

Romans

Week #1: Romans 1, 2

Day #1: Romans 1:1-15 Why was Paul interested in going to Rome? What did he expect in return? How do you give as well as receive in the church?

Day #2: Romans 1:16, 17 Are you ashamed of the gospel? How could someone else tell you are not? Have you shared the power you have received with others?

Day #3: Romans 1:18-23 What has man done with respect to God? Do you see evidence of this in the world today? What is the solution to man's problem?

Day #4: Romans 1:24-32 So what has God done to man? Do you see evidence of this in the world today? How can you guard yourself from being dragged into the same pit?

Day #5: Romans 2:1-4 Why is man without excuse? What will God do? Why is he waiting?

Week #2: Romans 2, 3

Day #1: Romans 2:5-11 What will be the measure by which God meets out judgment? Will God accept any excuses for sin on that day? What is his provision for sin?

Day #2: Romans 2:12-16 Is God more concerned with knowledge or obedience? Did the Jews understand that? Do you?

Day #3: Romans 2:17-24 The Jews were God's people. How well were they reflecting God's love and purity to the lost world? How well are you reflecting the nature of God? How could you improve?

Day #4: Romans 2:25-29 What is God most concerned about, the outward or the inward? What impure motives can keep us from loving and serving God? What can we do about these?

Day #5: Romans 3:1-8 What advantage is it to be a Jew? What advantages come from being brought up in a Christian home? What should be the result? Romans Reading Schedule

Week #3: Romans 3, 5

Day #1: Romans 3:9-20 What is man's problem? Can works overcome this problem?

Day #2: Romans 3:21-28 What is God's solution to man's problem of sin? Is there any other solution? Why not?

Day #3: Romans 5:1-11 What does the death of Jesus Christ for our sins show us about God's attitude toward us? How can this encourage us during difficult times?

Day #4: Romans 5:12-17 Where did sin come from? Who did it affect? Is this true today? What is the evidence?

Day #5: Romans 5:18-21 What was the result of Jesus' obedience? How would you define Justification (vs. 19)? How would you define grace (vs. 20,21).

Week #4: Romans 6:1-14

Day #1: Romans 6:1-4 What does baptism signify? How should it affect the way we live our lives?

Day #2: Romans 6:5-7: What does it mean to be united with Christ in his death? What does it mean to be united with him in his resurrection? How does it affect our affections (and lives)? Have you been united with Him?

Day #3: Romans 6:8-10 What did Christ die with respect to (vs. 10)? And what does he presently live for?

Day #4: Romans 6:11-14 How is Christ an example for us? (See yesterday's reading.)? What is our responsibility as followers of Christ?

Day #5: Colossians 3:1-5 Since we have died and been raised with Him, what are we to be setting our hearts and minds on? What should be the effect on our lives? Romans Reading Schedule

Week #5: Romans 6:15-23

Day #1: Romans 6:15-18 Can a Christian sin? What will be the consequence of ongoing sin in a person's life? Will a Christian persist in sin? Why not? (see Romans 6:1,2).

Day #2: I John 3:4-10 Can a person who continues in patterns of rebellious sin still consider himself to be a Christian? Why not?

Day #3: Matthew 7:21-23 Is everyone who says he is a believer truly a Christian? How can one know? (Cf. Mt. 7:24-27).

Day #4: Hebrews 10:29-31 What does the writer say about those who deliberately continue in ongoing patterns of sin? What does this show about the affections of their soul?

Day #5: Romans 6:19-23 The choice is really one of who will be my master. What are the two choices here? For the Christian is there really any choice? Which master are you choosing?

Week #6: Romans 7: Paul's Personal Experience

Day #1: Romans 7:7-12 Paul, being a good Pharisee doubtlessly tried to please God by keeping the law. Was he successful? Why?

Day #2: Romans 7:13 What is the purpose of the law? How might one like Paul (a Pharisee) try to hide from sin? Do people try to do so today?

Day #3: Romans 7:14-20. If you have an NIV the word "flesh" is translated "sinful nature" (18). For our purposes we will use the word FLESH. Do Christians still have flesh? What is the consequence of having flesh? Did Paul still struggle with his?

Day #4: Romans 21-25 What was the ongoing war in the apostle Paul? Do you experience this as well? What is the solution?

Day #5: Galatians 5:13-18 (See note on day 3 about "flesh" and "sinful nature" if you are using an NIV). What is the choice you face? How easy is it to remain "walking or living by the spirit" (vs 16)? What

opposes you (vs 13, 17). What is the evidence one is living by the spirit (vs 13, 14)? Romans Reading Schedule

Week #7: Revelation and Repentance

For the next two weeks we will be looking at the life of David for the application of the Principles of Repentance and which were learned in Romans.

Day #1: 2 Samuel 11:1-13. How did David sin? What did he try to do cover his sin?

Day #2: 2 Samuel 11:14-27 Since his first cover-up plan didn't work he came up with another. What was it? Was it successful? In what way did it fail?

Day #3: Psalm 32 This psalm is widely assumed to have been written about the time of David's sin with Bathsheba. How was David's walk with the Lord when he covered his sin (vs. 3, 4)? Do you think he tried to fool himself that he was godly (maybe going to the temple as usual and offering sacrifices as usual)? Did he fool God?

Day #4: 2 Samuel 12:1 How did God choose to reveal David's sin? Does he use people today? How do you think Nathan felt? Why do you suppose he went?

Day #5: 2 Samuel 12:1-9 How did Nathan reveal David's sin to him. Did he soften the blow? Why not? Who had David sinned against?

Week #8: Repentance and Restitution

Day #1: Psalm 51:1-6 This is a great Psalm of repentance. What do you notice David does in these verses? What is the evidence that he "owns" his sin? Do you see any excuses here?

Day #2: Psalm 51:7-12. What does David request here? Do you think he feels he deserves this? How are repentance and humility linked together?

Day #3: Psalm 51:13-19 What does David commit himself to in these verses? This could be called restitution--making right what we made wrong. Are repentance and works linked? How? What about motives?

Day #4: 2 Samuel 12:10-14 What are the consequences of David's sin? What is David's attitude toward the pronouncements of Nathan?

Day #5: 2 Samuel 12:15-23. Why did David fast? Was it to get the easy way out? Was he willing to live with the consequences? How is this evidence of genuine repentance? How should repentance and restitution be part of every believer's life? Romans Reading Schedule

Week #9: Renewing the Mind

Day #1: Romans 8:1-4 How can the law be used in a positive way in the life of a believer? (Cf. 7:7-9).

Day #2: Romans 8:5-8 How does what we have our mind set on affect our life? What are the two choices between what we can have our mind set on? What are the consequences of the choice?

Day #3: Romans 8:9-11 Can evil prevail in the life of a believer? Why not? Now go back and answer the questions Paul poses on 6:1,2. Is this true in your life?

Day #4: Romans 8:12-17 What are the evidences outlined here for one truly being a child of God? Do you see these in your life? Are any changes necessary?

Day #5: Ephesians 4:17-24 This can be seen as a summary of Romans 5-8. What are the steps outlined for transformation of life in verses 22-24? What place does the mind have in this? The word?

Week #10:

This week we will look at the importance of the church in ministry these principles in the lives of the saints.

Day #1: Acts 2:41-47 How did conversion affect the lives of these new believers? How did the community of believers aid this transformation?

Day #2: 2 Timothy 3:10-17 What place did Paul expect the Word of God to have in Timothy's life? From whom did he learn the word? How did the church aid in helping Paul and Timothy continue in the word? Do you have a time of family reading?

Day #3: Ephesians 2:11-18 How severe were the differences between Jew and Gentile? How would a church made up of Jew and Gentile offer opportunity for each to grow in love? What types of barriers could be exposed?

Day #4: Ephesians 3:14-21 What is the solution to the barriers which arise between Jew and Gentile? Why is this growth in love impossible in isolation (Cf. vs. 18)? How is love tied to growth (vs. 19)?

Day #5: John 17:20-23 In this prayer for his disciples and us, what is the central thing Jesus asks for? What is the key for this to happen (see vs. 26)? How is the church essential in our sanctification (becoming like Jesus)? Romans Reading Schedule

Week #11: Perseverance in Suffering

Day #1: Romans 8:18-25 In what ways do we groan now in these bodies (Cf. 7:23)? When will this groaning end? What should we be doing in the mean time?

Day #2: Romans 8:26-30 How does the Spirit aid us in these times of affliction? What truth does Paul emphasize about God to give us consolation in our trials? What truths does he relate about our future? How can this help us in hard times?

Day #3: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 What was Paul's response to suffering? What encouraged Paul to persevere?

Day #4: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 Why did Paul not despair? What was the suffering producing? How?

Day #5: Romans 8:31-39 What truths about God does Paul bring out to encourage the Saints who are groaning? Have you seen these truths at a depth where they bring encouragement even in the greatest difficulties?

Week #12:

Day #1: Romans 9:1-5 For whom was Paul burdened? Why? For whom are you burdened? How is this burden expressed?

Day #2: Romans 9:6-8 Had God's plan appeared to fail? Had it indeed failed? Why not?

Day #3: Romans 9:9-13 What is the illustration of God's differing attitude toward Jacob and Israel designed to show? Why did God love the one and hate the other?

Day #4: Romans 9:14-21 What is man's protest to this? What is God's answer? What should be our response to God's graciously choosing us?

Day #5: Romans 9:22-29 How does all the above relate back to Israel and God's plan concerning her? (Really this all is an attempt to answer the apparent failure of God in verse 6). Who makes up God's people (the true Israel) today? (Cf. Galatians 3:7).