**Romans: Living free and the world-changing command of Jesus**

**An OVERVIEW of the book of Romans: Where are we going?**

**MAIN: Freedom is possible**

**I. Prologue 1:1-7**

**II. Introductory remarks 1:8-15**

**III. Theme 1:16-17**

* **“Salvation” = “Deliverance”**
* **“The just by faith, shall live”**

**IV. Body 1:18-15:13**

**A. The Dominion and Degradation of Sin over humanity - 1:18-32**

* **Wrath “is revealed”**
* **What is “wrath”?**
* **“All unrighteousness”**
* **“God gave them up…gave them up…gave them over”**

**B. God’s cure for man’s unrighteousness: Justification by faith 2:1-3:21**

**1. There is no cure found in men 1:18-3:20**

**Summary 3:20: So, what do we do?**

**2. Righteousness must be given, based on the cross 3:21-4:25**

**“The righteousness of God is revealed”!**

**III. God’s deliverance of the justified from His wrath 5:1-8:38**

**A. Deliverance by His life 5:1-11**

* **Crucial pivot: 5:9-10**
* **What wrath? What deliverance?**
* **“Having been…we shall be”**
* **Justified by His death, delivered by His life**

**B. Victory over sin 5:12-8:13**

* **A new Identity 6:1-14**
* **The “monkey wrench” 7:1-25, esp. 14-25**
* **Freedom and the right mind set 8:1-13**

**C. The experience of triumph over suffering 8:14-38**

**But, what about Israel?**

**IV. Rom. 9-11 God’s purposes for Israel and with us**

* **Conclusion: A partial hardening 11:25**
* **God’s mercy toward us and a happy ending 11:28-36**

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**A. General truth 12:1-4**

**B. Specific truth 12:5-15:13**

**VI. Addendum: Personal plans and personal messages 15:14-16:27**

**Do you want your life to count? Do you want to make an impact?**