



Romans 1:16-17

The Saving Power of God

- I. Introduction:** Paul wrote this epistle to explain to the Roman church that mankind could be justified by God through faith in Jesus Christ by grace.
- II. The Saving Power of God (Rom 1:16-17).**
 - A. Unashamed (v. 16).**
 - 1. Paul said he was unashamed of the gospel because it was the power of God, even though it was outwardly offensive to lost sinners.
 - B. Power (v. 16).**
 - 1. Paul wanted the Christians to know that the gospel powerfully converts people throughout the world despite their objections to it.
 - C. Salvation (v. 16).**
 - 1. Paul says that the good news of the gospel is that God rescues sinners from eternal destruction in hell because He has the power to save.
 - D. Righteousness (v. 17).**
 - 1. Paul said the righteousness of God has come down from heaven and reconciled us to Him, so that we can come to heaven and live with Him forever.
 - E. Faith (v. 17).**
 - 1. Paul taught in Romans that sinners are credited with God's righteousness by faith in Jesus Christ, through His finished work on the cross.
- III. Conclusion:** Paul wanted the Roman believers to know that the gospel is God's saving power in which His righteousness is applied to believers through faith in Christ.



Questions About: The Saving Power of God

1. What is the central theme of Romans? (**Rom 1:16-17**) How are sinners justified before God? (**v. 17**) How did this one passage become the spark for the Reformation? (**v. 17**)
2. Why was Paul unashamed to preach the gospel? (**Rom 1:16**) Why would Paul be tempted to feel ashamed to preach it? (**1 Cor 1:18**) Why was Timothy intimidated? (**2 Tim 1:6-12**)
3. How had Paul experienced the gospel's power? (**1 Cor 1:18, 1 Thess 1:4**) Why are sinners unable to save themselves? (**Rom 5:6**) What kind of power does God possess? (**Ps 89:8**)
4. Why are sinners in need of salvation? (**Rom 1:16**) How can Jesus set us free from sin's power? (**John 8:34-36**) How can we be set free from the penalty of sin? (**Rom 5:9**)
5. How has God provided the righteousness we need? (**Rom 1:17**) Where did this righteousness originate? (**v. 17; Rom 3:22**) Why do sinners need someone else's righteousness? (**Isa 64:6**)
6. How did Paul say he had an alien righteousness given to him? (**Phil 3:8-9**) How was Abraham credited with God's righteousness? (**Rom 4:3**) Why is this important for us?
7. How are sinners justified before God? (**Rom 1:17**) How is faith a gift from God? (**Eph 2:8-9**) Why is this good news? Why do man's efforts fall short of God's glory? (**Rom 3:23**)
8. How would you define the gospel message? (**Rom 1:16-17**) What would you say if someone asked you how they can be saved? (**Mark 1:15**) Why is understanding the gospel critical?

Prayer

1. Pray that God would help you understand the gospel message with greater clarity.
2. Ask God to help you proclaim the gospel unashamedly to those who are lost.