

# Outline of Romans

Introduction (1:1-17)

- I. The Gospel Explained: Justification by Faith Alone (1:18—4:25)
- II. The Gospel Experienced: The Effects of Justification (5-8)
- III. The Gospel Defended: Election, Israel, & God's Promises (9-11)
- IV. The Gospel Applied: The Transforming Power of the Gospel of Grace (12:1—15:13)

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  - C. The Mercies of God – “By the mercies of God”

# The Mercies of God

- He revealed Himself in creation (1:20-21).
- He spared our lives in spite of our sin (1:32).
- He filled our lives with His goodness to call us to repentance (2:4).
- He wrote the work of His law on our heart (2:14-15).
- He gave us His written Word (3:1-2).
- He made a way to save us through the gospel (3:21ff).
- He made the gospel available to Jews and Gentiles (3:22-23).
- He justified us as a gift by His grace (3:24).
- He sacrificed His own Son to satisfy His justice against our sins (3:25).

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- He justifies everyone who has faith in Jesus (3:26).
- He justifies us by faith alone (4:1ff).
- He has given us peace with Him (5:1).
- He has made us stand in His grace (5:2).
- He has given us hope of seeing and sharing His glory (5:2).
- He loves us and demonstrated it at the cross (5:8).
- He will rescue us from His future wrath (5:9).
- He has fully reconciled us to himself (5:10-11).

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- He graciously appointed Christ as our representative so we can get the credit for all He has done (5:12-21).
- He freed us from slavery to sin (6).
- He freed us from slavery to the law (7).
- He is gracious to us in the ongoing struggle with sin (7:14ff).
- He has guaranteed our ultimate security and salvation (8).
- He has promised that nothing will ever separate us from His love (8:31-39).
- He chose us in unconditional election to receive His mercy (9-11).

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- II. The Demonstration of a Life of Total Commitment to God (1b-2)
  - A. Present your Body to God (1b).

# What Does It Mean to Present Your Body a Sacrifice?

1. You must remember that when you came to Christ you denied yourself, took up your cross, and began to follow Him (Mark 8:34; Rom. 1:5; 16:26).
2. You must daily live in the awareness that your body is not yours but belongs to Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 6:19-20).
3. You must commit from this point forward to live your life not for yourself but for Jesus Christ (Rom. 14:7-9; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Phil. 1:20).

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4. You must daily present the members of your body as slaves of God and righteousness (Rom. 6:11-13, 17-19).
  - Engage your body in worship.
  - Use your body to help your soul in the service of God.
  - Use your body to diligently carry out your calling.
  - Avoid the sins committed with or against your body.
  - Be willing to suffer for God with your body, if called to do so.
  - Intentionally present the individual members of your body as instruments of righteousness (6:13).