



The Gospel of Faith: Romans 1:1-17

How God's eternal plan changes us from the inside out.



God uses all our circumstances for his plans

Acts 18:1 After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, 4 and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.



A.D. 33



Pentecost: Jews from Rome visit Jerusalem and hear the Gospel (Acts 2:10). The Roman church is born.

A.D. 49



The Expulsion: Emperor Claudius orders all Jews out of Rome. Priscilla and Aquila flee to Italy and meet Paul (Acts 18:1-4).

A.D. 57



The Letter: Written by Paul from Corinth during his third missionary journey, just as Jewish Christians are returning to Rome to join Gentile believers.

**This letter wasn't written to us,
but it was preserved for us.**

Some key themes in Romans:

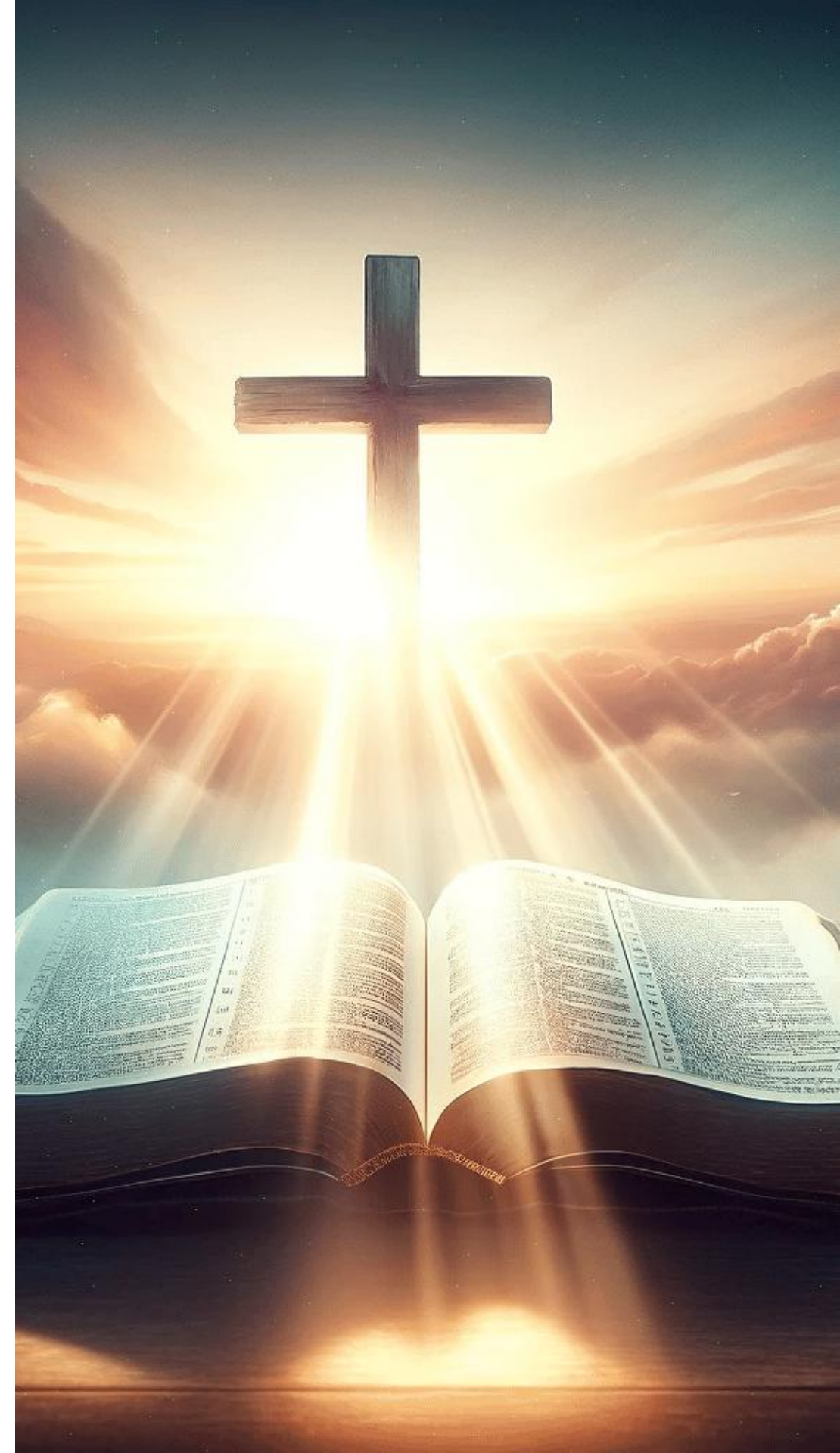
- The gospel is good news! We are saved from judgment by faith in Jesus
- That same faith gives us power to learn to follow Jesus and do right as God changes us from the inside out
- Many practical out-workings of our faith in relationship to one another

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...that our old self was crucified with
...the body ruled by sin might be
...away with,^a that we should no longer
...res to sin — ⁷because anyone who has
...as been set free from sin.
...w if we died with Christ, we believe
...live with him. ⁹For we

Bottom Line Up Front

- The gospel of Jesus was God's plan from the beginning. It was never plan B.
- The gospel isn't just believing the right things, but about power.
- "From faith for faith" means from start to finish means abiding in Jesus, which is the key to becoming who we are called to be



1. The gospel of Jesus was God's plan from the beginning

Rom 1:2-5 **God promised this Good News long ago** through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line, and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name.

Tracing the Promise

The Promise

Genesis 3:15

God declares a descendant will crush the serpent's head, signaling the enemy's ultimate defeat.

The Covering

Genesis 3:21

God provides garments of skin for Adam and Eve. Sin brings death; only by the shedding of blood can sin be covered.

Righteousness by Faith

Genesis 15:5-6

God promises Abraham an offspring that will bless all nations. Abraham believes, and it is credited to him as righteousness.

Gen 22:18

And through **your offspring** all nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

The arrival of Jesus is the fulfillment of a blueprint drafted at the dawn of history.

God's plan included you before the beginning of time

2 Tim 1:9-10 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus **before the beginning of time**, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

2. The gospel isn't just believing the right things; it's about the power of God

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. **It is the power of God at work**, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

The Gospel = Good News!

- Saved from wrath
- We are given a new heart that wants to do right (2 Cor 5:17)
- Our minds can be renewed so we learn to think right (Rom 12:2)
- The Holy Spirit empowers us to do right as a joyful child of our Father!
- Eternity with joys forevermore!



The Good News includes the Holy Spirit!

Rom 1:11-12 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you – that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.



3. Walking by Faith is the key to us becoming who we are called to be

Rom 1:17 This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

From Start to Finish by Faith

Our Part (Positioning)

Submit our will and pledge to follow Jesus.

Draw close in repentance and ask for forgiveness.

Take the very next step of obedience.

God's Part (Transforming)

Forgives the penalty of our sin immediately.

Changes our inward desires to pursue Him.

Provides the power and ability to do what pleases Him (Php 2:13).

Php 2:13 For God is working **in** you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.



Remember that God's plan included you before time even began.



You are credited with righteousness the exact moment you trust Jesus.

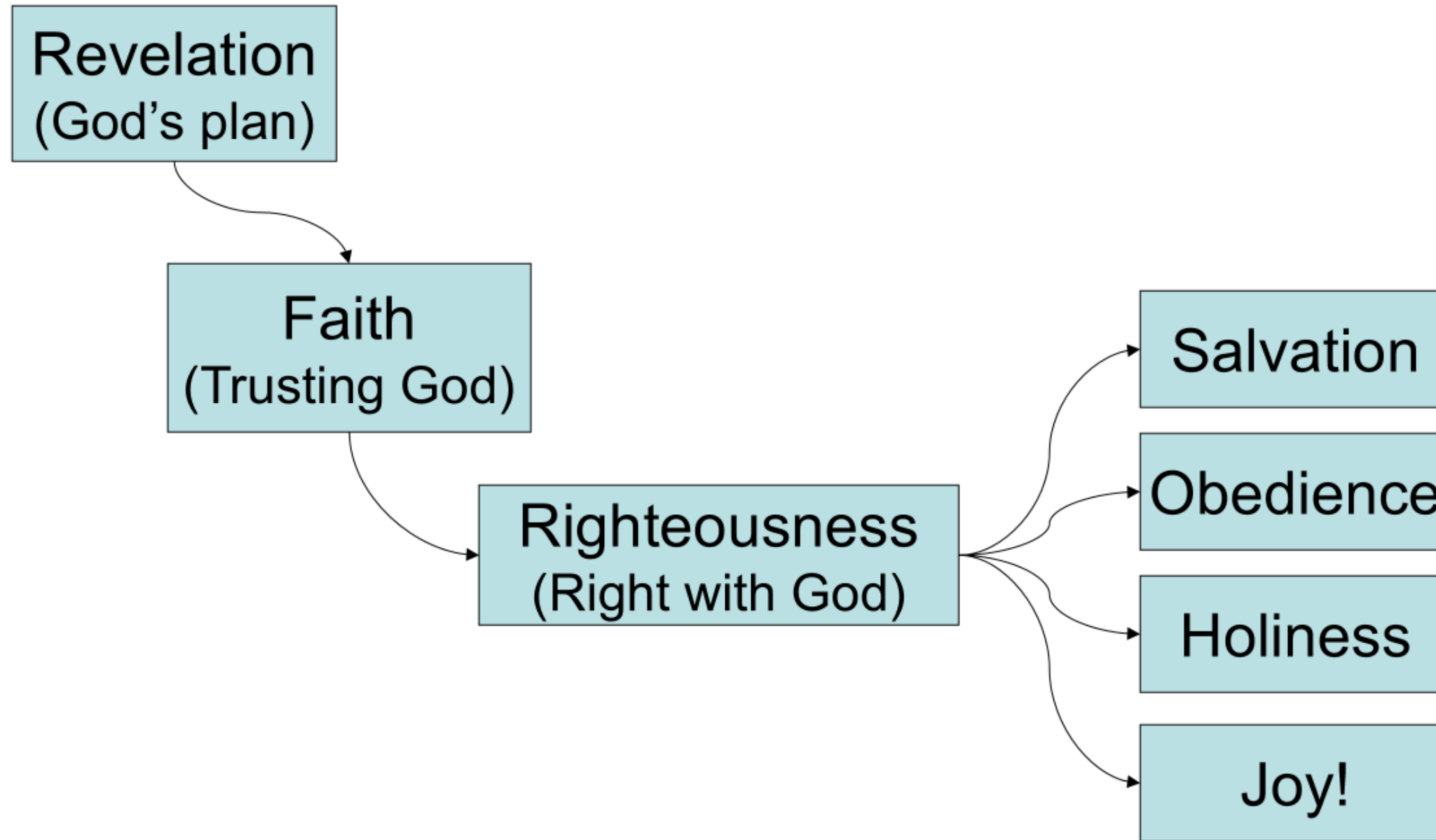


When you fail, don't quit. Keep doing your part and trust that God is changing you.

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. — Philippians 1:6

It is now Christ who lives within me

Gal 2:20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body **by trusting in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave himself for me.



The Inside-Out Transformation

The Heart

A new heart that wants to do right (2 Cor 5:17).

The Mind

A renewed mind that learns to think right (Rom 12:2).

The Action

Holy Spirit-empowered action to do right as a joyful child of the Father.



**ONLY GOD CAN GROW THE FRUIT.
TRANSFORMATION MOVES FROM THE INSIDE OUT.**

The Church



A

Abide

Continually drawing close to Jesus as our center.

B

Bible

Always basing everything upon scriptural truth.

C

Community

Authentic relationships where we care for one another.

D

Discipleship

Learning to daily walk in our next step of obedience.

E

Evangelism

Working to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission.