

A Brief Review of Chs. 1-4

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Greetings

His introduction of the gospel as “the gospel of God” (1:1)

The gospel: good news

“which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures...”

“concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1:3-4)

Paul’s exposition of the gospel

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith” (1:16-17)

Righteousness as a double-edged sword

The wrath of God against all ungodliness and unrighteousness

The climax: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23)

Paul’s presentation of the gospel cannot dismiss the righteousness of God

Grace in the court of law

God cannot abandon righteousness to save us

How is the gospel a revelation of God’s righteousness?

We are justified by faith, not by works

“By”

“Works”

Not a new concept in the history of redemption

Already present in the Old Testament

David’s declaration: “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.” (Ps. 32:1-2)

Abraham’s justification and circumcision