



## “The Text that Changed the World”

A Message to Commemorate the 504<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation  
An Exposition of Romans 1:16-17

**Central Idea:** Early in 1517AD, months prior to the historical unveiling of his “Ninety-Five Theses,” Luther came across a text in Romans chapter one that unlocked his understanding of the Gospel and forever changed the world!

- I. Luther understood that the Gospel is not a cause for shame (1:16a).
- II. Luther understood that the Gospel is the power of God and not man (1:16b).
- III. Luther understood that the Gospel is universally available (1:16c).
- IV. Luther understood that the Gospel is God’s instrument to declare sinners righteous (1:17a).
- V. Luther understood that the Gospel is life-changing when accepted solely by faith (1:17b).

### **Scripture of the Week:**

But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

**† Romans 3:21-24 †**