

# The Power of God for Salvation

## Romans 1:16-17

In today's text, **Romans 1:16-17**, as Paul transitions from the **greeting** to the **body** of the **letter**, he gives a **thesis statement** or **overview** of the entire letter, explaining that the **Gospel** is indeed the **power of God** that God **saves** both Jew and Gentile, and that this **righteousness of God** in the **Gospel** is **received** by **faith**. These statements give a **focused overview** of Paul's **main point** in writing the letter to the **Romans**. The Gospel is **how God saves** people who **believe** because it reveals their **desperate need** for a savior and reveals the Savior himself. The Gospel shows us that **faith in Christ alone** is the way a **sinner** comes into **right standing** with God.

In today's text **Romans 1:16-17** we will see

- **1:16 – The Power of God for Salvation**
- **1:17 – The Righteous Shall Live by Faith**

**Romans 6:23 - 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. NASB**

**1 Corinthians 1:18 - 18 For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. NASB**

**1 Corinthians 1:22-24 - 22 For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ**

**crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness,** 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God** and the wisdom of God. NASB

**James 1:18 - 18** In the **exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth**, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures. NASB

**1 Peter 1:23 - 23** for you **have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.** NASB

**Romans 10:17 - 17** So **faith comes from hearing, and hearing** by the word of Christ. NASB

The **ESV Study Bible** comments, "**the righteousness of God**. A crucial phrase that has been the subject of intense debate. It most likely means primarily "righteousness from God," so that it denotes right standing before God (a legal reality) that is given to people by God. However, the expression in Greek (dikaiosynē theou, "the righteousness of God") likely also carries an additional, fuller meaning, which refers directly to God's right moral character, particularly manifested in his holiness and justice, and in the way that his method of saving sinners through Christ's death meets the just demand of his holy nature."

**Philippians 3:9 - 9** and may be found in Him, **not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that**

**which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith NASB**

**2 Corinthians 5:21 - 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. NASB**

**Romans 3:21-22 - 21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; NASB**

**Romans 5:1-2 - 5 Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. NASB**

**Habakkuk 2:4 - 4 "Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.**

**Romans 6:11 - 11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. NASB**

**Psalm 34:15-19** - 15 **The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.** 16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers, To cut off the memory of them from the earth. **17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.** 18 **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, And saves those who are crushed in spirit.** 19 **Many are the afflictions of the righteous; But the Lord delivers him out of them all.** NASB

**Romans 5:8-11** - 8 **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** 9 **Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.** 10 **For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.** 11 **And not only this, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.** NASB

**Romans 8:31-33** - 31 **What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?** 32 **He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?**

**1 Peter 5:6-8** - 6 **Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,** 7 **casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.**

**Philippians 4:6-7** - 6 **Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.** 7 **And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** NASB