



Figure 12.1. The forum in Rome [Shutterstock / Mivah]

Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>  
and 21<sup>st</sup>  
2024  
Our Spring  
Semester

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**Segue to the Epistles from our Survey Thus far (Matthew through Acts)**  
**In these two weeks, we will cover Paul's epistle to the Romans**  
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# Jesus Christ “Connected” is, in the ...

## Gospels and Acts

## Epistles

Matthew – the King of the Jews

In - Revelation & Philemon – ***He is*** Our Coming King and benefactor, Eph. – our Church Head and I Cor. -The Rock of Israel; II Cor. – The Triumphant One, giving victory

Mark – The Doer

Col., Gal., & Phil., – ***He does all things well in our lives to completeness with Liberty & Joy in Him***

Luke – He is the Son of Man

Titus & Thess 1, 2 – ***He is Our Truth & Hope;***

Jude & James– the foundation of and power

behind our faith from the step-brothers of Christ

John – He is the Son of God

Pe. 1, 2 – ***He is Our Purity and Example;*** Heb. - Our Perfection; Tim 1 & 2 –Our faith and stability;

Jn. 1, 2, 3 – ***Our Life pattern and our faith’s motivation in life***

Acts – He is the Savior of the World

Romans – ***the Righteousness of God and a practical guide to be right with God , yourself and others***

# Themes of the Epistles

- For example, The Holy Spirit in the individual life and in the corporate life of the church appears to be why Ephesians was written.
- Suffering is a given in the Christian Life, but hope, joy and access to the very presence of the Father through The Holy Spirit are also givens
- The importance of the local church in the life of the believer, where The Holy Spirit puts together Jew and Gentile in one body of believers.
- The importance of mentoring and discipleship
- To correct aberrant theology or rebuke ungodly living or work on relationships with others in the church, is frequently a theme of specific Epistles, by the inspired authors
- Not, in Romans before us today...

# The Ministering Works of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer

## Baptism

- **I Cor. 12:13**
- **Joins us to Christ,**
- **Is the Basis for Victory over sin in the Christian life**
- **Frequently confused with filling**

## Indwelling

- I Cor. 6:19
- A Gift bringing the presence of God into the life of the believer
- It is permanent and gives the believer **eternal securtiy**
- Sin effects filling and not indwelling
- Obedience is required for indwelling - obedience of faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 5:32)

## Sealing

- **II Cor. 1:22**
- **No believer no matter how carnal is excepted from the sealing ministry**
- **Believing and Sealing go together**
- **The overall thrust of the Biblical concept is also Securtiy for the believer**
- **His seal keeps us until the day of redemption**

## Regenerating

- **Titus 3:5; Jn. 1:13; 3:3-7; I Pe. 1:23;**
- **The act of God, which imparts eternal life, in response to faith – the two (faith and regeneration) occur simultaneously**
- **It is not a process, but is instantaneous**
- **It brings a new nature (See Spiritual gifts – Gal. 5:22-23)**

## Infilling

- **Eph. 5:18; A Command of continuous action is the basis for maturity of the believer.**
- **Results in Control by the Spirit, the opposite is control by the flesh.**
- **Repeated experience**
- **Results of filling:**
  - **Christ-likeness**
  - **Worship & Praise**
  - **Service**
- **The Key word is Control**

# The Order of Presentation

## The Order in our Bible

- The Gospels and Acts
- Romans – II Thess, arranged by length
- Pastoral Epistles and Philemon that don't fit any time period we know in Paul's life
- Hebrews (author unknown)
- James,
- Peter, John, and Jude's work
- Revelation

## The Order We will Follow - Themes

- The Gospel and Acts
- Revelation chapters 1-3 Introduction to the Church Theme (Dec. 10)
- Paul's Life, we left him in Rome, so we start with Rome
- The Pastoral Epistles (unknown time of writing, but connected to the end of Paul's life; you will recall that Acts ends suddenly)
- Troubles in the Churches of, Corinth, Thessaloniki, Galatia (Region)
- Johannine Epistles addressing heresies and church problems
- James and Philemon (step bro of Jesus)
- Another step bro of Jesus – Jude and Peter
- Back to the Churches: At Ephesus, Colossea, and the Hebrew People scattered among the Churches

# What Do We See in Romans, from the Reformers?

- Overarching Theme – The Righteousness of God.
- Paul lays out from his statement verse (1:16-17) his logic of justification of an unworthy sinner before a Holy God -  
“For I am not ashamed of the ***gospel***, because it is the ***power of God*** that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 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.”

***This Became Luther and The Other Reformers, “Rally Cry of the Reformation”***

# Paul's Logical Thought Process (Romans 1-8)

## Condemnation

- All Humankind is Condemned
- Romans 1:18-3:20

## Justification by Faith

- The Miracle of Justification by Faith
- Romans 3:21-5:21

## Sanctification

- The Filling of the Holy Spirit and the Process of Sanctification
- Romans 6, 7 (next Week the Gospel of the Holy Spirit in Chapter 8, see Eph. 5:18)

# Filling of the Spirit Brings Joy to the Individual Christian Life and the Church...

“This same idea of a life marked by the fruit of the Spirit provides the best explanation of Luke’s sole use of the verb (plēroō - πληρόω) in the phrase “full of the Spirit” (Acts 13:52), in Acts. As it is being persecuted, the general experience of the church is described as **”being filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.”** Joy and fullness in the Spirit (should) characterize the church.”<sup>2</sup>

**See Rom. 5:11 and Romans 8 “The Gospel of the Holy Spirit”.**



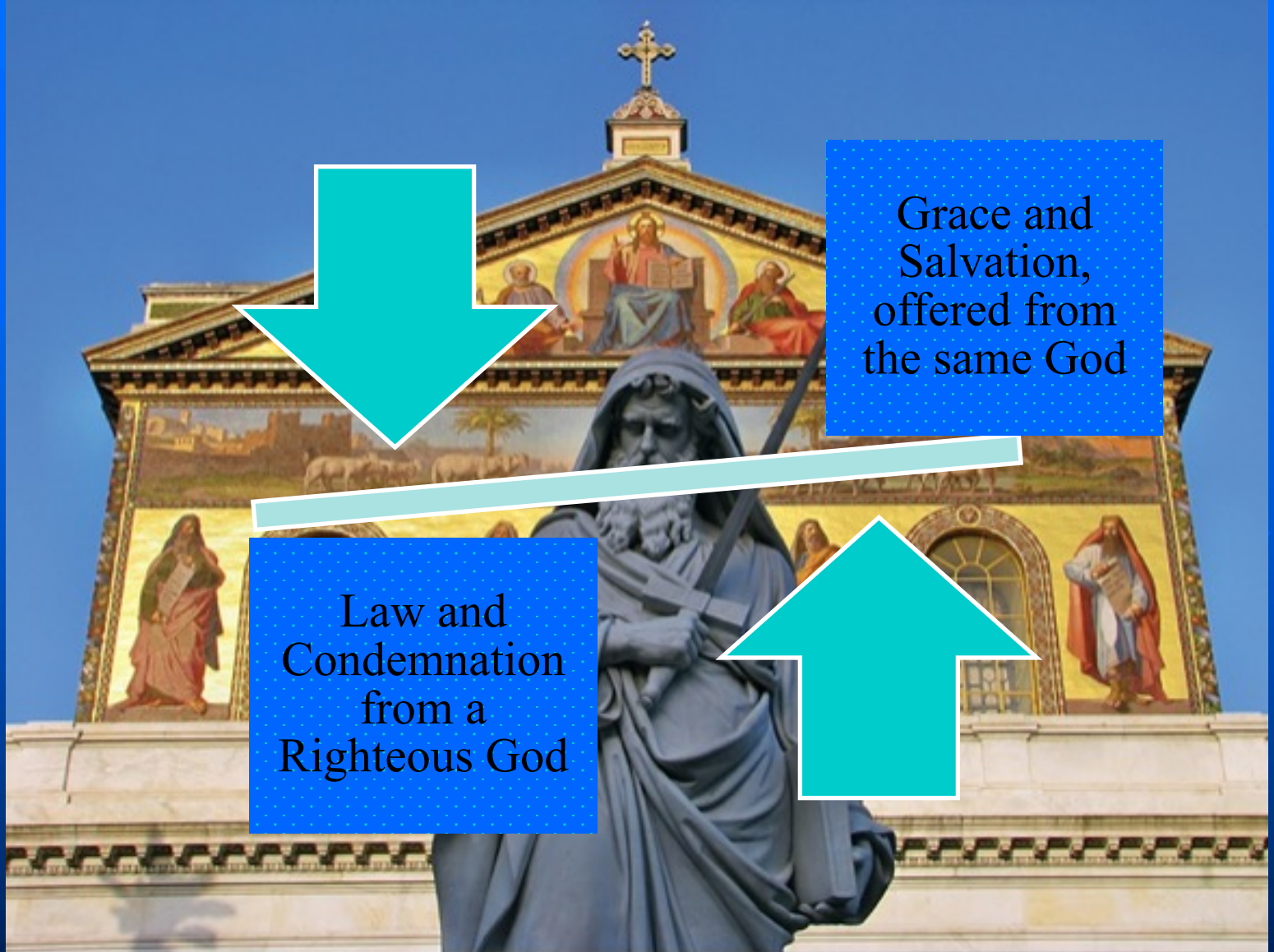
# Our Spiritual Teacher – The Holy Spirit

“No human teacher can do it; conscience cannot do it; law in none of its forms, human or divine, can do it: nay, the gospel itself cannot do it. Only when the Spirit of God wields it (the Word of God), is it quick and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, a discerner of the thoughts and purposes of the heart (cf. Heb. 4:12) “

Dwight L. Moody

# Team Work

- Team 1: Paul's Calling and his experience with the gospel
- Team 2: The Foolishness of Humankind against The Righteousness Demanded by a Holy God
- Team 3: The Gospel - Faith Alone
- Team 4: Eternal Security and His Kingship in Your Life through The One Man You Need in Your Life
- Team 5: Dying to Live to Overcome Consistent Sin
- Team 6: The Choice



Law and  
Condemnation  
from a  
Righteous God

Grace and  
Salvation,  
offered from  
the same God

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Figure 12.2. Statue of St. Paul holding a sword in front of  
the Basilica of Saint Paul outside the Walls in Rome  
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# What Christ's Redemptive Work Accomplished (Rom. 3:25b-31)

Dealt with Sins  
previously  
committed (v. 25B)

Delivered  
Righteousness to all  
people who trust in  
Christ (v. 26)

Upholds the Law  
without discrimination  
(v. 31)

Justification Comes  
through faith in  
Christ's  
accomplishment alone  
(v. 27-28)

- Romans 3:21-5:21

- Jesus Christ Died for our sins

- Substitutionary Atonement: He died for me

- He died for my sins

- He paid sin's penalty

- Justification: righteousness imputed to my account

- Saved by His death

- Romans 6-8

- Jesus Christ Died unto sin and I died with Him

- He died unto sin

- He broke sins power

- Santification:

- Absolute identification with Christ (in His death burial, and resurrection), by which God transforms redeemed sinners into Christ Likeness

- His righteousness imparted to me and made part of my life

- I'm saved by His life

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