

# *Bible Study Through* **ROMANS**

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# TONIGHT'S PLAN

## CAPITVLVM III

- Peter-James-John in 57AD [and others]
- God's Righteousness [Holy and Just]
- God's Wrath [Holy and Just]
- God's Judgment of Sin  
*Sheol-Hades-Hell-Abyss-Tartarus-Ghenna*
- Segue into Romans 4

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# OUTLINE

## Chaps 1-8

### FAITH

1-3 Recognize our sin

4-5 How is one saved

6-8 Process of sanctification

*1: Pagan Person*

*2: Moral Person*

*3: Religious Person*

**ALL FALL SHORT!**

## Chaps 9-11

**HOPE** Can God love us without rescinding His Holy nature?

9 Israel's past history

10 Israel's current situation

11 Israel's future

## Chaps 12-16

**LOVE** The *process of sanctification* in our lives.

12 Service to others

13 Respect government

14-15 One's conscience

16 Greetings/salutations



## Peter-James-John in 57 AD *and after*

- PETER**
- with John sent by Holy Spirit to Samaria [Acts 8:14]
  - Lydda 17 miles inland from Joppa [Acts 9:32]
  - Caesarea Maritima to meet Cornelius [Acts 10]
  - Jewish Christians angered for spending time with Gentiles [Acts 11:1-3]
  - Syrian-Antioch Paul [Galatians 2:11-14] confronted hypocrisy not eating with Gentiles  
Barnabas swayed to do the same.
  - Miracle release from prison, tells those praying at Mary's house [Acts 12:17]  
*"Report this to James and the brethren", then went to "another place".*
  - Council of Jerusalem in 50 AD [Acts 15] . . . then nothing more.
  - Writes 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter to Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, Bithynia [all Asia Minor]  
Closes with: *"She who is in Babylon, chosen with you, sends greetings"*  
[Rome]

Tertullian, Origen, Eusebius, Polycarp, Flavius Josephus - Peter travels far from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria. In Rome late 50s. Early 60s probably sees Paul in house arrest. Nero crucified him upside down in 64 AD.



## Peter-James-John in 57 AD *and after*

- JAMES** - Jesus' brother by Mary and Joseph. Pillar of Jerusalem Church [Galatians 1:18-2:10]  
- Council of Jerusalem [50 AD] - Gave final summary opinion statement.
- Papias, Clement of Alexandria both confirm ***Jesus' brother James as chief elder.***
  - Executed - High Priest *Hanan ben Hanan* and Sanhedrin throw him from top of Temple - barely alive, they beat him with a club 'til dead. Prior to the death of the Romans procurator Porcius Festus in 62 AD.
- \*\*\*NOT** James bar-Zebedee ["sons of thunder"] brother of John bar-Zebedee who was killed with a sword order of Herod [Acts 12:2]. When Peter fled Jerusalem after miracle out of prison, he told those who had been praying for him at Mary's house [Acts 12:17] ***"Report these things to James and the brethren". [Jesus' brother]***
- James bar-Zebedee [greater] James bar-Alphaeus [less] James [Jesus' brother]*



## Peter-James-John in 57 AD *and after*

**JOHN** - wrote Gospel in mid-60s AD [last Gospel? **John 21:25** “world not contain books”]

*John-Mark 55 AD, Luke 59 Acts in 60, Matthew 64, John 65/66*

- **John 21:20-23** “I will not die until Jesus returns” His old age late 50s/early 60s?
- notes manner of Peter’s death by Jesus [**John 21:18-19**] points to being Last Gospel
- Peter crucified in 64, John probably writes Gospel in 65-66, then exiled in mid-68

Revelation on Patmos pre-70 AD [no mention Titus Vespasian/Jerusalem Temple]

- **John 5:2** notes **present tense** of pool of Bethesda and 5 porticos [not destroyed]
- **Rev 17:10** Emperor Galba who “is” [June 68 to January 69] after “5 fallen”
- Exiled in “Year of 4 Emperors” 69 AD [no documented persecution by Domitian]
- Tertullian [200 AD] writes John survived boiling oil, then exiled as reaction to that.
- Jerome [390 AD] writes Nero did it – fits the timing in 68 pre-Nero suicide
- Most likely moves to Ephesus as an Elder and spiritual mentor to Pastor Timotheus wrote 3 letters probably late 80s/early 90s from Ephesus [“little children”, Papias]



## Other 11 Apostles in 57 AD *and after Acts 1:13*

<b>JAMES</b>	bar-Zebedee – see prior [killed by sword] <b><i>“James the greater”</i></b>
<b>JOHN</b>	bar-Zebedee – see prior [died old man almost 100 years]
<b>PETER</b>	see prior [ <i>crucified upside down</i> by Nero]
<b>ANDREW</b>	Eastern Europe – died in Patras, Greece <i>crucified upside down</i>
<b>PHILIP</b>	Bethsaida, Galilee [Peter, Andrew] Died in Hierapolis: Philadelphia – Laodicea <i>Often confused with Philip the Evangelist</i> [“the seven” <b>Acts 6:5</b> ]
<b>THOMAS</b>	India and Parthia, Ethiopia [maybe China?] – <i>no more doubts</i>
<b>BARTHOLOMEW</b>	India and Parthia – Killed in India, remains buried in Edessa, Syrian Province
<b>MATTHEW</b>	former tax collector, wrote “Jewish” Gospel
<b>JAMES</b>	bar-Alphaeus <b><i>“James the less”</i></b> Husband to Mary of Clopas [ <b>John 19:25</b> ]
<b>THADDEUS</b>	Referred as “Judas bar-James” [ <b>Acts 1:13</b> ] - Executed with axe [Syria or Persia]
<b>SIMON</b>	from Cana-Galilee [ <i>Kanaite</i> ], the “zealot”



# Romans 3:1-8

*last time*

**Then what advantage has the Jew? Benefit of circumcision?**

**Great in every respect.** Entrusted with the oracles of God.

Unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God.

***Our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God***

God who inflicts **WRATH** not UNrighteous. How else will God judge the world?

My lie **caused** truth of God to abound to His glory.

Will I then still being judged as a sinner? NO, He saved me from sin.

Why not say [as we are slanderously reported and some claim we say],

**“Let us do evil that good may come”?**

**Their condemnation is entirely JUST.**



# Romans 3:1-8

*last time*

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**Like Strategic GAP Analysis for Organizations.**

Overlay yourself against the Law,  
Immediately see GAPS between what's holy  
Compare to our inherent sin-nature.

**GAPS = “miss the mark” = SIN exposed by LAW**



## *continue* **Romans 3:9-20**

What then? Are we [Jews] better than they [Gentiles]? Not at all - we have already charged that both ***Jews and Greeks are all under sin***, as it is written  
***“THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE”***

**THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS - THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD  
ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE - TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS  
THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD - THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE  
THEIR THROAT IS OPEN GRAVE, THEIR TONGUES KEEP DECEIVING  
POISON OF ASPS UNDER THEIR LIPS, A MOUTH FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS**

**Psalm 51:4** *Against You, and You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight so You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.*

**Psalm 14:1** *Fool says, “There is no God.” He is corrupt. There is no one who does good.*

**Psalm 53:1-3** *All turn aside and become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one.*

**Psalm 5:9** *No faithfulness in their mouth; throat is open sepulcher; flatter with their tongue.*

**Psalm 140:3** *They sharpen their tongues like a serpent, poison of a viper is on their lips.*

**Psalm 10:7** *Mouth is full of cursing and oppression.*



# Romans 3:9-20

**“THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD, DESTRUCTION, MISERY IN THEIR PATHS – THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN.”      “THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.”**

**Isaiah 59:7-8** *Feet run to evil, they hasten to shed innocent blood; Thoughts are of iniquity, Devastation and destruction are their highways. Do not know the way of peace, No justice in their tracks; Have made their paths crooked, whoever treads on them does not know peace.*

**Psalms 36:1** *Transgression speaks to ungodly in his heart - there is no fear of God before his eyes.*

Now we know that whatever the Law says, it **speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed** and **all the world may become accountable to God** because ***by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight*** –

**For thru the Law comes the Knowledge of Sin.**

Wages for SIN are not a favor, but what is DUE for sin.



*remember*

# GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

## FIVE TIMES in Romans 3

**3:5** *Our unrighteousness* demonstrates **God's Righteousness**

**3:21** **God's righteousness** manifested apart from the Law

**3:22** **God's righteousness** thru faith in Jesus to all who believe

**3:25** **God's righteousness** demonstrated in Jesus' public display

**3:26** **God's righteousness** demonstrates He is entirely just

**3:25-26** *In God's merciful restraint He allowed all previous sin committed to go unpunished - **NO WRATH** - in order to demonstrate the **Righteousness of God** at THIS present time that God is 100% JUST as the one who JUSTIFIES all who have faith in Jesus the Christ.*



# *remember* **GOD'S WRATH**

**NOT Man's Wrath.** *Emotional, impulsive, vengeance, often regrettable.*

Infinite HOLY God *separates* from unholiness [entirely JUST]

**EXCHANGE** God for "Self" ideas, perspectives, decisions, actions, **PRIDE**.

Original Face-to-face fellowship [Genesis] – Mankind severed by disobedience

## **FORMERLY**

**FAR** from God

**SINNERS**

**ENEMIES** of God

**HEARERS** Only

**DEEDS** of the flesh

**DARKNESS**

## **BUT NOW**

Brought **NEAR**

**RIGHTEOUS**

Children/**JOINT HEIRS**

**DOERS** of Word

**FRUIT** of God's Spirit

Walk in **LIGHT**

*Eph. 2:13*

*Romans 5:8*

*Romans 5:10*

*James 1:22-25*

*Galatians 5*

**John 3:19**

**Isaiah 9:2**

**Colossians 1:13**

**2 Corin 4:4**

**1 Thess. 5:5**

**1 Peter 2:9**



# GOD'S WRATH

*Biblically defined*

## HIS CHARACTER DEFINES THE DIVIDING WALL

- 1- **Sovereign** He is accountable to NO ONE
- 2- **Omniscient** He knows everything – end for the beginning – from His extra-temporal position.
- 3- **Omnipotent** He is ALL powerful, both visible and invisible, throughout His creation.
- 4- **Omnipresent** He is everywhere and in all things. [Consider particle physics: non-locality]
- 5- **Loving** He is the definition-epitome of ἀγάπη “unconditional” love
- 6- **Immutable** He is unchanging, no shadow of turning, the same Yesterday-Today-Forever.
- 7- **Just** Based upon the standard that is His inherent character. Absolutely Righteous.

*[This points right back to #1 above - His Sovereignty]*

For the **pagan**  
For the **moral**  
For **religious**

CREATION's witness is sufficient  
Cannot live up to one's conscience  
Cannot KEEP Law – being *sincere, committed*



# GOD'S WRATH

## *separation*

Hebrews 9:27  
vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corin 5:6-8

It is appointed for men to die once and *then comes judgment*  
**Absent** from the body is **Present** with the Lord.

**Romans 5:9**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 5:9**

Matthew 22:1-14  
Jude 1:13

Cast into *outer darkness*, place of weeping, gnashing teeth  
Like Cain, Balaam, Korah – *the black darkness reserved forever*

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:16

God alone possesses immortality / Dwells in unapproachable **LIGHT**

1<sup>st</sup> John 1:5

God is **LIGHT** and in **Him there is no darkness at all**

James 1:17

God if Father of **LIGHT**, no variance or shifting shadow

John 8:12

“I Am” **LIGHT** of the world, follow me *not walk in darkness* have **LIGHT**

Revelation 21:23

New Jerusalem no sun, moon – Glory of God **illuminates** it – **Lamp** is LAMB

Luke 12:5

Fear Him who has authority to cast you into *Ghenna* [permanent]

Hebrew “Hinnom” - Valley [Jeremiah 7:31, 31:40, Isaiah 66:24]

12 times in the NT – Jesus uses it 11 times – also *Lake of Fire*



# GOD'S WRATH *chronology*

## PRE-GENESIS

Isaiah 14:10-14 *Lucifer says 5x "I Will" [boastful pride, covetousness, self-centered]*

Jude 6 *Angels did not keep their own domain, abandoned their proper abode*  
He **kept in eternal bonds under darkness** for **judgment of the great day**.

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:4 God **did not spare angels** who sinned cast them into τάρταρῶν  
*committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.*

Rev. 12:4 ***One-third of "stars" cast down with Lucifer***

Ezekiel 28:13 You were in Eden. Every precious stone your covering. **Workmanship** in you.  
Day you were created. Anointed CHERUB who covers. Blameless from day  
created UNTIL unrighteousness found in you. Your heart lifted up because of  
your beauty, by reason of your splendor you corrupted your wisdom.



# GOD'S WRATH *chronology*

## GENESIS

Gen. 3:8 Face-to-face fellowship [communion] Elohiym and mankind [Christophany]

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:14 re: Genesis 3 woman Eve was **alone** and **deceived** [back-and-forth dialogue]

*Can't eat of any tree? . . . . . Yes, we can eat.*

*Middle tree, don't touch or eat – you will die.*

*You will not die.*

*God knows when you do you  
will be like God, know GOOD and EVIL*

*Saw good to see, eat, will make her wise*

**DISOBEDIENCE**

Adam NOT deceived [1 Tim 2:14] - he chooses

***God's Holy and Just Judgment is separation from unholy***



# GOD'S WRATH

## *chronology*

### PRE-CALVARY

O.T. *Cycles: YHWH rejected by His people Israel, like an **adulterous wife***

Ezekiel 16:9ff verse 32 Jeremiah 2:33; 3:1 Hosea 2:2-23

*Blessing/Signs – Disobey – Judges – Blessing/Signs – Disobey – Judges – [Repeat]*

**Covenant** Abraham did not yet see it [**Heb. 11:3**] died in faith but Promise not yet received.  
“Abraham rejoiced to see my day” [**John 8:56**]

**Luke 16** Before Calvary , everyone who died went to Sheol [“Abode/Place of the dead”]

**Isaiah 14:9**

“Abraham’s Chest” [KNOW something *in your gut*]

“Paradise” – comfort and rest, waiting on Promise fulfilled

“Hades” [Greek] “Hell” [English] is temporary place

“Abyss” [**Luke 8:31**] legion asks Jesus to not send to Abyss *before its time*

[**Rev. 9:11**] their king is angel of the abyss – Abaddon / Apollyon]



# GOD'S WRATH

*great reminder to us*

## LUCIFER

*Beautifully created [workmanship] in God's presence*

**Free-will choice** – Focus

## ANGELS

*Man created “a little lower” than ‘messengers’*

*Never set sights/aspirations on them - **They are fellow servants***

**Free-will choice** – Focus off God

**[Rev 19:10, 22:9]**

## EVE-ADAM

*Communed with Elohiym face-to-face*

**Free-will choice** – Focus on self

## JUDAS Iscariot

*Communed with Jesus face-to-face*

**Free-will choice** – Focus on self

## DEMAS

*“Fellow-worker” with Paul*

**Free-will choice** – Focus on self

**1<sup>st</sup> John 2:19 “not of us”**



# Romans 3:21-31

But now apart from the Law **the righteousness of God** has been manifested, being **witnessed by the Law and the Prophets** - even **the righteousness of God** thru faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe - for there is no distinction **All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, being **justified** as a gift by His grace thru the redemption in Christ Jesus, whom God displayed publicly as propitiation in His blood thru faith [**Colossians 2:15**] **demonstrating His righteousness** in God's forbearance He passed over previous sins for **demonstration of His righteousness** at present, so He would be **Just** and the **Justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus. [**Ephesians 6:12**]

Where then is **boasting**? It is excluded. By what kind of law, of works? No, by a law of faith. For we maintain that a man is **Justified** by faith apart from works of the Law.

Or is God *the God* of Jews only? Is He not *the God* of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also since indeed God who will **Justify** the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is One.

Do we then **nullify the Law** through faith? May it never be!

**On the contrary, we then ESTABLISH the Law.**



# Romans 3 *segues into chapter-4*

Can I **boast**? It has been excluded, by what kind of law, of works? NO, by a law of faith. A Person is **Justified** by FAITH 100% entirely apart from works of the Law.

## **BIG Question-1:**

Otherwise, if the Law had a place in the formula, would not God then be God of Jews only? But, if He is also the God of Gentiles, then what does that say about the need for the Law? God will **JUSTIFY** the *circumcised by faith* and the *uncircumcised through faith*.

## **BIG Question-2:**

So then, if that's the case, do we somehow *nullify the Law through faith*?

May it never be! *On the contrary, thru FAITH we then ESTABLISH the Law.*

## **BIG Question-3:**

What about Abraham? ALL Jews point to him as the focal/starting point, their foundation. *Abraham BELIEVED and that was reckoned to him as God's Righteousness.*

*BEFORE CIRCUMCISED. BEFORE A LAW*

**BIG Question-4:** What about David?



# Romans 3 *summary*

**ADVANTAGE TO THE JEW?** *No promises to the Church in the Torah, Psalms, prophets*

The “**Mystery**” - Ephesians 3:1-6 “*hidden before foundation of the world*” [Church]  
wedged in between Daniel 9:25 and 9:27 [time of the Church]  
70 Shabua **for Israel**. 7 Shabua + 69 Shabua to Mashiach Nagid

*Missler*

**Acts 2** Church born by a “miracle”

**1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 4 / 1<sup>st</sup> Corinth 15** Church removed by “miracle”

**Luke 19:41-42** *Jesus weeps over Jerusalem and people of Israel, “If you had known **this day**,  
but has been hidden from you.”*

**Romans 11:25** *Brethren don't be uniformed of the “**Mystery**”*  
***Partial sclerosis** has happened to Israel until the **Fullness Of Gentiles** completed*

**Romans 3:3-4** What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not  
***nullify the faithfulness of God***, will it? May it never be, let God be  
found true and man be found a liar



*Next Monday  
July 12<sup>th</sup>*

# ROMANS

## CAPITVLVM IV

*Paul continues with  
Abraham, David, faith,  
Law, and righteous.*