

**This Epistle emphasizes the GOSPEL! ( and you thought it emphasized that dry old stuff, doctrine!)**

**The Apostle Paul mentions the Gospel in Chapter 1 verse 1, where he calls it “the Gospel of God” in verse 9, where he calls it the “gospel of His Son” and in verse 15, where he says he is ready to preach the GOSPEL to those in Rome also.**

**IN chapter 1, verses 16-17, Paul states the theme of the epistle: The good news of deliverance from sin through the revelation of God’s righteousness to everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ.**

**Besides the Introduction ( Chapter 1, verses 1-17) and the Conclusion ( Chapter 15, verse 14 to Chapter 16, verse 27 ) there are five major sections to the epistle:**

**Section 1 deals with God’s Condemnation of All Human Beings for their Unrighteousness ( 1:18-3:20 )**

**Section 2 deals with God’s Justification of Unrighteous Human Beings through Christ ( 3:21-5:21 )**

**Section 3 deals with God’s Sanctification of Justified Human Beings through Christ ( 6: 1-8:39 )**

**Section 4 deals with the Status of Israel in God’s Covenant Purposes ( 9:1-11:36 )**

**Section 5 deals with Practical Exhortations Related to the Implications of God’s Grace in Christ ( 12:1-15:13 )**

**In this series we will confine ourselves to the first three sections, dealing with Condemnation, Justification, and Sanctification.**

**However, we need to look more closely at 1: 16-17, and at its key ideas. ( read it )**

**There are four words in this theme which should be noted: gospel, salvation, righteousness and faith.**