

Paul's Letter to the



Romans

Study 2

The Righteousness of God

Structure of the Epistle

Introduction 1:1-15

1:1-15 Opening Salutation

The Righteousness of God 1:16-15:13

1:16-17 The R. of God in the Gospel
1:18-3:20 Man's failure to Attain R.
3:21-5:21 The R. of God Revealed
6:1-8:39 The R. of God with Believers
9:1-11:36 The R. of God with Israel
12:1-15:13 The R. of God in Practice

Conclusion 15:14-16:27

15:14-33 Plans & Purpose
16:1-27 Final Greetings

- Minor sections close "through Jesus Christ our Lord" **5:21, 6:23, 7:25, 8:39**
- Major sections close with praise **8:38-39, 11:33-36, 15:13, 16:25-27**



Structure

ch 1-3

Introduction 1:1-18

1:1-7 Paul's Commission to Preach

1:8-15 Paul's Desire to Visit Rome

The R. of God in the Gospel 1:16-17

1:16-17 The R. of God explained

Man's Failure to Attain R. 1:18-3:20

1:18-32 The Failure of the Gentiles

1:18 God's Means of Addressing unR

1:19-20 The Existence of God Revealed

1:21-32 The Wrath of God Revealed

2:1-3:8 The Failure of the Jews

3:9-20 The Failure of all Humanity



Paul's Apostleship

The Calling of the Messiah

Listen, O isles, unto me and hearken, ye people, from far; the LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Isa 49:1-3

The Calling of Paul

Rom 1:1 servant

Gal 1:10

Isa 49:3

called

Gal 1:15

Isa 49:1

separated

Gal 1:15



The Gospel of God

And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore **his arm brought salvation** unto him; and his righteousness it sustained him.

Isa 59:16

Who hath believed our report? And to whom is **the arm of the LORD** revealed?

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground: he hath no form or comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

Isa 53:1-2



Structure

ch 1-3

Introduction 1:1-18

1:1-7 Paul's Commission to Preach

1:8-15 Paul's Desire to Visit Rome

The R. of God in the Gospel 1:16-17

1:16-17 The R. of God explained

Man's Failure to Attain R. 1:18-3:20

1:18-32 The Failure of the Gentiles

1:18 God's Means of Addressing unR

1:19-20 The Existence of God Revealed

1:21-32 The Wrath of God Revealed

2:1-3:8 The Failure of the Jews

3:9-20 The Failure of all Humanity

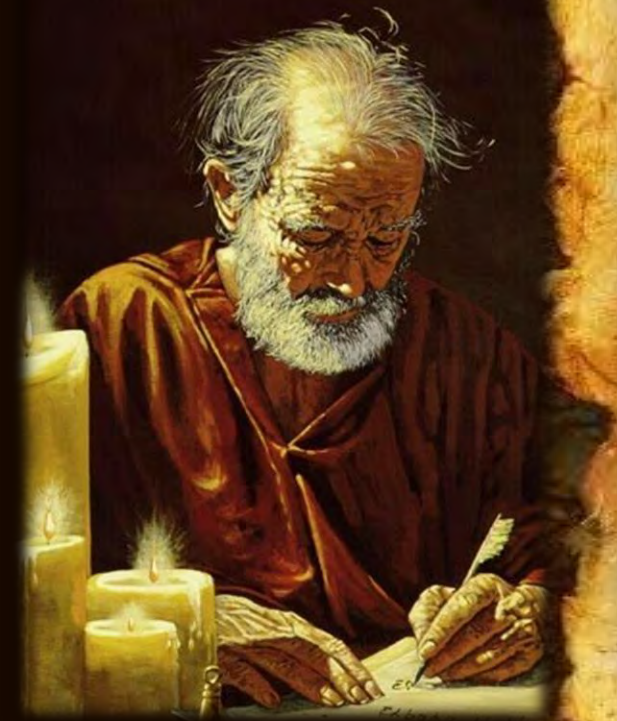


The Gospel of God

For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto **salvation** to everyone that **believeth**; to the Jew first and also the Greek.

For therein is the **righteousness** of God revealed from **faith** to **faith**: as it is written, The **just** shall **live** by **faith**.

- **Righteousness of God**: not just the righteous character of God **3:5**, but the method by which God might impart this righteousness to man **3:26**.
- **Faith to faith**: from faith by hearing **10:17** to faith by works **Ja 2:17**, as in the case of Abraham **Gen 15:6**, **Ja 2:21-24**
- **Result**: Those with an **active faith** will be **saved** by being declared **righteous** by God.



Structure

ch 1-3

Introduction 1:1-18

1:1-7 Paul's Commission to Preach

1:8-15 Paul's Desire to Visit Rome

The R. of God in the Gospel 1:16-17

1:16-17 The R. of God explained

Man's Failure to Attain R. 1:18-3:20

1:18-32 The Failure of the Gentiles

1:18 God's Means of Addressing unR

1:19-20 The Existence of God Revealed

1:21-32 The Wrath of God Revealed

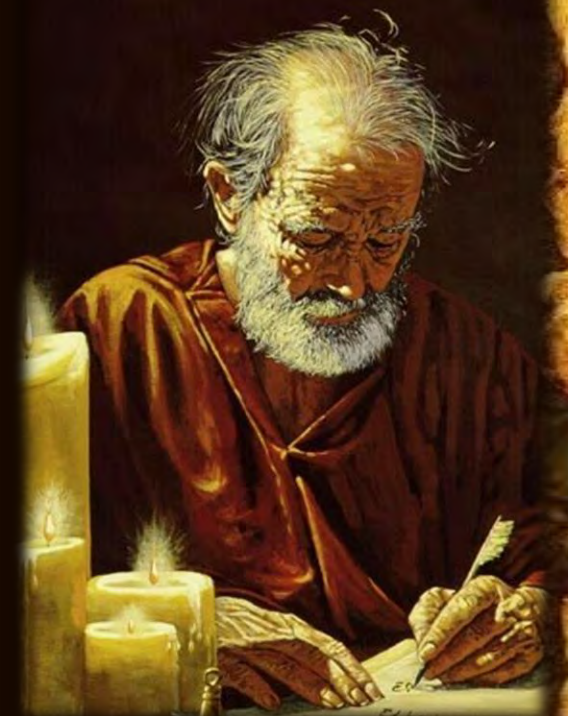
2:1-3:8 The Failure of the Jews

3:9-20 The Failure of all Humanity



Life in Rome

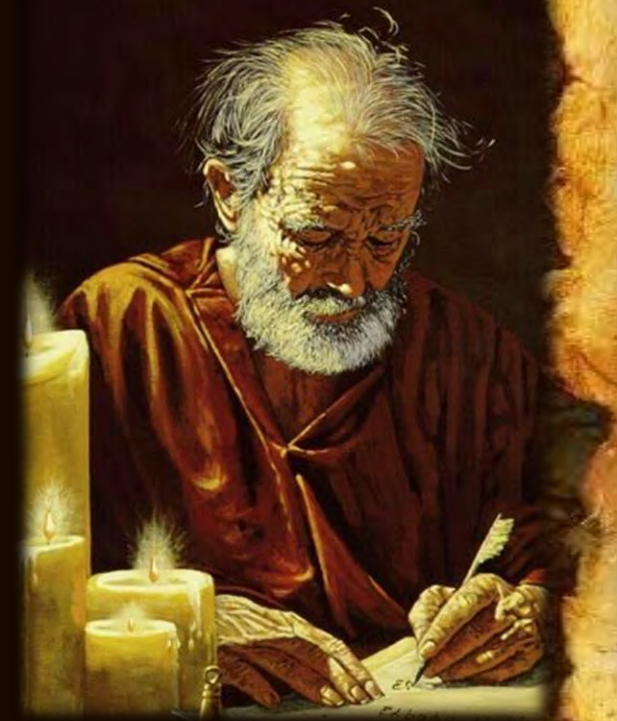
Rom 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Thought	Knew God, foolish heart v21-22	Changed the Truth into a lie v25	Forgot about God v28
Conduct	Made images of God v23	Worshipped creation v25	All unrighteousness v29
Result	Uncleanness, dishonour v24	Unnatural affections v26-27	Reprobate mind v28-31



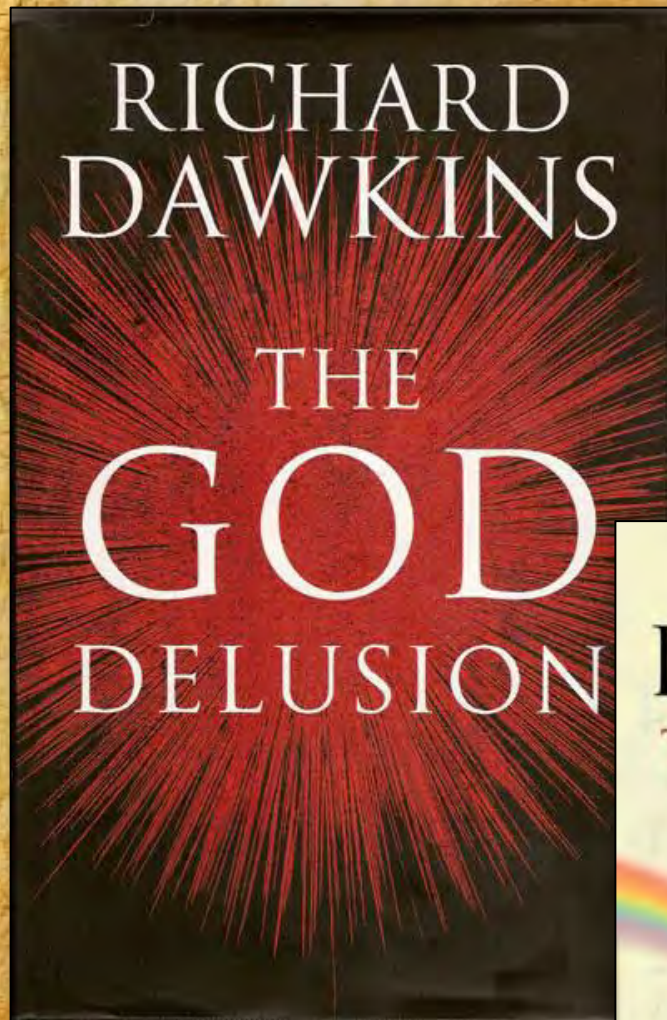
Life in Rome

Historians tell us that underneath Rome's showy power and magnificence was a sink of rottenness... Two men out of every three who walked the streets of Rome were slaves and two women out of every three and two girls out of every three were subject to every whim of their masters, to every suggestion of passion or lust. The slaves were wretched. The best of them crowded into Christianity when it came. The worst of them debauched Rome. They brought in new unnatural vices. They corrupted the masters. They corrupted the children. The Roman boys grew old and jaded and rotten with vice before they were out of their teens.

Paul's Letter to the Romans, Bro John Carter, p23

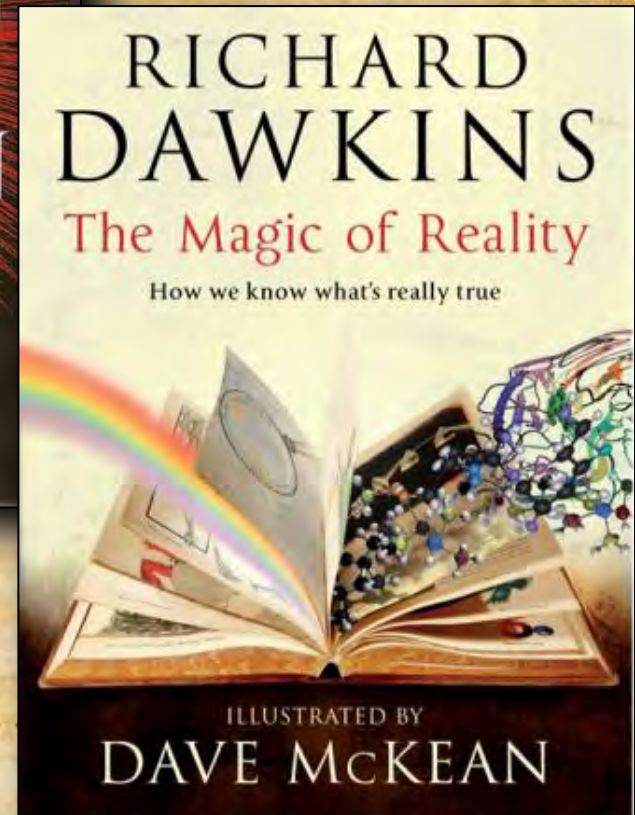


Without
Excuse!



2006

2011



Structure

ch 1-3

Introduction 1:1-18

1:1-7 Paul's Commission to Preach

1:8-15 Paul's Desire to Visit Rome

The R. of God in the Gospel 1:16-17

1:16-17 The R. of God in the Gospel

Man's Failure to Attain R. 1:18-3:20

1:18-32 The Failure of the Gentiles

1:18 God's Means of Addressing unR

1:19-20 The Existence of God Revealed

1:21-32 The Wrath of God Revealed

2:1-3:8 The Failure of the Jews

2:1-16 The Basis of God's Judgement

Truth v1-4, Deeds v5-11, Understanding v12-16

2:17-29 Privilege Brings Responsibility

The Law v17-24, Circumcision v25-29

3:1-8 Jewish Objections Answered

3:9-20 The Failure of all Humanity

3:9-18 The Universal Wickedness of Man

3:19-20 The True Purpose of the Law

