

"Living Life with a Clear Conscience"

"Keys to Right Living"

Romans 1:5 Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.

Romans 1:16-17 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

The theme of Romans is "The righteousness of God."

Colossians 1:10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Romans 4:4-5 Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. ⁵However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

There is nothing you can do to make yourself righteous before God apart from faith.

God credits righteousness to you not by your works but by your faith.

II Corinthians 12:8-10 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

God's grace is His divine influence over your heart.

Romans 8:37-39 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that

neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paul boils it all down in Romans 1:5:

- 1. We must receive God's grace.**
- 2. We are obedient through faith.**

Question: What makes us righteous?

Answer: God's grace through faith.

Remember:

"It's not what we do for God; instead it's what God has done for us."

God doesn't help those that help themselves.

God helps the helpless.

Grace is all about admitting my weakness and turning to God's strength.