

The Gospel of God: believe it; live it! — Romans series outline

I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-17)

1	Paul's purpose: to bring about the obedience of faith	1:1-7
2	Paul's desire: to preach the gospel of God's Son	1:8-15
3	Paul's conviction: the gospel has power to save	1:16-17

II. BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL OF GOD (1:18-11:36)

A. The reality of sin and the wrath of God (1:18-3:20)

4	Don't be a fool: acknowledge God!	1:18-23
5	God gave <i>them</i> up, but what about <i>you</i> ?	1:24-32
6	Where is God's kindness leading you?	2:1-5
7	God is watching you! What does he see?	2:6-11
8	You're a dead man, whoever you are!	2:12-16
9	You talk the talk, but do you walk the walk?	2:17-24
10	Has the Spirit circumcised your heart?	2:25-29
11	What have <i>you</i> done with <i>your</i> advantages?	3:1-4
12	Is your defence, 'the end justifies the means'?	3:5-8
13	Seven billion sinners and <i>you're</i> the exception?	3:9-20
14	<i>Believe: the wrath of God abides upon sinners</i>	1:18-3:20

B. Justification and the righteousness of God (3:21-5:21)

15	Have you been justified by Christ alone?	3:21-26
16	Have you been justified by grace alone?	3:21-26
17	Have you been justified by faith alone?	3:27-31
18	Are you working enough to get righteous?	4:1-8
19	Are you religious enough to get righteous?	4:9-12
20	Are you obedient enough to get righteous?	4:13-16
21	Do you share the faith of Abraham?	4:16-22
22	Do you believe the word and work of God?	4:22-25
23	Do you enjoy peace with God?	5:1
24	Do you rejoice in hope of the glory of God?	5:2
25	Do you rejoice in suffering for the sake of God?	5:3-5
26	Do you rejoice in knowing the love of God?	5:6-11
27	Acknowledge your predicament	5:12-14
28	Understand the alternative	5:15-17
29	Accept God's provision	5:18-21
30	<i>Believe: the justified are righteous in God's sight</i>	3:21-5:21

C. Union with Christ as the children of God (6:1-8:39)

31	Have you been immersed in Christ's death?	6:1-11
32	Consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God	6:1-11
33	Ground your morality in your redemption	6:12-14
34	Present yourself as a slave to righteousness	6:15-23
35	Remember that you are released from the law	7:1-6
36	Don't misunderstand the purpose of the law	7:7-13

37	Accept the fact that your life is a battle zone	7:14-20
38	In your wretchedness see your Redeemer	7:21-25
39	Understand what God has done with your sin	8:1-4
40	Set your mind on the Spirit of life	8:5-11
41	Reflect the character of God as children of God	8:12-17
42	Wait patiently in hope of perfect redemption	8:18-25
43	Depend upon the Spirit in your prayers	8:26-27
44	Show your love for God by devotion to Christ	8:28-30
45	Live as those who have nothing to lose	8:31-39
46	<i>Believe: union with Christ is Spirit-empowered life</i>	6:1-8:39

D. The people of Israel and the purposes of God (9:1-11:36)

47	Learn: privilege is not a promise of heaven	9:1-5
48	Understand: everything happens for God's glory	9:6-18
49	Accept: salvation is an act of sovereign mercy	9:19-29
50	Know: a right and a wrong way to righteousness	9:30-10:4
51	Note: salvation comes by confessing faith in Jesus	10:5-13
52	Pray: all the world must hear the preached word	10:13-21
53	See: God's chosen people are never rejected	11:1-10
54	Remember: salvation is God's undeserved kindness	11:11-24
55	Rejoice: all God's people will receive God's mercy!	11:25-32
56	Worship: accept God's wisdom; submit to his way	11:33-36
57	<i>Believe: God purposes to save sinners for his glory</i>	9:1-11:36

III. LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL OF GOD (12:1-15:13)

58	Present your body as a living sacrifice to God	12:1-2
59	Use your gifts with humility in the body of Christ	12:3-8
60	Love others freely without expecting a return	12:9-21
61	Love others freely despite their hostility	12:9-21
62	Submit to governing authorities with respect	13:1-7
63	Love your neighbour as yourself	13:8-10
64	Walk in the light of eternity	13:11-14
65	Do not quarrel over opinions	14:1-12
66	Pursue what makes for peace	14:13-23
67	Follow Christ's example in selfless service	15:1-13
68	<i>Live: with joy and peace in the hope of the gospel</i>	12:1-15:13

IV. CONCLUSION (15:14-16:27)

69	Paul's satisfaction: the obedience of the gentiles	15:14-21
70	Paul's plan: to serve the saints in the will of God	15:22-33
71	Paul's greetings: gospel workers abound	16:1-23
72	Paul's appeal: gospel subverters are active	16:17-20
73	Paul's doxology: to the only wise God be glory	16:24-27