

Tuesday Evening Bible Study
Series #7: Paul's Letter to the Romans
Session #4: Chapters 5-6
Tuesday, October 18, 2016

General Outline of Romans

Introduction (1:1-17)

- I. Address and Greeting (1:1-7)
- II. Thanksgiving & theme (1:8-17)

Body of the Letter (1:18 – 15:13)

- I. The Inclusive Saving Power of the Gospel (1:18 – 11:36)
- II. Summons to Live according to the Gospel (12:1 – 15:13)

Conclusion (15:14 – 16:24, [25-27])

Topical Outline (Chapters 1-8)

I. The Inclusive Saving Power of the Gospel (continued) (1:18 – 11:36)

A. *The inclusion of the Gentiles on the basis of righteousness by faith (1:18 – 4:25)*

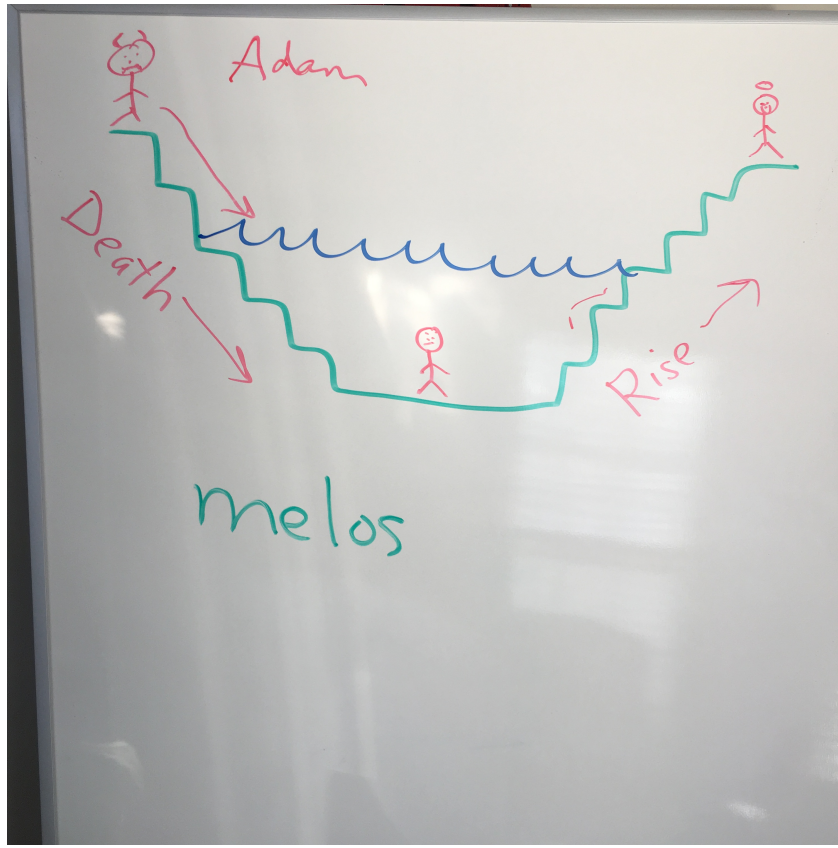
- i) *No other righteousness (1:18 – 3:20)*
 - a) *The revelation of God's wrath against the Gentile world (1:18-32)*
 - b) *Those who "judge" are not immune from the wrath (2:1-11)*
 - c) *Possession of the Law makes no difference (2:12-29)*
 - 1. *The Law and the Gentiles (2:12-16)*
 - 2. *The Law and the Jews (2:17-24)*
 - 3. *The "Real Jew" (2:25-29)*
 - d) *God's faithfulness to Israel stands (3:1-8)*
 - e) *Scripture's witness to universal lack of righteousness (3:9-20)*
- ii) *The "righteousness of God" is now available to all believers (3:21-26)*
- iii) *Faith: The sole basis upon which the One God justifies all (3:27-31)*
- iv) *Scripture's witness to righteousness by faith (4:1-25)*
 - a) *Abraham: Justified on the basis of faith (4:1-12)*
 - b) *Abraham: Paradigm receiver of the Promise on the basis of faith (4:13-25)*

B. The sure hope of salvation springing from righteousness by faith (5:1 – 8:39)

- i) The hope that springs from God's love (5:1-11)
- ii) The legacy of Christ (righteousness and life) outweighs the legacy of Adam (sin and death). (5:12-21)
- iii) The freedom to live out the righteousness of God (6:1 – 8:13)
 - a) Dead to sin → Alive to God in Christ (6:1-14)
 - b) Slaves of righteousness: the new obedience (6:15-23)
 - c) *Free in Christ from the Law (7:1-6)*
 - d) *The fatal encounter with the Law (7:7-13)*
 - e) *Life under the Law: an ethical "impossibility" (7:14-25)*
 - f) *Life in the spirit: an ethical "possibility" (8:1-13)*
- iv) *Hope of glory for God's children (8:14-30)*
 - a) *Children and heirs of God (8:14-17)*
 - b) *The "groaning" of creation (8:18-22)*
 - c) *The "groaning" of ourselves (8:23-25)*
 - d) *The "groaning" of the Spirit (8:26-28) and God's eternal plan (8:29-30)*
- v) *The coming victory of God's love (8:31-39)*

[----- Previous Sessions -----]

[--- Upcoming Sessions ---]



Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 5:3-4

Resources

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