

The Righteousness of Man (Romans 2:1-3:20)

Romans 1:16-17 serve as the “thesis” verses for the entire letter.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”

The remainder of the Roman letter is the unpacking of the righteousness of God and how man can be a recipient of this righteousness.

In Romans 2:1-3:20, the Apostle Paul discusses the righteousness of man and shows us three condemning deficiencies of it.

- 1. The righteousness of man judges imperfectly. (Rom. 2:1-5)**
- 2. The righteousness of man cannot save. (Rom. 2:4-5, 28-29)**
- 3. The righteousness of man is totally depraved. (Rom. 3:9-20)**

Despite the total deficiency of man’s righteousness as this section of Romans so clearly demonstrates, GOD has not left man hopeless!

God has given His only Son Jesus who will save anyone who will trust Him as Lord and Savior.