

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

(Romans 1:16-17)

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- *"the righteousness of God revealed"*

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1. "Revealed"

- the "uncovering" of God's redemptive plan as it unfolds in history
- not the communication of information about God but the action of God displayed in the death and resurrection of Jesus

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2. The Righteousness of God

"I bring near My righteousness, it is not far off;
And My salvation will not delay.
And I will grant salvation in Zion,
And My glory for Israel. (Isaiah 46:13)

"My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth,
And My arms will judge the peoples;
The coastlands will wait for Me,
And for My arm they will wait expectantly. (Isaiah 51:5)

Thus says the LORD,
"Preserve justice and do righteousness,
For My salvation is about to come
And My righteousness to be revealed. (Isaiah 56:1)

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2. The Righteousness of God

- God's intervening to reinstate order ("right") in a world in which evil prevails
- it primarily entails salvation/deliverance but at the same time implies retribution

O sing to the LORD a new song,
For He has done wonderful things,
His right hand and His holy arm have gained the
victory for Him.
²The LORD has made known His salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of
the nations.

(Psalm 98:1-2)

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3. Connection to Faith

- God's righteousness is His saving intervention that results in a righteous status of all who believe
- God's righteousness is both His saving activity and His gift through faith to sinners

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➤ "from faith to faith"

- God's saving activity (righteousness) is received on the basis of faith
*(from beginning to end, or from Jew to Gentile,
or from one degree of faith to another, or
from faith and nothing but faith)*

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➤ Habakkuk 2:4

- in the midst of God's judgment the righteous will live (not die) by faith
- implies that those who live (are saved) by faith are those who are righteous by faith (cf. Gal. 3:11)

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➤ Summary

God's righteousness (saving action) is revealed in the death and resurrection of Christ and given as a gift to all those who believe in Christ

How is this possible!?