

Series: Romans, # 2

Live by Faith

**Romans 1:8-17**

God's feelings about the Roman church:

They are \_\_\_\_\_ by God

They are \_\_\_\_\_ to be saints

They are \_\_\_\_\_ of divine grace and peace

Paul's feelings about the church in Rome:

He \_\_\_\_\_ for them all

He \_\_\_\_\_ for them

He \_\_\_\_\_

He has often \_\_\_\_\_

Paul's strong feelings about the Gospel:

He is \_\_\_\_\_ to all

He is \_\_\_\_\_ to preach

He is not \_\_\_\_\_

The Gospel reveals \_\_\_\_\_

If our righteousness (restored relationship with God) is by faith, what is the opposite of that?

Why is faith in the work of Christ, harder than the alternative?

For next week: study Romans 1:18 > 2:16

Righteousness means "to fulfill the demands of your relationship"

A brief outline of why we need it, and how it works:

- 1) God in his grace, desires fellowship with us, a love relationship; in all of Creation, he desires this only with humankind
- 2) He established a covenant with the people of Israel
- 3) He promised to be their God and save them, and through them send Messiah, to be Savior of all who believe, not just Jews
- 4) The Jews promised to be his people and obey
- 5) They broke the covenant through sin and rebellion
- 6) Only the innocent party can re-establish the covenant; we cannot restore ourselves to a righteous posture, we depend on God for that
- 7) When sin comes, the Law is powerless to restore fellowship; the obedient person can no longer be considered righteous by God
- 8) Through Christ, God has now re-established the covenant relationship.

This restored relationship puts a two-fold demand on us:

- \* that we admit our sin/failure – repentance
  - \* that we accept restoration based on God's grace, not our merit – faith
- 9) Relationship is restored with God and with the covenant community

(outline adapted from The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible)