

Approximately 35 minutes



The Gospel Explained Sermon Through Romans 1-8

Opening Prayer:

Father God, we come before You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank You for Your Word, which is living and active. We thank You for the book of Romans, where You clearly explain the gospel... "the good news" that saves our souls.

Lord, open our hearts and minds today. Remove distractions. Let Your Holy Spirit teach us. Let us not just understand these truths intellectually, but receive them personally. Strengthen believers, and draw those who do not yet know You into salvation.

We ask that Jesus would be glorified in everything we say and hear today.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Introduction: The Most Important Message in the World

The book of Romans is the clearest explanation of the gospel in all Scripture.

If someone asked you:

- What is the gospel?
- Why do we need salvation?
- How are we saved?
- What happens after salvation?

Romans' answers to all of these questions.

Romans' chapters 1 through 8 form one complete message:

- Chapters 1-3: Our problem ... sin
- Chapters 3-5: God's solution ...

justification

- Chapters 6-7: Our struggle ...

sanctification

- Chapter 8: Our victory ... glorification

This is the story of every believer.

So let's look...

Part 1: The Problem ... All Humanity Is Guilty (Romans 1-3)

Romans begins with the gospel announcement.

Romans 1:16 (NIV) ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Notice...it is the power of God that saves.

- 👉 Not good works.
- 👉 Not religion.
- 👉 Not church attendance.

The gospel saves.

But before God explains salvation, He explains why we need it.

Humanity Blocks Out the Truth:

Romans 1:20 (NIV) ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

God says creation itself proves He exists.

- The sky.
- The stars.
- Life itself.

Yet humanity suppresses that truth.

Romans 1:21 (NIV) ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

👉 This is the root of sin: rejecting God's authority.

And the result is **spiritual darkness**.

Romans 1:25 (NIV) ²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

This describes the world today.

- People worship money.
- Pleasure.
- Power.
- Self.

Instead of God.

Religious People Are Also Guilty:

In Romans 2, Paul addresses religious people.

Romans 2:1 (NIV) You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

Religion cannot save you.

👉 Knowing about God is not the same as knowing God.

You can sit in church your whole life and still be lost.

The Final Verdict: Everyone Is Guilty:

Romans 3:10 (NIV) "There is no one righteous, not even one."

Romans 3:23 (NIV) “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Every person has sinned.

Not most people.

👉 All people.

Sin separates us from God.

Romans 6:23 (NIV) later says: ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Spiritual death.

Eternal separation from God.

This is the human condition.

Hopeless, Helpless, and Lost.

But God did not leave us there.

Part 2: The Solution ... Justification by Faith (Romans 3-5)

This is where the gospel shines.

Romans 3:24 (NIV) “and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

Justified means declared righteous.

Not because we are righteous.

But because **Jesus** is righteous.

Jesus Took Our Place:

Romans 5:8 (NIV) “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Jesus died in your place.

He took your punishment.

He absorbed your judgment.

At the cross, your sin was placed on **Him (Jesus)**.

And **His** righteousness is given to you.

👉 This is the great exchange.

We Are Justified by Faith Alone:

Romans 5:1 (NIV)

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

👉 Notice: peace with God.

Before salvation, we are enemies of God.

After salvation, we are reconciled.

Not by works.

By **faith**.

Faith means trusting completely in Jesus Christ to save you.

Not trusting yourself.

Not trusting religion.

Trusting **Christ alone**.

Part 3: The New Life ... Freedom from Sin's Power (Romans 6-7)

After salvation, something changes inside you.

You are no longer the same person.

Romans 6:6 (NIV) ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

Your old identity died.

You are a new creation.

Sin is no longer your master.

Romans 6:14 (NIV)

“For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.”

Before salvation, sin controlled you.

After salvation, you have a new master...Jesus Christ.

But There Is Still a Struggle:

Romans 7 describes the inner battle believers face.

Romans 7:19 (NIV) ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

Every believer understands this struggle.

Your spirit wants to obey God.

Your flesh resists.

There is a war inside.

But this struggle is evidence of life.

Dead people do not struggle.

Only living people do.

Part 4: The Victory ... Life in the Spirit (Romans 8)

Romans 8 is one of the greatest chapters in the Bible.

It begins with one of the most powerful statements ever written.

Romans 8:1 (NIV) "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

No condemnation.

Not less condemnation.

No condemnation.

Why?

👉 Because Jesus was condemned in your place.

Your judgment already happened....at the cross.

The Holy Spirit Lives in Believers:

Romans 8:11 (NIV) ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

The **Holy Spirit** lives inside every believer.

He guides you.

Strengthens you.

Transforms you.

You are never alone.

You Are Now a Child of God:

Romans 8:15 (NIV) ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

You are adopted into God's family.

God is now your Father.

Not symbolically.

Literally, spiritually, eternally.

God Is Working Everything for Your Good:

Romans 8:28 (NIV) ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Even suffering.

Even trials.

Even pain.

God is working for your eternal good.

Nothing Can Separate You from God's Love:

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV) ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor

anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Nothing can separate you.

Not failure.

Not weakness.

Not death.

👉 Salvation is secure in Christ.

The Gospel in One Sentence:

Here is the gospel summarized:

You are a sinner who cannot save yourself.

Jesus Christ died in your place.

He rose again.

If you trust Him, you are forgiven, justified, adopted, and given eternal life.

This is the greatest news in the universe.

Invitation: How to Be Born Again

Jesus said in ***John 3:3 (NIV)***

“Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

Being born again means receiving new spiritual life.

It happens when you:

- Repent of your sins
- Believe Jesus died for you
- Trust Him as your Lord and Savior

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Not might be saved.

👉 Will be saved.

Right now, you can receive Christ.

Let us pray:

Salvation Prayer:

Lord Jesus,

I confess that I am a sinner.

I believe You died on the cross for my sins.

I believe You rose from the dead.

I ask You to forgive me.

I turn from my sin.

I place my trust in You alone.

Come into my life.

Be my Lord and my Savior.

Make me a new person.

Thank You for saving me.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you sincerely believe this you are born again this very day.

Closing Prayer:

Father God,

Thank You for the gospel. Thank You for Your grace. Thank You for sending Your Son to die for us. Thank You that we are justified by faith, freed from sin, and secure in Your love.

Strengthen Your people. Help us walk in the Spirit. Help us live in the victory described in Romans chapter 8.

Also Lord God, anyone who received You today, thank you for filling them with Your Holy Spirit and I pray please establish them firmly in Your truth.

We love You, and we give You all glory.

In Jesus' Holy name, Amen.