**Romans Sermons, Part 17**

I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-17) > A. Paul’s Salutation (1:1-7), B. Paul’s Request (1:8-15), C. Paul’s Theme: The Righteousness of God (1:16-17).

II. RIGHTEOUSNESS INTRODUCED BECAUSE OF SIN (1:18-3:20)

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A. The Explanation of Righteousness (3:21-31)

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IV. RIGHTEOUSNESS IMPARTED FOR SANCTIFICATION (6:1-8:39)

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VI. RIGHTEOUSNESS INSTRUMENTAL FOR SERVICE (12:1-15:33)

VII. GREETINGS AND CONCLUSION (16:1-27)

**PREMISE: Christ’s Righteous was imputed for salvation and Explained with Examples for Experience. Christ died for the strength-less *“ungodly, sinners,* and *enemies”* of God.**

**The Experience of Righteousness (5:1-11)**

**1. The Fruit of Righteousness (1-5)**

**2. The Fulfillment of Righteousness (6-11)**

**a. The CONTRASTS in Righteousness (vv. 6-10)**

**1. Contrast #1 (v.6) > strength-less vs. Saviour**

 a) **The Strength-less** > *asthenes* (25x) > 1 Cor. 1:25

 b) **The Saviour** > redemption > Rom. 3:24-26

1) The Description > *“ungodly”* > *asebes* (9x) > Rom. 4:5; I Tim.1:9; I Pet. 4:18 (cf. Prov. 11:31); Jude 1:15

 2) The Death > *apothnesko* (112x) > vv. 6, 7[2x], 8, 15

**2. Contrast #2 (vv. 7-9) > sinners vs. Saviour**

 a) **The Sinners** (vv. 7-8)

 1) Righteous Man > Lk. 18:9; Mk. 2:17

 2) Good Man > Mt. 19:17

 3) Sinner Man > *hamartolos* (47x) > Gen. 13:13; Ga. 2:15, 17; I Tim. 1:17

 b) **The Saviour** (v. 9)

 1) The Means > *“blood” haima* (99x): Rom. 3:25; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:20; I Pet. 1:19

 2) The Man > His, Him (from wrath > I Thes. 5:9 > Rev. 6:16-17)

**3. Contrast #3 (v. 10) > separated ones vs. Saviour**

 a) **The Separated** (need reconciliation) > enemy > *echthros* (32x)

 b) **The Saviour**

1) The Description > reconciled > *katallasso* (6x)

(a) Reconciled by His death

 (b) Reconciled by His (Resurrected) Life

2) The Death > Crosswork > Eph. 2:13-16

**b. The COMPLETION of Righteousness (v. 11)**

 1. The Reaction (11a) > the attitude > *“joy”* *kauchaomai* (38x)

2. The Reception (11b) > the *“atonement”* > *katallage* (4x) > literally “exchange” (**at-one-ment** [Tyndale]) > Rom. 11:15; II Cor. 5:18-19

**CONCLUSION: It is impossible for wicked man to satisfy his sin debt. Reconciliation comes through Christ alone!**