purpose and calling?
- 5) What evidence is there that I am comfortable with the role of a slave of Jesus Christ?
- 6) Do my priorities in life and ministry reflect values that are true and eternal?