

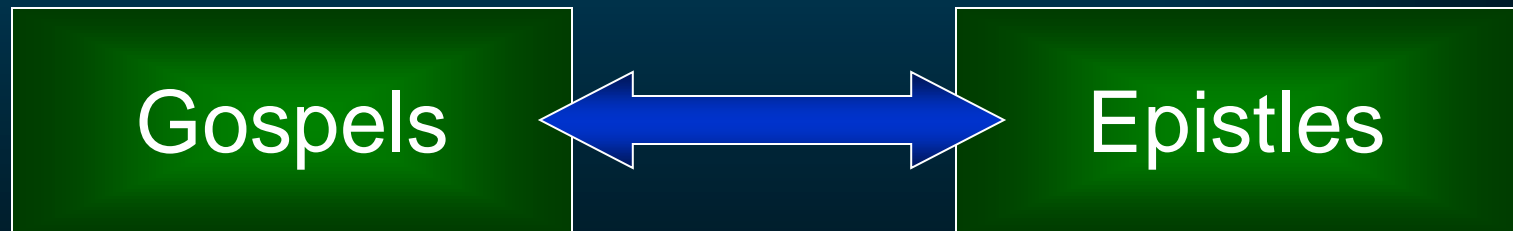
Understanding the New Testament

Romans

Epistle as a Genre

- What is an Epistle?
- What is the basic form of an Epistle?
- What was involved in sending a letter in the First Century?

The Epistles are to the Gospels
what the Prophets are to the Torah



Pauline Epistles

Foundational
Epistles

Romans
1st & 2nd Corinthians
Galatians

Prison Epistles

Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians

Prophetic Epistles

1st & 2nd Thessalonians

Pastoral Epistles

1st & 2nd Timothy
Titus
Philemon*

Romans

The “big idea” in the
Epistle to the Romans?

The Righteousness
of God

Overview of Romans

Chapters 1-8

Chapters
9-11

Chapters
12-16

The Righteousness of God has
been revealed...

In
judging
sinners

In saving
believers

In His
dealings
with Israel

In the lives
of those
who follow
Him

Doctrinal

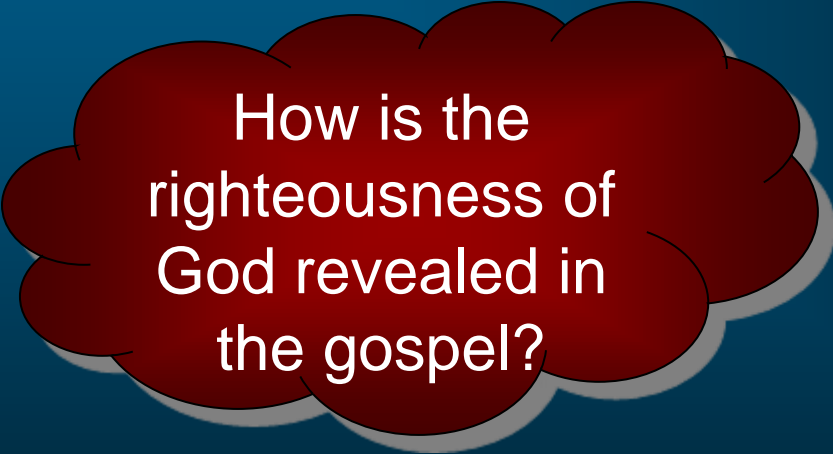
Practical

Obedience
of Faith (1:5)

Obedience
of Faith 16:26

I am not ashamed of the gospel...

- *It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes*
- *In it the righteousness of God is revealed*



How is the
righteousness of
God revealed in
the gospel?

- In the wrath of God toward those who sin (Romans 1-3)
- In the grace of God toward those who believe (Romans 4-8)

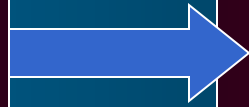
The Righteousness of God is revealed...

- In judging the pagans who rejected Him (Chapter 1)
- In judging the Jews who disobeyed Him (Chapter 2)
- In judging all men who have sinned against Him (Chapter 3)

Romans 3:23-25a

For all have **sinned**, and come short of the glory of God; being **justified** freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his **blood...**

We sinned



God's grace



Propitiation



Redemption



How is a
person
Justified?

Justification

Romans 4:1-2

What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? ² For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

Romans 4:3

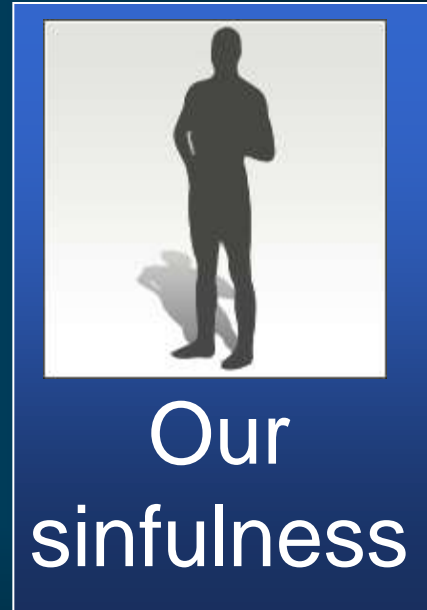
For what saith the Scripture?

“Abraham believed God, and it was
counted unto him for
righteousness.”

Romans 4:4-5

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. ⁵ But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is **counted** for righteousness,

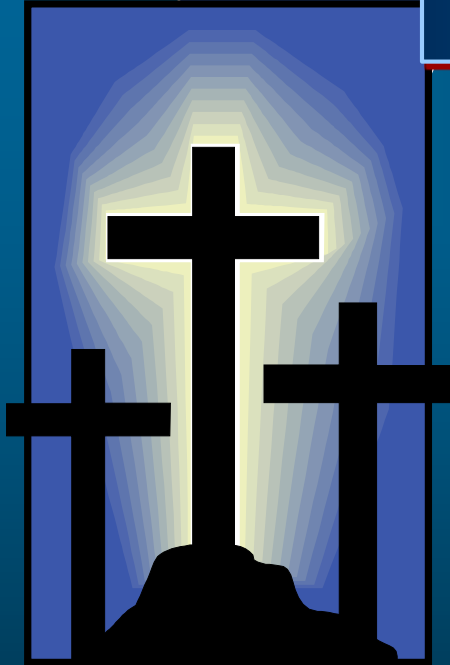
Imputation



Our
sinfulness

Reckoned

Imputation



Christ's
Righteousness
Reckoned



Our
sinfulness

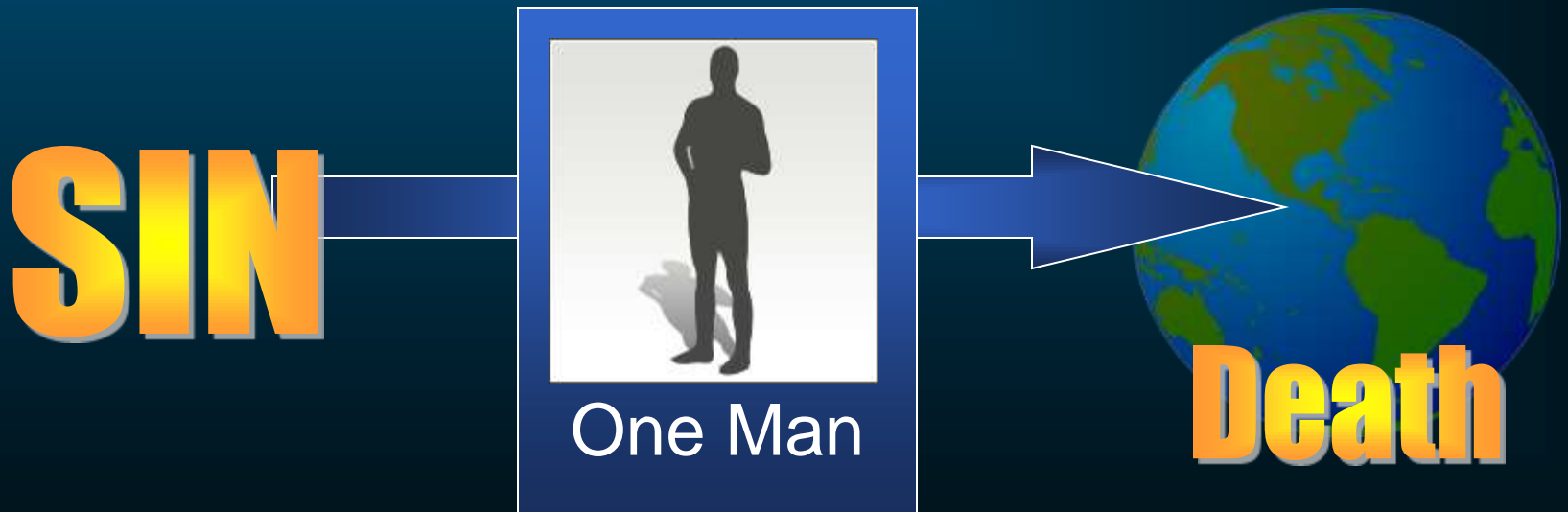
Reckoned

The Righteousness of God is revealed...

- In reckoning men as righteous by crediting them with the righteousness of Christ
- In declaring men to be righteous on the basis of the reckoning described in the previous chapter

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned--



Romans 5:13-14

...for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

If death
comes
through sin

and

If sin is not
reckoned
without law

and

Why did
people die
between
Adam and
Moses?

then

if the law did
not come
until Moses

Adam's sin was imputed
to all men

Romans 5:18-19

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

The Righteousness of God is revealed...

- In reckoning men as righteous by crediting them with the righteousness of Christ (Chapter 4)
- In declaring men to be righteous on the basis of the reckoning described in the previous chapter (Chapter 5)

What about sin?

- Can we continue to live in sin? (6)
- What about the sin that is still in our lives? (7)
- In adopting us as His children (Chapter 8)

What about Israel?

How can we see God as righteous when His own chosen people do not believe and receive His promises?

- Not all Israel is Israel
- God is sovereign with His plan for Israel
- Salvation is offered to all who believe
- Israel's unbelief has resulted in blessings to the Gentiles
- God has not cast them off forever

1-8

Doctrinal

9-11

National

12-16

Practical

**So
What?**

I Beseech you...

- To present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice
- Do not be conformed to this world
- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind