

Romans



Study Outline

Main Point: The Book of Romans was written by the Apostle Paul and includes a systematic presentation of the Christian faith. As an expert in the OT, Paul builds a case for salvation through the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus. Condemned by the Law, man could never achieve a right-standing before a God on his own. Instead, God graciously provided salvation through Jesus. Our justification before God, as well as the power to live a holy life, are now manifestation of faith and the power of God's Spirit.

10 SYSTEMATIC QUESTION PRESENTED IN ROMANS:

1. WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

ANSWER: SALVATION THROUGH GRACE BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

CH 1:1-17

GREETING, JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH (THESIS)

2. WHY DOES MANKIND NEED THE GOSPEL?

ANSWER: EVERYONE IS GUILTY OF SIN BY DECREE OF THE LAW.

CH 1:18-3:20

GENTILES, JEWS, ALL PEOPLE ARE GUILTY OF SIN

3. HOW CAN UNGODLY SINNERS BE JUSTIFIED BY A HOLY GOD?

ANSWER: THE UNGODLY CAN BE JUSTIFIED THROUGH THE REDEMPTIVE WORK OF JESUS.

CH 3:21-31

JUSTIFICATION STATED AND DEFINED

4. DOES THE GOSPEL AGREE WITH THE O.T. SCRIPTURES?

ANSWER: YES. ABRAHAM WAS SAVED BY FAITH IN GOD ALONE.

CH 4:1-25

EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM'S JUSTIFICATION

5. FOR THE BELIEVER, WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JUSTIFICATION?

ANSWER: PEACE WITH GOD. ACCESS TO HIS GRACE. SAVED FROM ETERNAL WRATH.

RECONCILIATION TO GOD. MADE RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD. ETERNAL LIFE.

CH 5:1-21

DEATH IN ADAM, LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

6. DOES SALVATION BY GRACE PERMIT SINFUL LIVING?

ANSWER: CERTAINLY NOT. GRACE PRODUCES THE DESIRE FOR GODLY LIVING.

CH 6:1-14

GRACE PUTS TO DEATH THE OLD MAN

CH 6:15-23

GRACE PRODUCES VICTORY OVER THE FLESH

7. WHAT THEN IS THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW?

ANSWER: THE LAW OF GOD DEFINES WHAT IS PERFECT, HOLY, AND RIGHTEOUS.

CH 7:1-25

THE LAW REMINDS ME OF MY NEED FOR GOD'S GRACE.

8. HOW IS THE CHRISTIAN ENABLED TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE?

ANSWER: THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES ME TO LIVE A LIFE OF HOLINESS.

CH 8:1-39

THE KEY TO LIFE IS THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

9. HAS GOD BROKEN HIS COVENANT PROMISE WITH ISRAEL?

ANSWER: NO. BECAUSE ISRAEL REJECTED JESUS THE GOSPEL HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE GENTILES. SALVATION WILL BE EXTENDED THROUGH JESUS TO THE JEWS IN THE FUTURE.

CH 9:1-33

ISRAEL REJECTED GOD'S PLAN AND PURPOSES

CH 10:1-21

ISRAEL REJECTED JESUS' WORK OF REDEMPTION

CH 11:1-36

ISRAEL WILL ACCEPT JESUS AND BE RESTORED

10. WHAT SHOULD BE THE BELIEVERS RESPONSE TO GRACE?

ANSWER: WE SHOULD ACT LIKE JESUS TO THE WORLD AROUND US.

CH 12:1-21

HOW WE SHOULD BEHAVE AS A CHURCH.

CH 13:1-14

HOW WE SHOULD INTERACT WITH THE WORLD.

CH 14-16

ALLOW LOVE TO RULE OVER OUR AFFAIRS.



Day 1: The Gospel.....

Romans 1:1-17 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What is the Gospel or good news that Paul is discussing? (2). Take your time and list out six important facts concerning the Gospel from these verses. (3). What makes the phrase “the just shall live by faith” so radical and revolutionary?

Day 2: Give Them Over.....

Romans 1:18-32 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What overarching point is the Apostle Paul trying to make in these verses? (2). Take a second and make a case against your own personal righteousness using these verses. (3). What does Paul mean when he says “God gave them up to uncleanness?” What are the implications of this concept?

Day 3: I’m a Good Person.....

Romans 3:9-31 // THINKING POINTS: (1). How does God reveal to humanity the depth of their depravity and sin? (2). Why does the law in and of itself possess no power to justify or save a person? (3). Since we’ve all sinned and fallen short, thus condemning ourselves before God, what is the only option for salvation?

Day 4: Results.....

Romans 5:1-21 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What does the life of sin we’ve inherited from Adam produce in our lives? (2). What does this passage tell us is produced in the new life found in Jesus? (3). When Paul talks about grace what is he getting at? What are the personal implications God’s grace should have in our lives?

Day 5: Implications of Grace.....

Romans 6:1-23 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Why does Paul open this chapter by asking, “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?” (2). What is Paul talking about when he discusses how the “old man was crucified” and is dead, but we need to “present our members as instruments of righteousness?” (3). In what way have you been guilty of abusing the grace God has show towards you?

Day 6: Indwelling Spirit.....

Romans 8;1-39 // THINKING POINT: (1). When Paul talks about there not being “condemnation” in the life of the believer, what do you think he means? (2). Since Paul is talking about the practical impact faith should have in the way we’re transformed into the image of Jesus (sanctification), what is the key to this transformation? (3). In what way does verse 28 provide you encouragement

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