

# ROMANS 05 – 1:16-21

## *The Power of God*

### 1. 1:15-16

- a. His readiness is defended by the statements the following “For...” statements
- b. Paul’s unashamed workmanship – 2 Tim 1:12, 2 Tim 2:15
- c. He is ready to preach in *Rome*, because of the ‘power of God’ – 1 Cor 1:24-25
- d. “power of God” – His message is what saves – 1 Cor 1:18-24; Eph 3:10
- e. “Jew first...” because they first had salvation - Mat 15:24, Mk 7:27, Act 3:26
- f. “...also to the Greek” – his message was not just for Jews – Rom 11:13, Col 3:11

### 2. 1:17

- a. “righteousness of God” not man – Deut 6:25, 32:47; 1 Tim 1:6; Rom 10:3
- b. “from faith to faith” – It has always been by God’s power, not ours
  - i. By faith they did things in time past - Hebrews 11:7-9, 17-23, 40
  - ii. Their faith would be in vain without Paul’s gospel – 2 Tim 2:8, Rom 2:16
- c. “faith” mentioned 1of2 in OT (Hab 2:4), it’s the core of Paul’s message – Rom 5:1
- d. Faith must be in something (substance), blind faith does not exist

### 3. 1:18-19

- a. The gospel is righteousness, but wrath is revealed - 1 Tim 1:8; Acts 17:30-31
- b. “against all” because all are counted in sin – Rom 3:10,19, 11:32
- c. All are born by nature children of wrath – Eph 2:3
- d. “ungodliness” – that which is against God; we are ambassadors of God
- e. “hold the truth” – the truth is known and yet people still disobey it
- f. Romans would have thought if anyone had true wisdom it would be them
- g. Men are without excuse; because of what was manifest in them Rom 2:15

### 4. 1:20-21

- a. “From the creation...” – Paul starts the history of God’s revelation
- b. The things clearly seen: 1) eternal power; 2) Godhead
- c. The creation is seen, but God’s attributes are also – Psa 19:1-4; 8:3-4, 143:5
- d. “without excuse” ancestors knew the truth, they weren’t ignorant
- e. “People only climb as high as their gods” – they didn’t glorify God or thank him
- f. With God gone, they needed to find a way: imagination – Gen 6:5, 8:2, 11:6
- g. Separation from God, vanity, ignorance, blind, bad works – Eph 4:17-18