**Preview, review, and deliverance (Romans 5:1-10)**

**Main: Only the justified get saved**

**Where we are going**

* **Romans 8:10 – A “snapshot” of a Christian**
* **Romans 8:11 – A “video” of the Christian life**

**Where we’ve been**

**Wrath: God giving men over to their sin; enslavement; removal of grace; God gives people what they want**

**Justification: God declaring men who believe righteous; removal of guilt; no penalty before Him**

**Salvation in Romans: Delivering righteous people from enslavement to sin; Justification comes from Jesus’ death, salvation comes by His life.**

**Chapter one: God gives us what we want**

* **God is angry at all unrighteousness of men, who are suppressing truth**
* **All people know there is a Creator God by creation**
* **Men deliberately reject God, so God turns them over to what they want, their sin, which results in enslavement to it**

**Chapter two: Everyone stands condemned**

* **Self-righteous people are condemned. Self-righteous people think they are good, but though they condemn others for wrong, they themselves are guilty of wrongs found in the lists ending chapter one of Romans**
* **Those without the Law are condemned. Even those without the Law show they have an internal sense of Law by what they say about morality**
* **Jews also condemned, as they were given the Law that condemns them.**

**Chapter three: Justification has to be a gift**

* **There are many advantages to being Jewish, for ex. they were given God’s Word.**
* **Their violation of the Law doesn’t condemn God, David’s confession says, “My God condemns what I’ve done; I’m wrong, He’s vindicated.”**
* **Even if Israel did not keep its part of the bargain, God is still just in that He sought to reach the world, and still seeks to reach it**
* **There are no excuses for Israel’s failure, they are no better than others.**
* **Since even those with the Law are condemned, everyone stands guilty.**
* **Unrighteous men have to become righteous to escape judgment. Since all are sinful, the only way left to become righteous is as a gift from God.**
* **Jesus completely dealt with sin issue at the cross and satisfied God’s wrath of God. He is our “Mercy Seat”, where we meet God.**
* **Since righteousness is a gift, there is no room for boasting and self-credit.**

**Chapter four: Abraham got it right**

* **Abraham = the supreme example of a man justified by faith.**
* **If justification involved works at all, we would have reason to boast, but, not before God.**
* **We are justified by faith apart from works (Jas. 2:21, 24, 25).**
* **David agrees with Paul’s view of justification by faith alone.**
* **Abraham is the father of both Jew and Gentile.**
* **Ritual is preceded by reality.**
* **Abraham believed God was able to do what He promised, so should we.**
* **Jesus: crucified for the sake of our sins; the resurrection was God’s acceptance of His sacrifice**

**Chapter Five: Only the righteous get saved**

**1. Peace: A condition, not an emotion; judicial**

**2. Grace: We stand in grace and also have access to grace (Heb. 4:114-16).**

**3. Exult in the Glory of God: our destination and glorification are assured**

**4. Exultation in tribulation??! We have a new perspective because of a new relationship that contextualizes difficulties**

**“Tribulations” (afflictions), then endurance, then approval”, then hope**

**Romans 5:7-8**

* **Rarely will one die for a righteous man. More often, if someone is considered a really good person, it might happen. We were neither!**
* **God’s kind of love is shown toward us as enemies.**
* **The cross should forever settle the question of what God thinks of each and every one of us!**
* **God did not love us for what we’ve done, what we could do, or because of how good we were.**
* **“Demonstrates” = God actually “recommends” His love to us as a source of encouragement!**

**Romans 5:9-10 – A crucial “pivot point” in the book**

* **Justification is based on the Cross. Salvation, or deliverance from wrath, comes from His resurrected life. Only justified people can be delivered.**
* **If Jesus died for us when we were His enemies, we can certainly expect deliverance by His life.**