

(Romans 1:7-17)
“*This Is Transformation*”

ROMANS...

- “*The Gospel According to Grace*”

AS WE UNLOCK THIS FIRST CHAPTER...

- We find that the Good News has transformative power!

Paul defined the Gospel like this:

- *The power of God saving everyone who believes.* (v.16).

Leon Morris – A New Testament Scholar ¹

- Defined the Gospel this way:

“The gospel is not advice to people, suggesting that they lift themselves up. [Rather] it is the very power that lifts them up.”

AI generated response about the Gospel:

“The Christian gospel is not simply a set of guidelines or suggestions for personal improvement, but rather a transformative force that actively empowers individuals to overcome their struggles and achieve spiritual growth through faith in Jesus Christ.” ²

JESUS SAID:

- (John 8:32) NKJV
 - “... you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

IDEA #1 – IT’S A GIFT

TODAY...

- We recognize it’s God’s *grace* that gives us God’s *peace* (v.7).

(v.8) PAUL HEARD ABOUT THEIR FAITH...

- Because there was evidence.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE...

- Is started, sustained, & ends ONLY by walking in faith.
 - AND a genuine faith is an active faith.

¹ Leon Morris a New Testament Scholar. <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/reviews/leon-morris/>

² AI Overview explanation on Leon Morris quote about Romans.

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IT’S BEEN SAID... “*When the root of salvation* is present...
- *The fruit of salvation* naturally follows.”

Qualities of Genuine Faith:

- 1) *Faith engages needs* – (James 2:15-16) NLT
- 2) *Faith is expressed in outward actions* – (James 2:17) NLT
- 3) *Faith is prominent in your life* – (James 2:18) NLT
- 4) *Faith flows from the heart* – (James 2:19-20) NLT
➤ **(Rom. 10:9) NLT*

HERE’S THE LESSON...

Accurate theology never replaces an obedient life.
- Otherwise were on the same footing as demons...
➤ (James 2:19-20) NLT

BACK IN (Rom. 1:8)...

- These people had a fruitful faith... *spoken of throughout the world.*

IDEA #2 – GOD’S POWER WORKING IN ME

In (vv.16-17) we could do an entire study.
- But I’m only going to draw out...
➤ Two observations – *Salvation & faith.*

(v.16) GOD OFFERS SALVATION...

- To anyone who will receive it.
➤ And **Salvation** implies the **idea of:**
 - Deliverance
 - Safety
 - Preservation
 - Healing
 - Soundness

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SALVATION COVERS...

- All redemptive acts & processes that GOD offers to man: ³

LET ME STREAM-LINE THE TECHNICAL TALK...

- Into three movements:
 - 1) The Christian has been saved from the *guilt & penalty of sin*
Justification speaks to our PAST
 - 2) The Christian is being saved from the *habit of sin*
Sanctification speaks to our PRESENT
 - 3) The Christian will be saved bodily at the Lords return
Glorification speaks to our FUTURE

~ IN CLOSING ~

(v.17) “*the just shall live by faith*”

- **Faith** is involved from beginning to end. It’s the only way!
 - We’re saved by faith
 - AND the way we live is by faith.

CHURCH...

- God doesn’t make the sinner a good person.
 - God treats the sinner...
 - As if he had never sinner at all – **a new creation!**

THAT’S GOOD NEWS MY FRIENDS!!!

³ Scofield Study Bible (p.1550) *Salvation*. Oxford University Press. May 2002 Edition.