

## **Week #1: 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 #2: 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 ~ 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?

## **Week #3: 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 #4: 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,)?

### **Week #5: Revelation and Repentance**

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 #6: 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?

## **Week #7: 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 #8: The Place of the Church**

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 ~ 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)?