

Is God angry? Romans 1 and 2



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Romans 1

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ 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 has been made, so that people are without excuse

Romans 2

⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

Paul spent a significant time in the cities of Antioch, Ephesus and Corinth. These together with Rome and Alexandria were the nerve centres of communication in the Roman empire. Therefore Paul longed to go to Rome as it would have dramatic effect on his mission in world evangelisation. If he himself could not get there he wanted the Christians in Rome to realise their significance in relation to the gospel being preached in all the world.

Romans speaks against the superiority of the Judiasing Christians while stirring people up to world evangelising.

Paul explains the universality of the gospel showing Jews and Gentile are
 both sinners *Ch 1-3*
 both saved by grace *Ch 3-5*
 both have a common inheritance through faith *Ch 5-8*

The remaining sections of the book deal with
 God first choosing Israel in order that all nations are blessed *Ch 9-11*
 Practicalities of “mixed” congregations *Ch 12-15*

Key Text Rom 1v16-17

“For I am **not ashamed**₆ of the gospel, for it is the **power of God**₄ for **salvation**₃ to **everyone**₁ who believes, to the **Jew first**₅ and also to the Greek. For in it the **righteousness of God**₂ is revealed from faith to faith as it is written ‘*but the righteous man shall live by faith*’”

Introduction “ Gospel ”	1v1-17 The Gospel
1. “ Everyone ”	1v18-3v20 Universal need of the Gospel
	<u>Predicament</u>
2. “ Righteousness of God ”	3v21-5v11 Justification by faith
	<u>Position</u>
3. “ For salvation ”	5v12-7v6 Salvation from sin
	<u>Provision</u>
4. “ Power of God ”	7v7-8v39 Law of the Spirit of life
	<u>Power</u>
5. “ To the Jews first.. ”	9v1-11v36 Strategy of the gospel in history
	<u>Programme</u>
6. “ Not ashamed ”	12v1-15v13 The new community
	<u>Purpose</u>

How confident are you in the gospel?
 How do you show God’s kindness while responding appropriately to the things that make him angry?