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Paul begins with the great need people have for the gospel. The pagans need the gospel because they have sinned willfully (1:18-32), the Jews because they have the law but ignore it (2:1-3:10), and so everyone needs the gospel (3:10-20).

#### **How do we get the gospel? By \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (3:21-4:25)**

We can be right with God only through faith in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross (3:21-26). Salvation must be accepted as a gift, a fact which puts Jews and Gentiles on the same level because all must come to God in faith (3:27-31). But faith has always been the way to be righteousness, even during the days of Abraham (4:1-25).

#### **What results from the gospel? Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-8:39)**

This section discusses our peace with God, the hope we can have in trials, and the reconciliation that has happened between us and God (5:1-11), as well as addressing our relationship with sin (6:1-23) and the law (7:1-25). Finally, Paul shows us how the Spirit empowers us to fulfill the righteousness the law intended (8:1-16) and to give us strength and hope in trials (8:17-39).

#### **Where is everything headed? The salvation of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ (9:1-11:36)**

But what about Israel? Did God's promises to them fail (9:1-6)? No because (1) being a physical member of Israel has never made you part of God's people (9:7-13); (2) God has the right to choose whom He will show mercy to and whom He will harden (9:14-29); (3) Israel went about being righteous the wrong way, even though God warned them (9:30-10:21); (4) God is still working with a remnant (11:1-10); and (5) God has a future plan for Israel (11:11-32).

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