

Lecture 24 – Romans: Themes

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”
Ephesians 2:6

Key Terms

Righteousness of God, election, sonship, faith

Objectives

*Explain what is meant by ‘righteousness of God.’

*Develop an understanding of what it means to be called ‘sons (and daughters) of God.’

*Formulate a definition of faith.

Romans: Themes**I. Righteousness of God**

A. Letter to the Romans has historically been central in bringing the church back to the Gospel.

B. A. Schlatter, *The Righteousness of God*

1. Righteousness of God goes beyond the righteous character and acts of God; it includes the establishment of a righteous relationship with His people.

C. Speaks about four things, all in a dependent relationship with God:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

D. Isaiah 46, 51, 54, 56—righteousness of God begins with: _____

E. God is into entering into a binding relationship with the believer.

F. God is making provision for a reconciled relationship with Him.

G. No human merit; no room for synergism

H. Expressed and provided by God

I. Election needs to be understood in the context of God’s righteousness.

1. Response of gratitude

II. Sonship

A. We are reinstated as (adopted) sons (and daughters) of God, taken into the family of God.

B. We understand our life _____.

III. Faith—What Is It?

A. We cannot define faith without understanding righteousness and salvation.

B. Antithesis between works and faith

C. There is no boasting in faith.

D. Romans 3:22

1. Faith must have an object.

2. Faith focuses on the object.

E. Ephesians 2:8

1. Faith is a gift of God.

Questions & Answers