

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF GOD

An Outline by Jack Rendel

Introduction

Welcome to the study of this book, or letter, of the Bible! For the time being we offer you the table of contents (outline). In order to gain the most from this material, print out and keep a copy of this table near you and refer to it as you read the gospel.

Originally the Scriptures were not written with chapters and verses. These divisions were added later. Sometimes the divisions by chapter and verse are somewhat arbitrary. They do not always follow the “natural” pattern of the book. Here we offer an effort in which we try to keep in mind the theological, thematic, chronological and literary emphases of the Bible book. Of course this work is not perfect but at the same time I hope the material will help you in your personal Bible study as well as in the preparation of group studies, messages and conferences.

Quoted portions are from the NIV.

I. THE GOSPEL OF GOD 1:1-1:17

“Paul ... *set apart* for the **gospel**” 1:1
Promised beforehand,
Regarding **his** Son.

“To all In Rome” 1:7
Loved by **God** (But which god?)
Called to be saints
From **God** our Father

I thank **God** for you 1:8
What Paul can do from a distance.

“I long to see you” 1:11
What Paul can do for them and ...
... they for him when they are together.

I am obligated to Greeks and non-Greeks 1:14
Paul, eager to preach the **gospel** to all.

“I am *not ashamed* of the **gospel**” 1:16

II. THE WRATH OF GOD 1:18 - 3:20

Wrath because man *suppresses* the truth about God. 1:18

Wrath because man *rejects* the glory of God. 1:21

Under **wrath** man *declines* spiritually and morally. 1:24

Under God’s **wrath** man is *given over* to sexual impurity.

Under God’s **wrath** man is *given over* to shameful lusts.

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Under God's **wrath** man is *given over* to a depraved mind.
The *just judgment* of God's **wrath**. 2:1
The *Jews* and the *law* under God's **wrath**. 2:17
God's *faithfulness* and God's **wrath**. 3:1
No one is *righteous*, deserving God's **wrath**. 3:9
All under God's **wrath** and *accountable* to him and *conscious* of sin. 3:19, 20

III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD 3:21 - 8:39

Righteousness by *faith* in Jesus Christ 3:21-31
Righteousness *credited* to Abraham ("credited" 4:3, 23, 24) 4:1 -25
Grace through **righteousness** (5:21) 5:1 -21
Slaves of **righteousness** 6:1 -23
A *law* of **righteousness** 7:1 -25
Righteousness in the *Spirit* (8:4) 8:1 -39

IV. THE CHILDREN OF GOD 9:1 -11:36 (9:8)

Call the **children**! 9:1 -29
Save the **children**! 9:30-10:21
Restore the **children**! 11:1-36

V. THE WILL OF GOD 12:1 - 15:13 (12:2)

God's will in *your body* (12:1) 12:1,2
God's will in *the body* (12:5) 12:3-8
God's will with *everybody* (12:17) 12:9-21
God's will under *government* (13:1) 13:1-7
God's will with *your neighbor* (13:8) 13:8-14
God's will for *the weak and the strong* 14:1-15:13

VI. THE GOSPEL OF GOD 15:14 - 16:27 (15:16)

A *Reminder* of the **gospel**! (15:15) 15:14-16
Preaching the **gospel** Fully! (15:19) 15:17-22
Service in the **gospel** (15:25) 15:23-29
Struggle in the **gospel** (15:30) 15:30-33
Greetings in the **gospel** 16:1-24
Glory to the *God* of the **gospel** 16:25-27

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