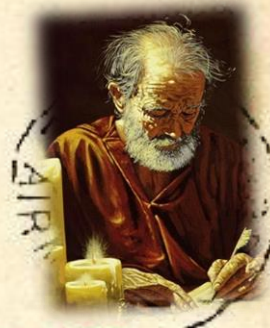


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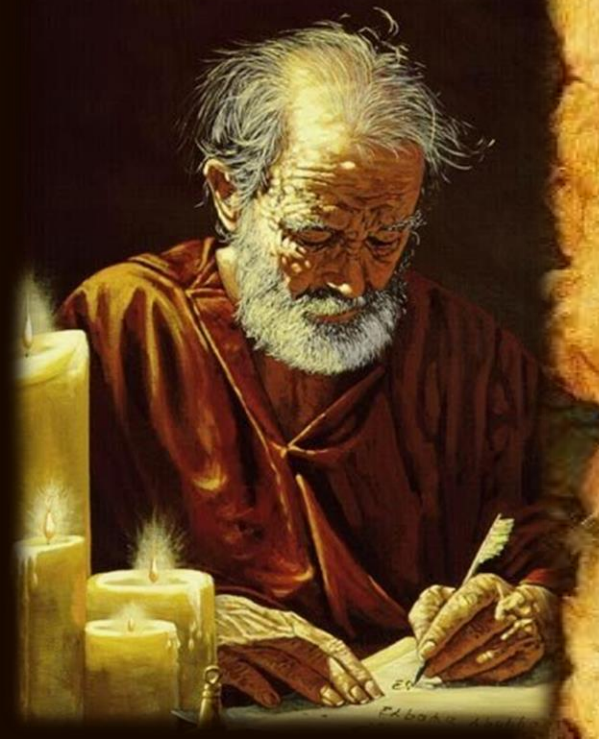


# Romans

## Study 4

**The Righteousness of God**

# Structure of the Epistle



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**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**
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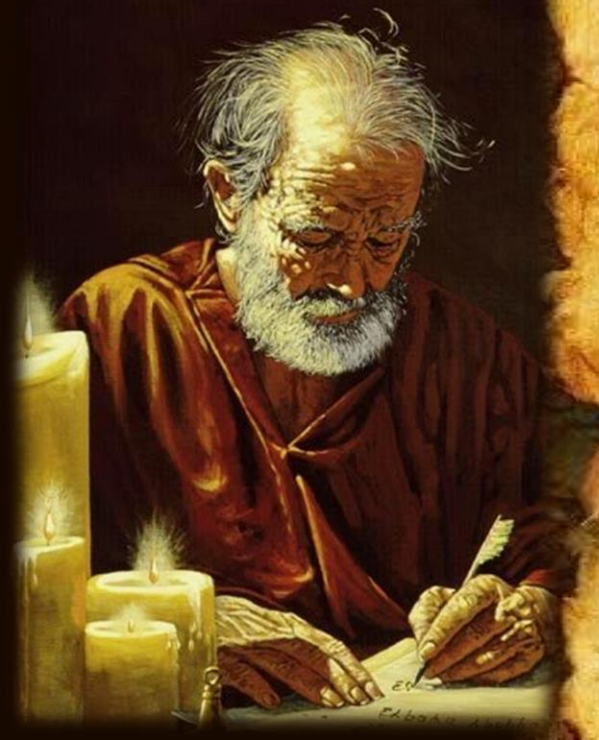
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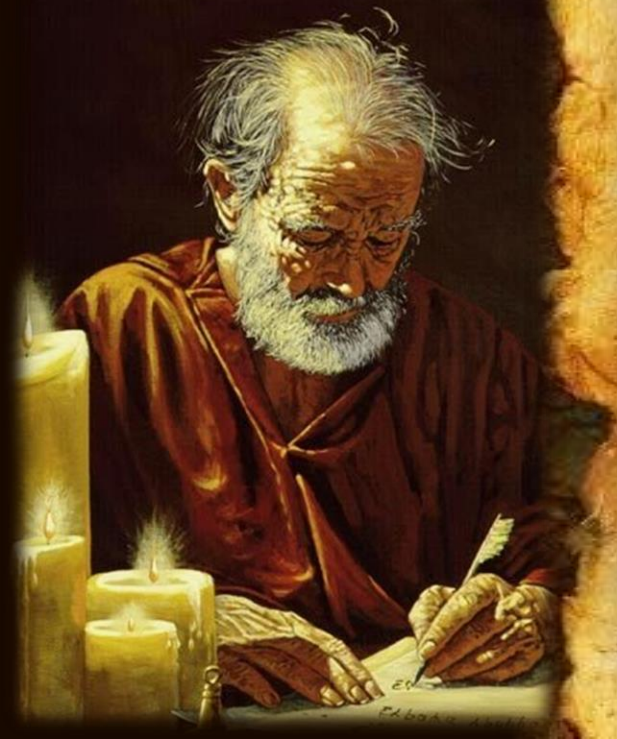
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# Four Jewish Objections 3:1-8



**v1** If God has adopted the Gentiles and discarded the Jews, what benefit is there in being a Jew?

Answered in detail 9:4-5

**v3** If Israel has failed, does that mean God's purpose with the nation has also failed?

Answered in detail 9:27, 11:1-36

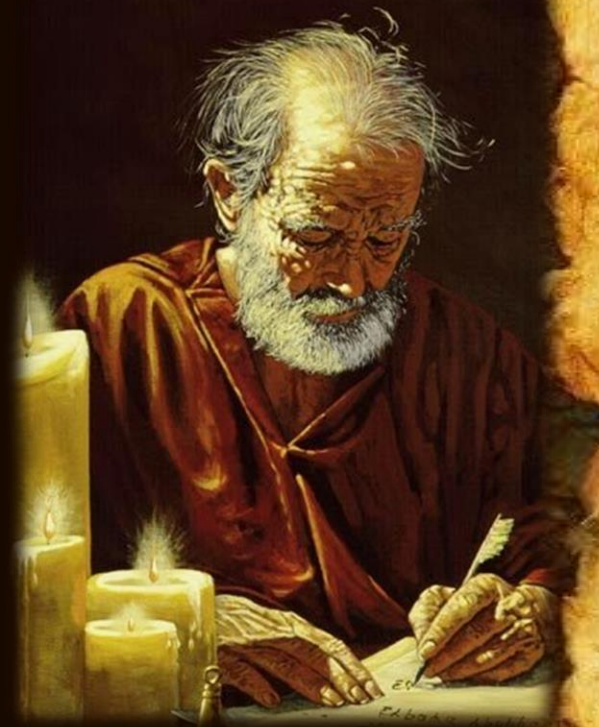
**v5** If man's unrighteousness elevates God's righteousness, is God unrighteous to judge man's unrighteousness?

Answered in detail 6:1-23

**v7-8** *Same as Q3, but from man's point of view*  
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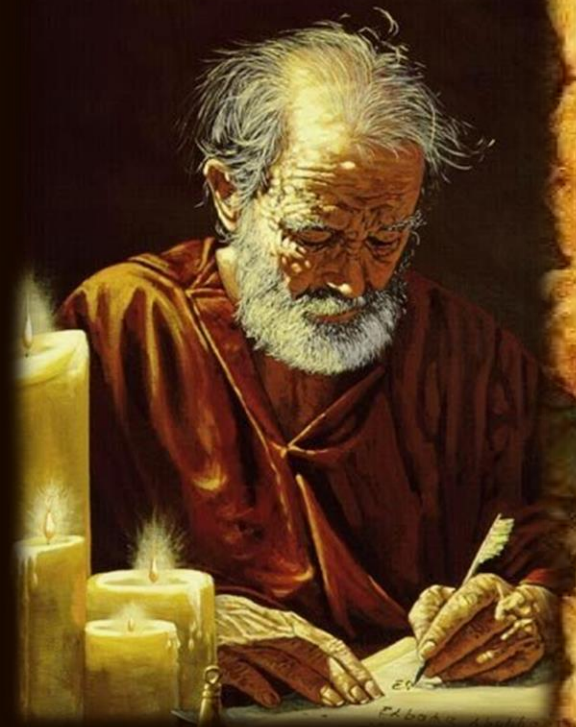
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| 1  | v10-12 | <b>Psa 14:1-3</b> | Sin in Character |
| 2  | v13    | <b>Psa 5:9</b>    | } Sin in Speech  |
| 3  | v13    | <b>Psa 140:3</b>  |                  |
| 4  | v14    | <b>Psa 10:7</b>   |                  |
| 5  | v15-17 | <b>Isa 59:7-8</b> | Sin in Conduct   |
| 6  | v18    | <b>Psa 36:1</b>   | The Cause of Sin |

# The Wickedness of Man



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| 1  | Psa 14  | v1                     | v5                               |
| 2  | Psa 5   | v9                     | v8                               |
| 3  | Psa 140 | v2                     | v13                              |
| 4  | Psa 10  | v11                    | v12-15                           |
| 5  | Isa 59  | v13                    | v16                              |
| 6  | Psa 36  | v1                     | v6                               |

Out of the heart of MEN proceed evil thoughts ... **Mk 7:21**  
There is none good but one, that is, GOD. **Mk 10:18**

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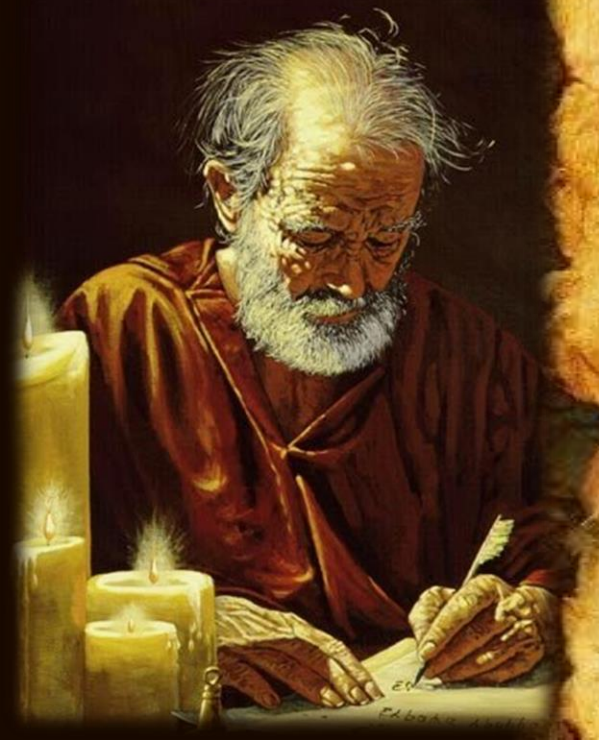
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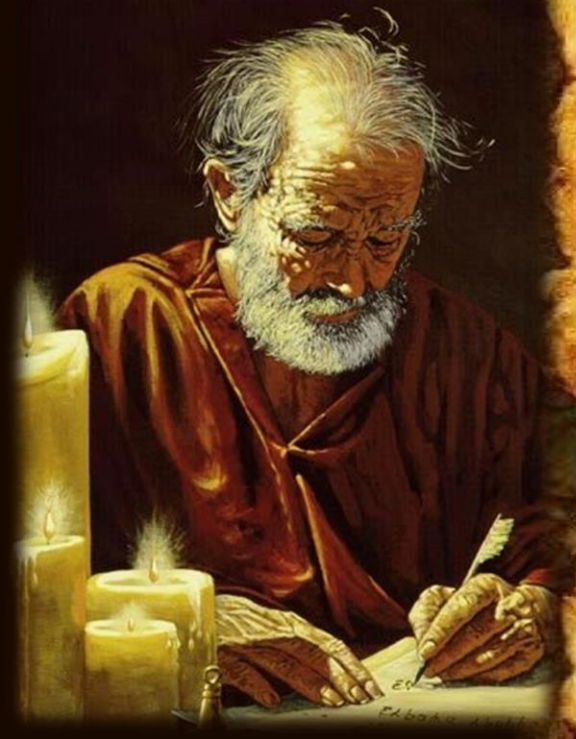
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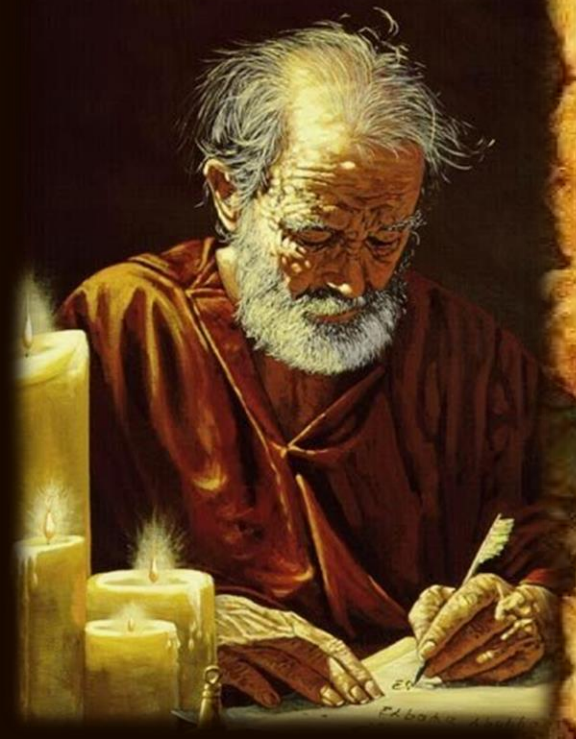
No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and against every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their **righteousness is of me**, saith the LORD.

**Isa 54:17**

## The Law

The sin offering covered sins of ignorance **Lev 4:2, 13, 22, 27**, rashness or hastiness **5:1-13**. The Law was merciless against the murderer **Num 35:31**, presumptuous sins **Num 15:30-31**, adultery **Lev 20:10** and blasphemy **Lev 24:14-16**.

# The Faith of Christ



And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness **Mt 3:16**

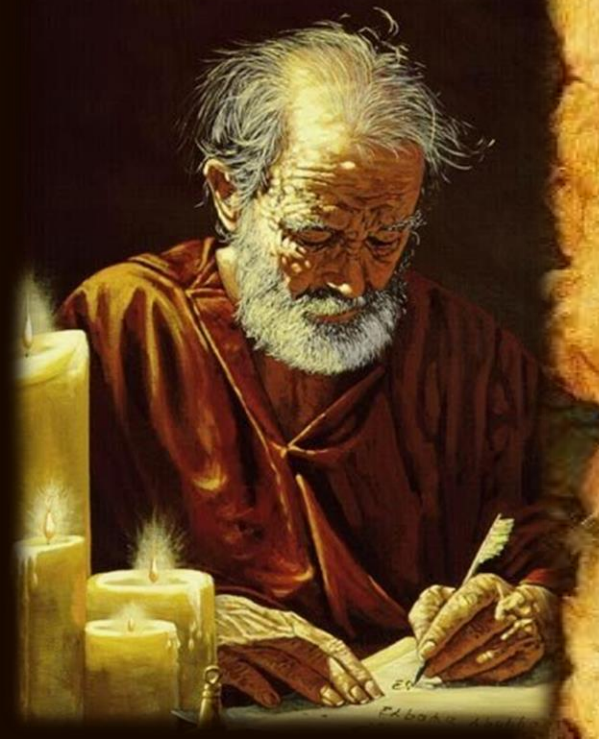
The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do **Jn 5:19**

O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee **Jn 17:25**

Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God **Mt 19:17**

Not my will, but thine be done **Lu 22:42**

# The Problem of Sin



## **The Problem Defined: Jud 20:15-16**

And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword ... among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.

Sin: Heb *chataah* = to miss the mark

## **The Problem Encountered: Rom 3:23**

All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God

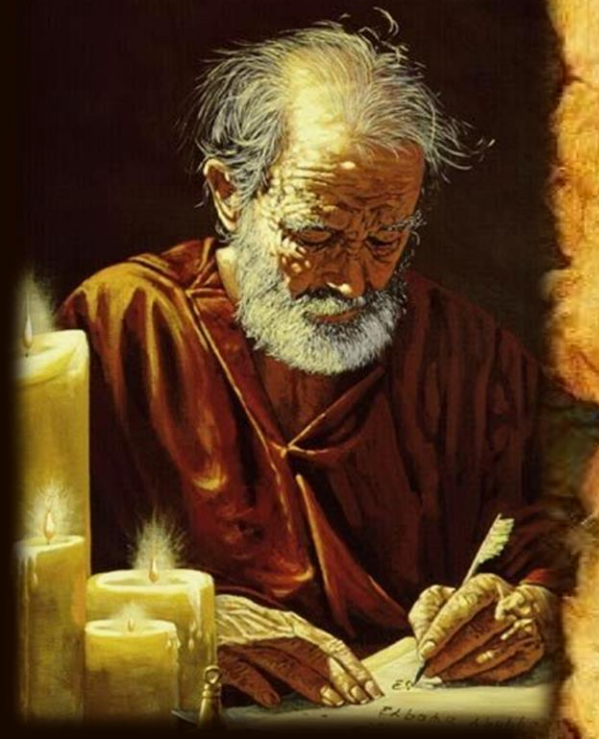
## **The Problem Resolved: Mt 1:21-23**

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins ... Behold, a virgin shall conceive and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

# Rom

## 3:21-26

### Paraphrase



- 21** But now the RoG outside the Law of Moses is revealed, which was spoken of by the law and prophets,
- 22** Even the RoG which came by the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, to all believers, because there is no difference between Jew and Greek.
- 23** For all have sinned and fallen short of the righteous character of God,
- 24** But are made righteous without cost (as a gift) by God's favour through the price paid by Jesus Christ:
- 25** Whom God has put forward as a meeting place\* between God and man (through faith in the atoning power of his blood) to declare God's righteousness as the basis for the forgiveness of our past sins, by God's patience.
- 26** This declares God's righteousness; that God might remain righteous and still attribute righteousness to him which believes in Jesus.

\* a place where mercy can be found by those who have faith in the principles of Christ's sacrifice.

