PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

PAUL'S FULLEST EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS' LIFE, DEATH, & RESURRECTION

SUMMARY OF CHS. 1-4

- ch. 1 ALL HUMANITY IS TRAPPED IN SIN & NEEDS TO BE RESCUED
- ch. 2 RESCUE WON'T HAPPEN BY TRYING TO OBEY THE LAWS OF THE TORAH
- ch. 3 GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS RESCUED THE WORLD THROUGH JESUS...
- ch. 4 ...TO CREATE THE FAITH-BASED, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY OF ABRAHAM

SAUL OF TARSUS, A PHARISEE — TORAH & TRADITION — BECOMES — PAUL APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES — OFFICIAL REP. OF JESUS — RADICAL! — †=

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THE GOSPEL...

1-4 ...REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

1:1-17 THE GOSPEL:
- IS GOD'S POWER TO SAVE PEOPLE
- REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS
  - ① HE ALWAYS DOES WHAT IS JUST & RIGHT.
  - ② HE IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES

THE RISEN JESUS IS KING OF THE NATIONS

1:18-32 ALL NATIONS ARE TRAPPED — SIN — IDOLATRY — GUILTY!

...ISRAEL IS TRAPPED TOO! 2:1-3:8 — SIN — TORAH — IDOLATRY — MORE GUILTY!

3:9-26 BUT...GOOD NEWS! — JESUS BECAME WHAT WE ARE... — TRAPPED & GUILTY — ...SO WE COULD BECOME WHAT HE IS.

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH "TO DECLARE RIGHTEOUS"
- NEW STATUS: RIGHT WITH GOD & FORGIVEN
- NEW FAMILY: INCLUDED IN GOD'S PEOPLE
- NEW FUTURE: TRANSFORMED LIFE

"IN CHRIST"

4 WHO IS IN GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY? — GOD

DECLARED RIGHTEOUS BY HIS FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE (GENESIS 15:6) — ALL NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU & YOUR OFFSPRING. — ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12, 17) — THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN THE ONE WHO FULFILLED GOD'S PROMISE

THE CHURCH of ROME (SEE ACTS 18:1-2)

EMPEROR CLAVDIVS — NON-JEWISH — JEWISH — JEWS EXPELLED — 5 YEARS LATER

@#$%@☆!!! WE ARE FREE IN CHRIST! — Uh...WHAT?! — OH, YOU'RE BACK AGAIN... — GENTILE CHRISTIANS

BLASPHEMY!!! YOU MUST EAT KOSHER!! — YOU NEED THE SABBATH!! — YOU NEED TO BE CIRCUMCISED. — JEWISH CHRISTIANS

who?, who?... I WANT YOU TO BE UNIFIED!

5-8 ...CREATES A NEW HUMANITY

5 JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH CREATES NEW HUMANITY

ADAM "HUMANITY" ---------- JESUS "THE NEW ADAM"

SIN — SLAVERY — GOD'S JUDGMENT — DEATH — OBEDIENCE — FAITHFULNESS — LOVE — LIFE

LEAVE THIS HUMANITY!

6 DEATH — BAPTISM — NEW LIFE!

WE ARE JOINED TO JESUS — WHAT'S TRUE OF HIM IS TRUE OF US.

LIBERATED to LOVE GOD & NEIGHBOR

7 WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THE LAW? (TORAH)
- A THE STORY OF THE TORAH
- B THE 613 COMMANDS GIVEN THROUGH MOSES

GOOD & SHOW GOD'S WILL
- ☒ DON'T LIE
- ☒ DON'T STEAL
- ☒ LOVE OTHERS
- ☒ DON'T COVET

THE PARADOX IS THE POINT! — MORE GUILTY!

THE SOLUTION: JESUS & THE SPIRIT

8 MESSIAH — LAWS RIGHTEOUSNESS — SPIRIT — RENEWED CREATION! — LIBERATED to LOVE GOD & NEIGHBOR

9-11 ...FULFILLS GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL

9 ISRAEL IN THE PAST — MY PEOPLE, ISRAEL!!

ETHNIC ISRAEL ≠ COVENANT MEMBER

GOD SELECTED A SUBSET OF THE FAMILY — ABRAHAM — ISHMAEL — ISAAC — ESAU — JACOB — LINE OF PROMISE — JESUS' REJECTORS — JESUS' FOLLOWERS

THE GOLDEN CALF — PHARAOH'S REBELLION

PEOPLE'S REJECTION ACCOMPLISHES GOD'S PURPOSES

10 ISRAEL IN THE PRESENT — COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BASED ON LAWS

NEW COVENANT FAMILY BASED ON FAITH

11 ISRAEL IN THE FUTURE — Q: IS GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL? A: NO!

JEWISH & GENTILE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS — MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY — SOME GRAFTED ON

GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY

REJECTORS OF JESUS — ONE DAY, JESUS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY HIS PEOPLE. — HOW?? WHEN?? — SOME BROKEN OFF

12-16 ...UNIFIES THE CHURCH

12-13 UNIFYING THROUGH LOVE & FORGIVENESS

SERVING ONE ANOTHER — SERVING — LEADING — TEACHING — GIVING — PROPHESYING

HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS — I'M SORRY... I'VE BEEN A JERK.

Love fulfills the TORAH

14-15 HEALING ETHNIC DIVISION — SHOW GRACE TO EACH OTHER ON NON-ESSENTIAL ISSUES — GENTILE — EKOF — JEWISH

16 — HONOR PHOEBE! ...SHE'S LEGIT! — SAY HI TO THE GANG! — ROMANS

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