

## The Good News of God's Righteousness Through Christ ( II )

### Introduction:-

In the first message of this series, we dealt with the theme and the first large section of Paul's epistle to the Romans.

We noted that the theme was found in Romans 1: 16-17 "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'"

We noted that Romans 1:16-17 contained at least four major key words: Gospel, Salvation, Righteousness and faith. We attempted to define each one ( or at least ask questions tending toward definition); and proposed a statement of the theme, which was "The good News of Deliverance from Sin through the Revelation of God's righteousness to everyone who believes in Jesus Christ."

In our treatment of the first large section of the letter, found in Romans 1: 18-3:20, we discerned two major strands of thought which the apostle develops. We noted that the first strand is that of man's unrighteousness, and that the second strand is that of God's righteous judgment. Putting these two strands together, we discovered that when God's righteous judgment is applied to man's unrighteousness, the inescapable result is God's condemnation of all human beings for their unrighteousness.

As we ended the first message we stressed the Apostle Paul's first major conclusion in the development of his argument, recorded in Romans 3: 19-20 "Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin."