

The Righteousness of the Law Fulfilled

Lesson 1 – Intro to Book of Romans

Basic Outline of the First Eight Chapters

- After the introduction, the book gets into the fallen condition of man
- - Chapter 1 lays out the “downward spiral of sin”
- - Chapter 2 points out that the law makes no one righteous
- - - - This chapter shows how even those who say they keep the law come up short in this matter.
- - - - Those who have been circumcised in order to keep the law are found to be unable to keep the law.
- - - - By being common law breakers, their circumcision is as if they were not even circumcised at all; counted as uncircumcised.
- - - - However, if those who were uncircumcised were found to keep “**the righteousness of the law**” then their uncircumcision would be counted as if they were circumcised.
- - - - This helps us discover that the truly circumcised are those who have experienced the circumcision of the heart, down in the spirit.
- - - - Having established this idea of keeping “**the righteousness of the law**” the following chapters, through chapter 8, sets out to explain how this is the case.

Chapter 8 is the Summary of Keeping “**The Righteousness of the Law**”

- Two laws are compared in the first of the chapter
- - The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus AND
- - The Law of Sin and Death
- - - - The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus sets us free
- - This chapter points out to be liberated by this law, we need to:
- - - - 1) Be IN Christ Jesus
- - - - - To be IN Christ Jesus, He must first be IN us; i.e. we must be saved
- - - - - We enter Christ Jesus by baptism, as explained in Chapter 6
- - - - - Therefore, to be liberated (or free INDEED) we must be Church members
- - - - 2) Walk after the Spirit
- - - - - The Spirit gave the Word
- - - - - We can check our walk by taking heed to the Word, Ps 119:9
- - - - - The carnal mind is of No use when following the Spirit
- - So then, the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in those who are members of the Church and who walk according to the Spirit

Chapter 3

- Chapter 3 demonstrates in full how all have completely fallen into sin
- - Chapter 3 shows how that the law that helps us identify what sin really is also bears witness to the righteous of God “unto all and upon all” through faith in Jesus Christ.

Chapter 4

- Chapter 4 provides the example of Abraham as the father of us all.
- - The reception of justification through faith is established
 - - Once saved, then a life of faith is presented
 - - Two clear points are made: 1) Salvation by faith through grace and 2) Living by faith in order to have righteousness imputed to us as a child of God.

Chapter 5

- Justification by faith brings peace with God
- - A life of serving Christ brings about experience and depth of love for Him
 - - Death once reigned; but now Grace does
 - - One man brought condemnation on us all
 - - Another man brought righteousness and deliverance for us all

Chapter 6

- We enter Christ Jesus by being baptized WITH Him, INTO Him
- - Once we bury the old man in the watery grave, we can either yield ourselves unto Sin or unto Righteousness
 - - - - Whatever we yield to truly defines who we actually serve
 - - We obeyed from the heart the gospel in order to become servants of the Lord

Chapter 7

- The law is of force as long as we live. Only death separates us from it.
- - We became dead to the law by the body of Christ
 - - - - Being baptized into Christ (Chapter 6) put us into His body
 - - - - We entered His body to be married to Him out in the future
 - - - - This union allows us to bring forth fruit unto God
 - - We might have the WANT TO when it comes to good deeds, but we are missing the HOW TO
 - - This helps us identify the evil that remains with us through life.
 - - Only Christ can deliver us and make us FREE INDEED, John 8:36