

**Righteousness**  
**Romans 1:16-18**  
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about Righteousness and God.

Intro: 1. The Bible clearly tells us that God Himself is righteous (**Ps 116:5**)  
2. God's righteousness revealed in the gospel is His way of justifying men through Christ.

I. God has revealed His wrath against Unrighteousness

- A. Unrighteousness is ungodliness
- B. Unrighteousness is a practice (**Rom 1:32**)
- C. Unrighteousness is obeyed (**Rom 2:8**)
- D. Unrighteousness is identified (**Rom 1:29-31**)
- E. Unrighteousness hinders the truth (**Rom 1:18**)
- F. Unrighteousness in contrast to God's righteousness (**Rom 2:5**)

II. God's Righteousness

- A. God's righteousness is a revealed righteousness (**Rom 1:17**)
  - a. God's righteousness is revealed in His love for the faithful and in the love the faithful have for Him.
- B. God's righteousness was shown in the death of Christ (**Rom 3:25-26**)
  - a. God's righteousness is seen through the passing over of man's sins, in the old testament (Rom 3:25)
  - b. God wipes out man's sins through the sacrifice of Christ (Rom 3:26)
    - i. Notice it is for those who have an obedient faith in Christ (Rom 3:26b)

III. Man's Righteousness

- A. Man is made righteous by God's forgiveness (**Rom 4:7**)
  - 1. The way God makes men righteous is revealed in the gospel (**Rom 1:16-17**).
  - 2. God makes men righteous by forgiveness.
- B. Man, made righteous by forgiveness.
  - 1. The body is to be used as an instrument of righteousness (**Rom 6:12-13**)
  - 2. Obedience is unto righteousness (**Rom 6:15-16**)
  - 3. We are to be servants of righteousness (**Rom 6:18**)
  - 4. We are to present ourselves as servants of righteousness (**Rom 6:19**).

IV. Lessons for Us Today

- A. God is righteous, we too should be righteous.
  - 1. God being righteous will not dwell with the unrighteous (**Mt 13:41**)
  - 2. We must be righteous to dwell with God.
- B. God being righteous, can make us righteous.
  - 1. Mankind is not made righteous by his own doings (**Jer 10:23**)
  - 2. Mankind is made whole by God through the sacrifice of Christ (**Rom 5:8**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. God makes men righteous by an obedient faith
2. God requires men to be righteous (**Titus 2:11-12**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9