

Easy As 1-2-3



Romans 1-8 Introduction: The Gift of Righteousness

Easy As 1-2-3 is a Bible study format that gives you three different ways to learn the topic being presented. You may do any or all of the methods depending on the time you have to give, the depth of information you'd like to acquire, and the learning types that best suits you.

ONE: Overall Understanding

This includes the text of the passage with brief commentary as you go. By the end of this level, you will not only know what the passage or topic covers but also how it might encourage your life.

TWO: Detailed Study

When you click on the detailed notes link, you will discover an abundance of insight that will delight your heart. These notes often include additional context about the historical setting, what other commentators have to say, and insights into the Greek. These are not only informational but designed to help you examine more closely the truths that will set you free.

THREE: Listen and Learn

Many of our teachings were recorded to be used by individuals, small groups, or in congregational settings. Taught by David or Cathy Hildebrand, these are based on the detailed study notes and add additional insight as to how amazing these truths positively affect our lives.

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[1-Overall Understanding \(below\)](#)

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Overall Understanding

Romans 1-8: Introduction to The Gift of Righteousness¹

Before explore Romans 1-8, it is important to know that "righteous" and "justified" are the same word: **Δικαιόω** (**dikaioō**). The two are used interchangeably throughout the book of Romans.

"Justified" is used instead of righteousness at times is because it can be used as a verb.² "Justify and be used as a verb whereas, in English, "righteousness" needs helper verbs. We can't say, "You were *righteousfied* by Jesus."

This is important because it helps us understand when we are reading that the two are interchangeable and gather deeper meaning from Paul's writings. This letter from Paul has at its core that we are justified-made righteous by faith in Jesus.

Today's lesson in an overview of why it is so important to understand righteousness. This is a brief view of our study notes mentioned above.

1. *We have PEACE WITH GOD because we have been justified/made righteous by faith. Romans 5:1*
2. *We are able to truly LIVE by the gift of righteousness. Romans 1:16-17.*
3. *Those who receive the gift of righteousness will REIGN IN LIFE. Romans 5:17*
4. *Understanding the gift of righteousness contributes to our maturity in the Lord. Hebrews 5:12-13*
5. *Those who are justified are saved from the wrath of God. Romans 5:9*
6. *Walking in HIS righteousness rather that laws prevents Christ from becoming of no effect to us. Galatians 5:4*
7. *Because we ARE righteous, we live righteously. Ephesians 2:10*

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² The Greek word is

8. *When we don't have the burden of trying to make ourselves righteous through an ever-growing list of spiritual disciplines, we have more time to do what Jesus actually commanded us to do—to love one another.*

For Further Study

[I Am the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus](#) (notes)

[Righteousness by Faith Not Law: Galatians 2:20-21](#) (video)

Next Study: An Overview of Chapters 1 & 2

Paul clearly declares both Jew and Gentile guilty before God and declares that both groups are made righteous by faith in Jesus.

He goes into detail as why both groups are guilty before God.