

Epiphany of Christ (NKJV)
He took the Bread and gave thanks to his apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
for the mystery of the will of the Father for the unity of the body of Christ,
to bring all into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;
that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,
but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into that which is the head...
Christ...
in whom the whole body, jointed and knit together by other apostles, supplies, according to the function of his body, which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Psalm 89:14 (NKJV)
14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

A birds eye view of Romans

3 & 4. The Justified can experience life presently

As you read, please take notes in the margin to help you understand.

1. Introduction to Romans 1:1-17:

1.1. Obedience of faith

Romans 1:1-2 (NKJV)
1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,
3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh
and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
4 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the **obedience of faith** for the **glory of his name** among all the nations,
5 including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
6 To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul qualifies himself
Qualified Jesus Christ
The connecting theme of the book
Paul's greeting

What is being addressed?
Answer: All Church Age believers

1.2. The righteous shall live by faith

Romans 1:16-17 (NKJV)
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written,
"The righteous shall live by faith."
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1st. God's judgment on unbelievers

Why God will supernaturally judge the unbeliever

Paul's thesis (1:16-17)
1. The righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

2. God reveals his justification for His supreme judgment on unbelievers

Romans 1:18-20 (NKJV)
18 For the wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
19 what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.
20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,
21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, nor did their thought be glorified in Him.
22 Therefore, God gave them up to dishonorable passions.
23 For their minds became futile, and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and beasts and creeping creatures.
24 Therefore, God gave them up to uncleanness, to lusts, to every filthy deed, and to greed, a love of money, which is the root of all evil, to which we have allowed them to reach, as they have learned, to the end that they might be brought to repentance.

2.1. Romans 2 & 3:20 All have sinned:

1. God's righteousness in judgment:

Romans 2:1-13 (NKJV)
1 Therefore you who judge, do not judge, for you are also judged; for you will judge as you are judged.
2 You who judge do so as you are judged, for you are also judged.
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2. God's righteousness in judgment continued in chapter 3:

Romans 3:1-20 (NKJV)
1 Therefore we are justified by faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
2 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
3 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
4 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
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3. Romans 3: 21 God reveals his exclusive & only acceptable righteousness standard is through faith:

1. Progressing into God's solution:

Romans 3:21-26 (NKJV)
21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the law and the prophets were witnessed to it,
22 as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
23 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek,
24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
25 and are now justified by His grace, as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus,
26 whom God has manifested as the propitiator of His mercy, through the shedding of His own blood, to cleanse Himself from all unrighteousness, to bring about the redemption of the lawless, to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and yet the justifier of those who have faith in Him.

1st. God's righteousness is apart from the law

2nd. Concluding, both Jews and Gentiles have been judged guilty.

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