

HEIR MAIL: PAUL'S LETTER TO ROME

Chs. 1-16

After each passage answer the relevant question:

- **What new information did I see?**
- **What do I do with this information?**
- **How could this affect me?**
- **Does this change how I see God or myself?**
- **Who in your circle needs to hear this?**
- **Per Paul, how can you get “right with God?”**
- **Summarize what Paul is telling you.**

(1) Romans 1:1-7 NLT

This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and preach His Good News which God promised long ago through His prophets in the holy Scriptures. The Good News is about His Son. In His earthly life He was born into King David's family line, and He was shown to be the Son of God when He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles what God has done for them, so they'll believe and obey Him, bringing glory to His name. ... May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

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(3) Romans 1:16-17 NIV

I'm not ashamed of the gospel ... it's the power of God that brings salvation to all who believe: first the Jew, then the Gentile. ... as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

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(4) Romans 1:18-25 NIV

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all godlessness and wickedness of people who suppress truth by their wickedness since what may be known about God is plain to them because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what's been made, so that **people are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, ... Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ... Therefore **God gave them over in the sinful desires of their****

hearts ... exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator

(5) Romans 2:4,5 NLT

Don't you see how patient... God is with you? ... that His kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

(6) Romans 3:9-12 NLT

Should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No ... all people -- Jews or Gentiles -- are under the power of sin. Scripture says, "No one is righteous — not one. No one is truly wise; no one seeks God. All have turned away ... No one does good ...

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(7) Romans 3:21-25 NLT

BUT NOW God has shown us how to be made right with Him without keeping the requirements of the law. ... All have sinned and fallen short of God's glorious Standard. Yet God in his grace freely makes us right in his sight ... through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. God presented Jesus as the Sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life

(8) Romans 4:1-3 NLT

Abraham, humanly speaking, founded our Jewish nation. What did he discover about getting right with God? If good deeds made him acceptable to God, he would have something to brag about. But that wasn't God's way. Scripture says, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

(9) Romans 4 :7-8 GNT

"Happy are those whose wrongs are forgiven, whose sins are pardoned. Happy is he whose sins the Lord will not keep account of!"

(10) Romans 4:18-24 NIV

Abraham in hope believed and became the father of many nations ... he was about 100 —Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he didn't waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, fully persuaded that God had power to do what he promised. "It was credited to him as righteousness." (This) was not for him alone but also for us to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

(11) Romans 5:1-2 NIV

Therefore, since we've been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we've gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. ... By placing your trust in Christ you have PEACE with God. Fear of any punishment by God becomes groundless. No longer are you doomed to spend eternity apart from Him. He loves you so much that He's making you this offer: "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

(12) Romans 5:20-6:7 NIV

The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. ... Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We've died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ... all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death. We were buried with Him through baptism into death so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to

sin because anyone who died has been set free from sin.

(13) Romans 6:8-15 NIV

If we died with Christ, we'll live with Him. ... He died to sin once for all ... In the same way count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ... Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but offer yourselves to God as those who've been brought from death to life; offer every part of yourself to Him as an instrument of righteousness. Sin shall no longer be your master because you're not under the law but under grace. ... Shall we sin because we aren't under the law but under grace? By no means!

(14) Romans 6:22-23 NIV

BUT NOW you've been freed from sin and are slaves of God; the benefit you reap leads to holiness and eternal life. the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(15) Romans 7:1-6 MSG

... a wife is legally tied to her husband while he lives ... if he dies, she's free. ... When Christ

died, He took that entire, rule-dominated way of life with Him and left it in the tomb, leaving you free to “marry” a resurrection life. BUT NOW that we’re no longer shackled to that domineering mate of sin and oppressive regulations and fine print, we’re free to live a new life in the freedom of God.

(16) Romans 7:15-25 MSG

... I decide one way, then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. ... I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't *really* do it; I decide not to do bad, but I do it anyway. ... **Something's gone wrong deep within me ... I truly delight in God's commands, but ... not all of me joins that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel. I tried everything, nothing helps ... I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus can and does. He acted to set things right in this life ... where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind but am pulled by sin to do something totally different.**

(17) Romans 8:1-10 NIV

there's now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. What law was powerless to do ... weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. He condemned sin in the flesh so that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by flesh is death; the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace ... Those in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

(18) Romans 8:14-17 NIV

Those led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves so that you live in fear again; rather the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. By Him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we’re God’s children. If we’re children, we’re heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if we share in His sufferings that we may also share in His glory.

(19) Romans 8:22-27 NIV

The whole creation has been groaning as in childbirth up to the present. ... we ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies ... the Spirit helps us. We don’t know what to pray for ... but He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

(20) Romans 8:28-30 TPT

...Every detail of our lives is continually woven together for good for we ... have been called to fulfill his designed purpose. He knew us before we were born. He destined us ... to share the likeness of His Son.

**Determining our destiny ahead of time, He called us to Himself, transferring His perfect righteousness to all He called. Those who possess His perfect righteousness
He co-glorified with His Son!**

(21) Romans 8:31-39 NIV

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: *“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”* In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. I’m convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither present nor future, nor any powers, neither 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.

(22) Romans 9:6-9 MSG

... not all Israelites of the flesh were Israelites of the spirit. It wasn’t Abraham’s sperm that gave identity here, but God’s *promise*. Remember “Your family will be defined by Isaac?” Israelite identity was never racially determined by sexual

transmission but was *God*-determined by promise: “When I come back next year at this time, Sarah will have a son.”

(23) Romans 9:10-13 MSG

When she became pregnant ... and her babies were still innocent in the womb — incapable of good or bad... God told Rebecca, “The firstborn of your twins will take second place.” Later that was turned into “I loved Jacob; I hated Esau.”

(24) Romans 9:14-19 MSG

Is God unfair? God told Moses, “*I’m* in charge of mercy (*and*) compassion.” ... God has the first word ... “So how can God blame us for anything since He’s in charge of everything?”

(25) Romans 9:20-33 MSG

Clay doesn’t talk back to the fingers that mold it, saying, “Why did you shape me like this?” Isn’t it obvious that a potter has a perfect right to shape one lump of clay into a vase ... and another into a pot? ... Israel, who seemed so interested in reading and talking about what God was doing, missed it ... instead of trusting God, *they* took over. ... They were so absorbed in their “God projects” that they didn’t notice God right in

front of them ... stumbled into Him and went sprawling ... Careful! I've put a huge stone on the road to Mount Zion, a stone you can't get around. But the stone is Me! If you're looking for Me, you'll find Me on the way, not in the way.

(26) Romans 10:1-3 MSG

All I want for Israel is what's best for Israel: salvation, no less. I want it with all my heart and pray to God for it all the time. ... Jews are impressively energetic regarding God—but they're doing everything exactly backward. They don't realize salvation is *God's* business ... After all these years of refusing to really deal with God on His terms, insisting instead of making their own deals, they have nothing to show for it.

(27) Romans 10:9-13 GNT

If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe God raised him from death, you'll be saved. ... Scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed." This includes everyone because there's no difference between Jews and Gentiles; God is the same Lord of all and richly blesses all who call to him. Scripture says, "Everyone who calls the Lord for help will be saved."

(28) Romans 11:7-8 GNT

Most Jews have not found the favor of God they're looking for. A few have—the ones God picked—but the eyes of the others have been blinded. ... our Scriptures ... say God put them to sleep, shutting their eyes and ears so they don't understand what we're talking about when we tell them of Christ. So it is to this very day.

(29) Romans 11:25-29 GNT

There's a secret truth, my friends, I want you to know. ... the stubbornness of the people of Israel is not permanent but will last only until the complete number of Gentiles comes to God. this is how all Israel will be saved. Scripture says, "The Savior will come from Zion and remove all wickedness from descendants of Jacob" ... Because they reject the Good News, Jews are God's enemies for the Gentiles' sake. ... God does not change His mind about whom He chooses and blesses. Does this mean God rejected his Jewish people forever? Of course not! His purpose was to make his salvation available to the Gentiles, then Jews will be jealous and want God's salvation themselves. **If the whole world became rich as a result of God's offer of salvation when**

the Jews stumbled over it and turned it down, how much greater a blessing the world will share later when Jews come to Christ.

(30) Romans 11:36 NIV

For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

(30) Romans 12:1-2 MSG

Take your everyday, ordinary life, your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. ... fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants and quickly respond. Unlike the culture, always dragging you down ... God brings the best out of you ...

(31) Romans 13:1-7 MSG

All governments are under God. ... If you're irresponsible to the state, you're irresponsible with God who will hold you responsible. Duly constituted authorities are only a threat if you're trying to get by with something. Decent citizens should have nothing to fear. ... Police aren't there just to be

admired in their uniforms. God also has an interest in keeping order and uses them to do it. ... Pay your taxes, pay your bills, respect your leaders.

(32) Romans 14:10-14 NIV

We'll all stand before God's judgment seat. ... "Says the Lord, every knee will bow before Me; every tongue will acknowledge God." Each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Stop passing judgment on one another. make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

(33) Romans 15:1-9 NIV

Everything written in the past was written to teach us so that ... we might have hope. ... As a result, non-Jewish outsiders have been able to experience mercy and show appreciation to God. ... Outsiders and insiders, rejoice together! People of all nations, celebrate God! All colors and races ... !

(34) Romans 15:18-20 GNT

I will be bold and speak only about what Christ has done through me to lead the Gentiles to obey God. He has done this by means of words and

deeds by the power of miracles, wonders and the power of the Spirit of God. ... I have proclaimed fully the Good News about Christ. My ambition has been to proclaim the Good News in places where Christ has not been heard of so as not to build on a foundation laid by someone else.

(35) Romans 15:30-33 MSG

Pray strenuously with and for me to God the Father through the power of our Master Jesus, through the love of the Spirit that I'll be delivered from the lions' den of unbelievers in Judea. Pray also that my relief offering to the Jerusalem believers will be accepted in the spirit in which it's given. Then, God willing, I'll be on my way to you with a light and eager heart, looking forward to being refreshed by your company. God's peace be with all of you.

(36) Romans 16:25-27

I commit you to God who is able to make you strong and steady in the Lord, just as the Gospel says, and just as I have told you. This is God's plan of salvation for you Gentiles, kept secret from the beginning of time. But now ...this message is being preached everywhere, so that people all around the world will have faith in

**Christ and obey Him. To God, who alone is wise,
be the glory forever through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen. Sincerely, Paul**

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