



**Romans:
Life through
faith in Jesus**



Romans 1:5-17

**What's so special about the
gospel?**

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Paul, ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:



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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. ⁹ God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you



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¹⁰ in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. ¹¹ I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— ¹² that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.



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¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.



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¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes:

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first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷
For in the gospel the righteousness of
God is revealed—a righteousness that is
by faith from first to last, just as it is
written: “The righteous will live by faith.”



“What’s so special about the gospel?”

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“What’s so special about the gospel?”

1. The gospel causes us to respond with faith and obedience. (1:5)

A stone cross stands at the end of a stone path. The path is made of large, irregular stones and leads towards the cross. The background is dark, making the cross and path stand out.

Luke 7:9

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."



Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.



(NLT) John 14:15, 21

¹⁵ “If you love me, obey my commandments.... ²¹ Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”

A photograph of a long, narrow path paved with dark, irregular cobblestones. The path leads from the foreground towards a stone cross in the distance. The cross is made of rough-hewn stone and stands on a small, raised platform. The background is a dark, solid color, making the path and cross stand out.

2. We are called by Grace. (1:5-7)

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Ephesians 2:6-9

⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.



Ephesians 2:6-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

A photograph of a long, narrow path paved with dark, irregular cobblestones. The path leads from the bottom center towards the top center of the frame. At the end of the path, a simple, weathered wooden cross stands against a dark, almost black background. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the stones and the grain of the wood.

**3. The gospel is given to both the wise
and the foolish. (1:14 - 16)**

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John 9:30-34

³⁰ The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

A stone cross stands at the end of a cobblestone path that leads towards it. The path is made of large, irregular, dark grey stones. The background is a dark, solid color.

John 9:30-34

³⁴ To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.



Gal. 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



**4. We are made righteous through faith.
(1:17)**

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Matt.5:20

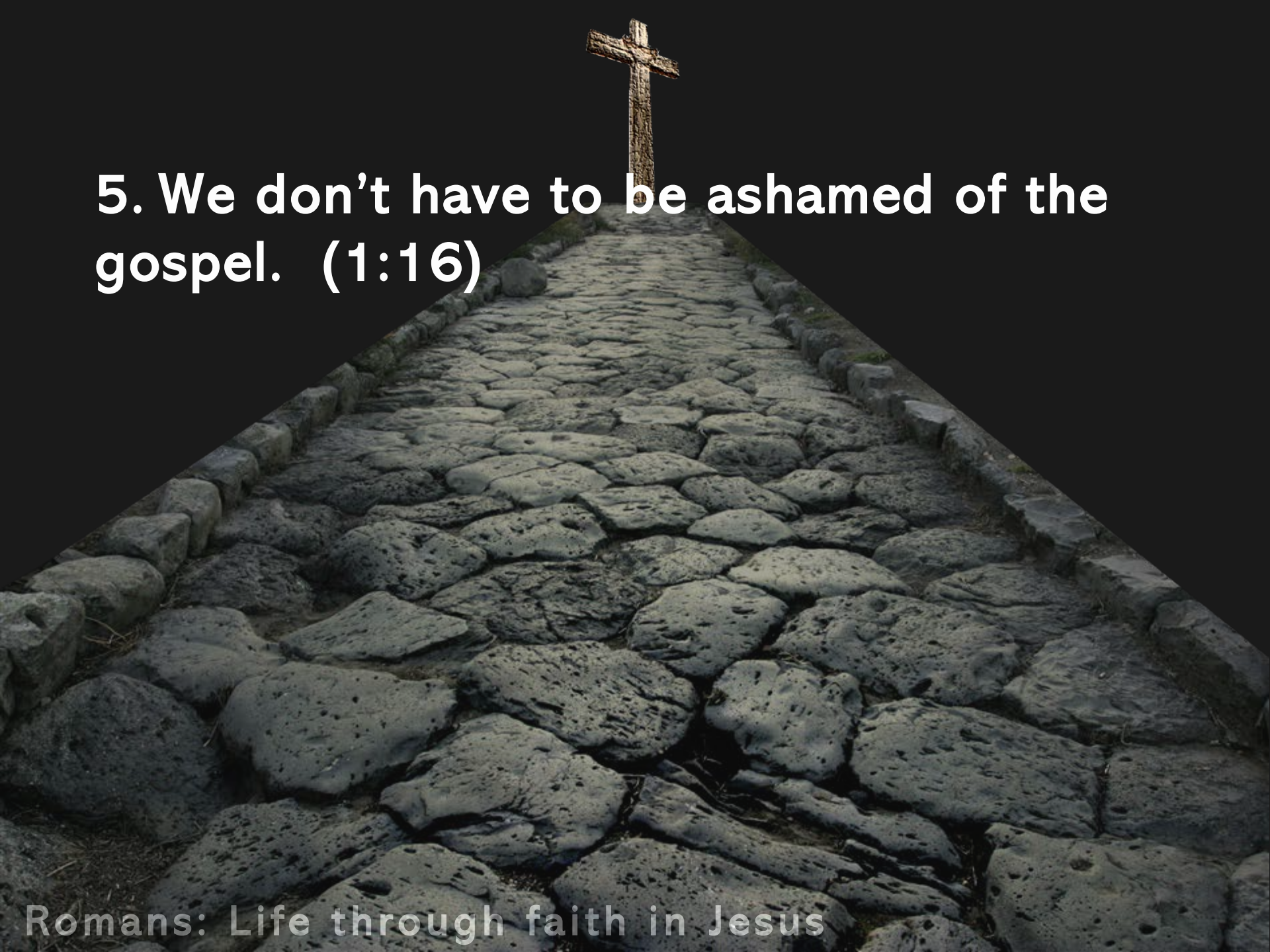
For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.



Is. 64:6

**[Isaiah said,] All of us have become like
one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like
filthy rags;**

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A photograph of a long, narrow path paved with dark, irregular cobblestones. The path leads from the foreground towards a wooden cross in the distance. The cross is made of weathered wood and stands on a small patch of grass. The background is a dark, solid color, making the path and cross stand out.

**5. We don't have to be ashamed of the
gospel. (1:16)**

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Mark 8:38

[Jesus said,] “If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”



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