# The Epistle to the Romans

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### Outline of C1 – The World Has Sinned Against God

- V1-17 Introduction of Paul & Gospel
  - V1-7 Paul & Gospel
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  - V16-17 Paul's confidence in the Gospel
- V18-32 Wrath of God
  - V18-23 Why the Wrath of God
    - V18 Wrath revealed due to suppression of Truth
    - V19-21 Denial of God
    - V21-23 Consequence of denial; idolatry
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- V6-11 What will God judge: Our Deeds
- V12-16 How will God judge: Law & Law of Conscience
- V17-29 How will God judge the Jews: Inwardly
- C3 continuation of Judging the Jews

## Judgment of God in C2

- God's Judgment is Inescapable
  - V3 .. that you will escape the judgment of God?
- God's Judgment is Impeccable
  - V5 .. righteous judgment of God,
- God's Judgement is Individualised
  - V6 .. render to each person according to his deeds
- God's Judgement is Impartial
  - V11 For there is no partiality with God.
- God's Judgement is Inside-out
  - V16 .. God will judge the secrets of men ..

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### Outline of C3 – All have sinned including the Jews

- V1-8 Objections raised by Jews
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  - V3-4 2nd Objection: Does the Jews' unbelief nullify God's faithfulness?
  - V5-8 3rd Objection: If the Jews' sin enhances God's glory, why should God condemn them?
- V9-20 Condemnation of the World from Psalms and Isaiah (3:9-20)
- V21-28 Salvation through faith
  - Salvation revealed; v21-23
  - Grace given; v24
  - Justification made possible; v25-26
  - Summary; v27-31

| 3 Phases       | Time                               | Meaning   |   | Areas of life |   | How   | Scripture                                  |
|----------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---------------|---|---|--|
| Justification  | <u><b>Past</b></u><br>One time     | My position<br>in Christ.                         | I am saved<br>from the<br><b>penalty of</b><br><u>sin.</u>          | Spirit        | Perfect in<br>this life.<br>God's work<br>for us.       | Through<br>Faith alone<br>in Christ<br>alone. | Eph2:8-9<br>Titus3:5                       |
| Sanctification | <u><b>Present</b></u><br>Life-long | My<br>condition<br>of<br>becoming<br>like Christ. | I am being<br>saved from<br>the <u>power</u><br><u>of sin.</u>      | Soul          | Not perfect<br>in this life.<br>God's work<br>in us.    | Through<br>daily<br>dependence<br>on the HS.  | Phil 2:12<br>Jas1:21<br>Rom8:1             |
| Glorification  | <u>Future</u><br>Eternal           | My<br>expectation<br>of being<br>like Christ.     | I will be<br>saved from<br>the<br><b>presence</b><br><b>of sin.</b> | Body          | Perfect in<br>the next<br>life.<br>God's work<br>to us. | Death or<br>Rapture.                          | Rom8:23<br>-24,<br>13:11<br>1Thes5:8<br>-9 |



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verb

past tense: credited; past participle: credited

 publicly acknowledge a contributor's role in the production of (something published or broadcast).

"the screenplay is credited to one American and two Japanese writers"

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add (an amount of money) to an account.

"this deferred tax can be credited to the profit and loss account"

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| Gossip about my boss.      | -1  | Attend WOW            | +2  |
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### Believe....

- Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for <u>salvation to everyone who believes</u>, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- Romans 9:33 just as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, And he who <u>believes in Him will not be</u> <u>disappointed</u>."
- Romans 10:10 for with the heart <u>a person believes, resulting in</u> <u>righteousness</u>, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- Ephesians 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also <u>believed</u>, you were sealed in <u>Him with the Holy Spirit of promise</u>,

Could the tightrope walker really do what he claimed he could....walk across Niagara Falls on a thin wire? The growing crowds on both the Canadian and American sides of the falls held their breath as he took his first step, then his second, and his third, until much to their amazement, he made it across the enormous span!

"Do you believe I can walk across these falls on nothing but a wire?" The man asked the crowd.

"Yes!" They yelled in unison, "We just saw you do it!"



The man nodded, grabbed a wheelbarrow, and proceeded to walk across the wire. The crowds watched with mouths open wide and breaths held.

A loud cheer erupted when the tightrope walker successfully completed his task.

"Do you believe I can push a wheelbarrow across this wire?" the man addressed the crowd once more.

"Yes!" they answered once again, "We just saw you do it!"



"**Do you believe** I can safely push someone in this wheelbarrow across this wire?"

"Yes!" The enthusiastic crowd replied without hesitation. "We just saw you do it!"

"Okay then, who wants to go next?"

Without a raised hand, the crowd fell silent.



### Aren't we all like the crowd?

- We often watch God perform miracles in the lives of others.
- We watch God carry others in a wheelbarrow and walk across a huge span.
- We watch God do the impossible, yet when the time comes to trust him and get in the wheelbarrow, we refuse to raise our hands. We are too scared we might fall even though we've seen God come through for other people countless times. We've seen God catch many people when they took a leap off the edge of a cliff, yet we are too scared to take that kind of leap.



#### <u>Believe</u>

- = More than mental agreement
- = More than verbal agreement
- = More than mental & verbal agreement
- = It is about putting your FULL Weight on it
- = It is about trusting the subject fully even if it costs you your life.

### Faith // Believe

- = Trust and obey
- = There is a need to demonstrate our faith in God ie *through our live of obedience*.



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### THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

- 1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
- 2. You shall not make idols.
- 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 5. Honor your father and your mother.

- 6. You shall not murder.
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. You shall not steal.
- 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 10. You shall not covet.

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#### TIMELINE FOR ABRAM (ABRAHAM) from the promise given at age 70 (Gen. 12:1-4) until JACOB ARRIVES IN EGYPT - 220 YEARS



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|                   | Through Law | Not through Law                                      |
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| Heir of the world |             | Through righteousness of faith<br>Promise to Abraham |
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**Immensity of Faith** 

- = whole family involved
  - ie Isaac & Jacob
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  - ie with great expectation

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WHY? See Gen22

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**4** What then shall we say that <u>Abraham</u>, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? <sup>2</sup> For if <u>Abraham</u> was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "<u>ABRAHAM</u> <u>BELIEVED</u> GOD, AND IT WAS **CREDITED** TO HIM AS **RIGHTEOUSNESS**." <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wage is not **credited** as a favor, but as what is due. <sup>5</sup> But to the one who does not work, but <u>believes</u> in Him who justifies the ungodly, his <u>faith</u> is <u>credited</u> as **righteousness**, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God **credits righteousness** apart from works:

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#### **Application: Apply Faith in Your Life.**

# A little faith will bring your soul to heaven; a great faith will bring heaven to your soul.

Charles H. Spurgeon

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# Faith sees the invisible,

# believes the unbelievable,

# and receives the impossible.

Corrie ten Boom

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| OVERVIEW OF ROMANS                                    |                                     |
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| C1 – The World has sinned against God.                | C9 – Theology of God.               |
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