

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

“All who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.”
– Galatians 3:10-11

The background of the image is a photograph of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy. The structure is shown from a low angle, emphasizing its massive scale and the intricate details of its arches and columns. The sky is a deep, dark brown with some lighter, wispy clouds, creating a dramatic and somewhat somber atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image, with the main title in large, white, serif capital letters and the subtitle in a smaller, white, italicized serif font.

THE BOOK OF
ROMANS

*"THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE
BY FAITH"*

Romans 1 Overview

- Greetings (vs. 1-7)
- Gratitude (vs. 8-13)
- Gospel (vs. 14-17)
- Godlessness (vs. 15-32)

Greetings from:

“Paul, a **bondservant** of Christ Jesus, called to be an **apostle** and set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son.” — Romans 1:1-3a

Greetings to:

“To all in Rome who are **beloved of God** and called to be **saints**: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”

– Romans 1:7

Gratitude

“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world... I long to see you so that... you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.” – Romans 1:8, 11-12

Gospel

“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.” - Romans 1:16

Gospel

“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.”

- Romans 1:17

Godlessness (vs. 18-32)

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.**”





























21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

God gave them over to...

1. Sinful desires

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

God gave them over to...

1. Sinful desires
2. Shameful lusts

28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.

God gave them over to...

1. Sinful desires
2. Shameful lusts
3. Depraved mind

They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters,
insolent, arrogant and boastful; **they invent ways
of doing evil**; they disobey their parents; 31 they
have no understanding, no fidelity, no love,
no mercy.

32 Although they know God's righteous decree that **those who do such things deserve death**, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them."

Final Thoughts

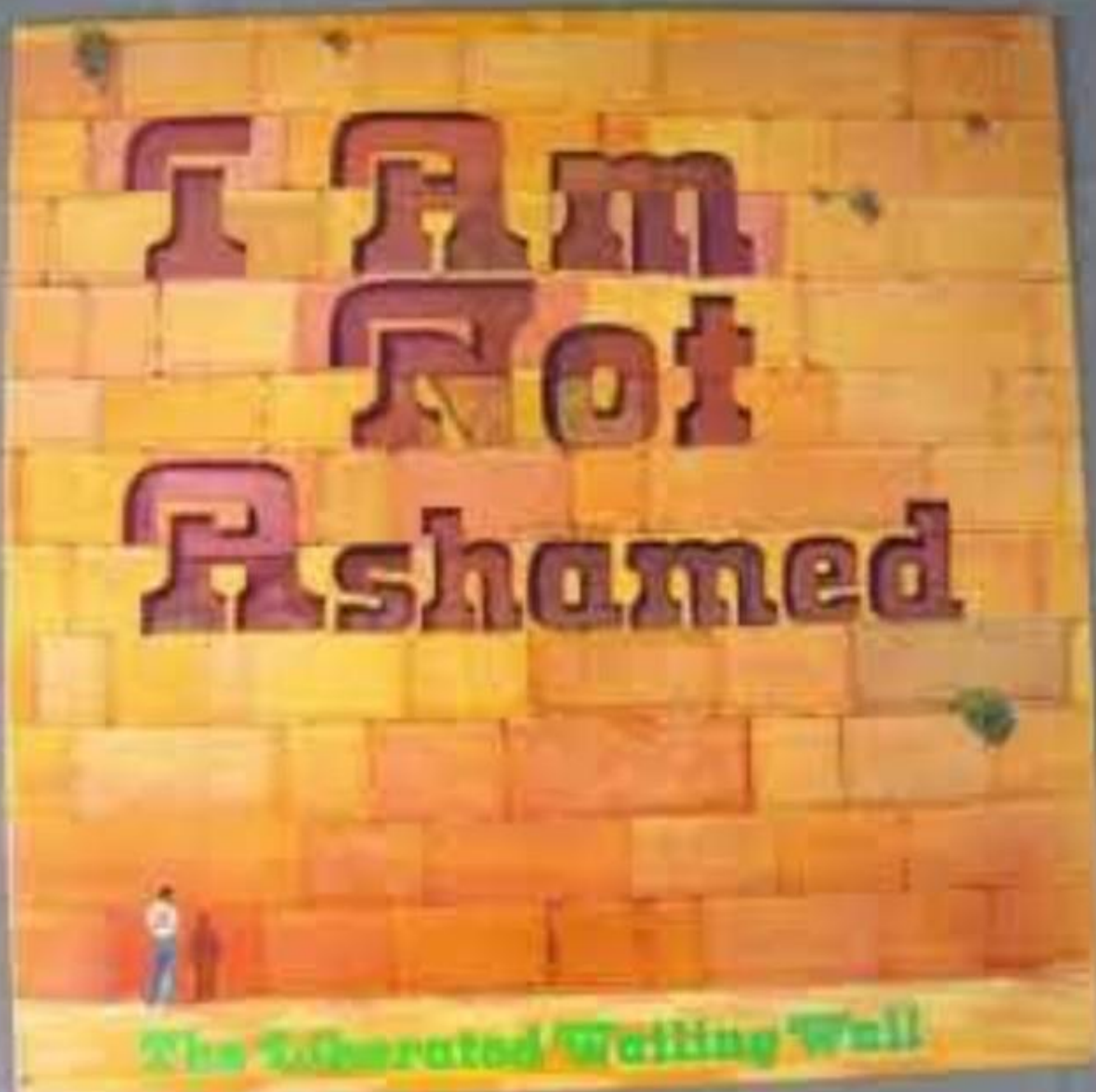
What is the Good News in all of this Bad News?

“Your iniquities have separated you from your God. The LORD looked and saw that there was no one to intervene; so he stretched out his own arm and achieved salvation for him.” - Isaiah 59

Good News

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of salvation to all those who believe.”

- Romans 1:16



I Am Not Ashamed

The Liberated Walling Wall

The Blessing

2 Thessalonians 3:16

*“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you
peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you.”*