An Outline of the Book

INTRODUCTION (1:1-17).

The theme of the Epistle is “God’s Righteousness.”

This righteousness is revealed in the gospel (1:16, 17).

1. GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NEEDED BY US (1:18-3:20) SIN

1:18-1:32 Mankind has turned from God and righteousness.

2:1-2:16 The Gentiles, outside the law, are guilty.

2:17-3:8 The Jews, under the law, are also guilty.

3:9-3:20 Summary: The whole world is found guilty.

1. GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS PLACED UPON US (3:21-5:21) SALVATION

3:21 It is not by keeping the law.

3:22,23 It is through our faith (the medium).

3:24 It is out of God’s grace (the source).

3:24,25 It is because of Christ’s death (the basis).

3:26-31 It is free to Jew and Gentile alike (the scope).

4:1-25 It is illustrated in Abraham & David (the examples).

5:1-11 It is followed by many great blessings (the result).

5:12-21 Summary: The whole world is offered salvation.

1. GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS PRODUCED IN US (6:1-8:13) SEPERATION

6:1-6:13 Because we died to sin and live unto God.

6:14-7-25 Because we died to law and live under grace.

8:1-8:13 Because we died to flesh and live in the Spirit.

1. GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS SECURED TO US (8:14-8:39) SECURITY

8:14-8:25 Our present sonship and future glory.

 Can either be lost? How are they made secure to us?

8:26-8:27 By the intercession of the Spirit.

8:28; 8:34 By the sure purpose of the Father.

8:35-8:39 By the changeless love of the Son.

1. GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AT WORK FOR US (Ch. 9-11) SOVEREIGNTY

Israel had first place. God has righteously set them aside for this age, so that salvation can come to us.

Ch. 9 Israel’s election by God in the past.

Ch. 10 Israel’s rejection of God in the present.

Ch. 11 Israel’s restoration to God in the future.

1. GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS DISPLAYED THROUGH US (12-16) SERVICE

Ch. 12, 13 In our spiritual, social, and civil lives.

Ch. 14-16 In our Christian fellowship and service.

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NEXT LESSON: Rom. 1:1-2:16. Read repeatedly. Find answers: What is God’s wrath like? Who are under it? Why? When? How much (2:5) are you worth? What does Romans 1 teach about evolution?