

ROMANS

A series of 16 studies in the book of Romans
that will hopefully draw you into a deeper study this book.

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*Discover
the glorious life
from the Triune God
that is proclaimed in the Gospel of God*

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Study #1₁₆ The authority & power of the Gospel. Preach it!

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Reading: Romans 1:1-32.

Your response to the truth!

Suggested passage to memorize: Romans 1 : 16.

1. What authority did Paul claim when he declared the Gospel of God? And why should we accept it?
2. What summary of this Gospel did Paul set forth right at the beginning of his letter?
3. How did Paul define the ministry to be an apostle, that he had graciously received through Christ?
4. What indication do we have of the level of commitment Paul had for his ministry?
5. What reason did Paul give for having such confidence and shamelessness about the Gospel?
6. What is the cause of God having to reveal and display His wrath from Heaven?
7. Although they knew the living and true God what did they exchange Him for in their foolishness?
8. What other "exchanges" did they make in their sinful rebellion against their Maker?
9. What repeated curse did God bring upon them for their sinful folly and rebellion?
10. What evidence of their ungodliness and perversion is abundantly clear in our world today? And what further punishment still awaits these foolish people?

Study #2₁₆ Be doers, not hearers only!

Obey God's Word!

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Reading: Romans 2:1-29.

Repent and obey the Gospel!

Suggested passage to memorize: Romans 2 : 13.

1. Guilty judges! Is it proper for you and me, in our guilt, to pass judgment on others?
2. Why can we conclude that God is a worthy and **Genuine Judge** for mankind?
3. How is God seen as the **Gracious Judge**?
4. What response does the gracious and patient God require from guilty people?

Why does a Genuine and Gracious Judge bring wrath against some?
5. How is God portrayed as a fair and **Good Judge**?

What evidences will the Good Judge commend / condemn?
6. What is much more important than hearing and knowing the Law?
7. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation! (2 Cor 5:17.) What is revealed about their hearts and consciences?
8. Why is the teaching of the Law as a means of Salvation so empty and powerless?
9. **Physical** circumcision is of no value for the law-breaker! What is the **spiritual** circumcision that is needed for you to be acceptable to God? See Deuteronomy 30:6. and Colossians 2:9-12.)
10. Although we are not to judge, we are to proclaim the judgments of God! For example, who can we say is "NOT a Jew"? Can you think of others whom we can pronounce as NOT being acceptable to God?

Study #3¹⁶ The righteousness of God.

God is for us!

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Reading: Romans 3:1-31.

Justified by faith in Jesus!

Suggested passage to memorize: Romans 3 : 23-24.

1. Being a Jew or being circumcised does not mean the person is acceptable to God! So, is there any advantage in being a Jew?
2. Some of the Jews did not believe or obey their Scriptures themselves, so should we accept their books?
3. God, in His plan of Salvation for us, can wonderfully demonstrate His grace and love to the sinner! Why then should the sinner be condemned by God when our sinfulness magnifies God's grace?
4. What does God's Word say that the Jew and the Gentile have in common?
5. The Jews were entrusted with the law of God. Why did the Law not give them greater favour with God?
6. What glorious truth has been made known to which the law and the prophets have testified?
7. This gracious act of God towards the sinner cost Him very dearly. What is revealed of the price He was willing to pay for our salvation?
8. What are some of the attributes of God that this gracious act expresses?
9. The sacrifice of atonement has been made to satisfy God's justice against the sinner. How does the sinner receive the benefits of God's provision?
10. Verse 30 – "Since there is only one God" what does that teach us about the relationship between God and Christ as together they provide so great a Salvation for us?

Study #4_{/16} God can do what He promised! Be fully persuaded!

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Reading: Romans 4:1-25.

Credited righteousness!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 4 : 24-25.

1. What have we found to be God's gracious response to the serious plight of man's unrighteousness?
2. Was righteousness by faith known in Old Testament times?
3. Was Abraham's circumcision a contributing factor in him receiving righteousness from God?
4. What comment did David make about the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works?
5. On what basis did Abraham receive the promise that he would be heir of the world?
6. What is the sure return that the Law brings about for those depending upon it?
7. How can it be said that Abraham is the father of us all?
8. What test of faith did Abraham have that clearly revealed his confidence in the word of God?
9. What does God offer to credit to all of us who will believe that Christ was raised from the dead on our behalf?
10. Abraham was willing to offer up Isaac, his son of promise, to God. – a TYPE of God the Father's sacrifice of His Son. What was the purpose of God's sacrifice of His Son?

Study #5₁₆ Sin's curse overcome by God's grace! God's gift!

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Reading: Romans 5:1-21. Eternal Life through Jesus Christ!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 5 : 20b-21..

1. What is the glorious outcome for the condemned sinner who is credited righteousness through faith in Christ?
2. How can the justified person be expected to rejoice in sufferings?
3. What has God provided to inspire such confidence and enabling grace in our lives?
4. What can be said about the recipients of this glorious and preferential treatment?
5. Surely there are Terms and Conditions! What wrath can we expect if we who have received such a display of free grace go on to fall short of the righteousness of God?
6. Why is there the great problem of estrangement from God and condemnation in God's creation?
7. Moses did not bring the ten commandments before the people until around 2,500 years after Adam. How could the people be guilty of law-breaking before the Law was given?
8. Adam's sin resulted in many deaths. How was what Christ did "much more" effective?
9. Compare and contrast the action of Adam with the action of Christ, and note the influence each had on mankind.
10. What difference did the coming of the Law make for our sin-cursed humanity?

Study #6¹⁶ Slaves to sin, OR slaves to God! Death to sin!

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Reading: Romans 6:1-23.

Slaves to righteousness!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 6 : 17 – 18.

1. We have seen how gracious and forgiving God is. Wouldn't it magnify God's matchless grace if we were to sin even more than before so that God could display even greater grace to us?
2. What reasoning does Paul use to defend his strong negative response to continuing in a life of sin?
3. What lessons can we learn from our being associated with Christ by faith in each of the following? : -
His death...
His burial ...
His resurrection ...
4. What assurance can we gain from the fact that sin and death could not defeat Jesus Christ?
5. If you are a Believer you are told to "count (reckon) yourself dead to sin"! What does that mean?
6. The Believer still has freewill. What offers must he/she refuse, and what offers should he/she make?
7. As we are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Law, but under grace, are we unaccountable for sin?
8. What point does Paul make using the illustration of two different slaves? What kind of slave were those he was writing to, and how had they become what they now were?
9. What contrasts does Paul highlight between their past and their present way of life?
10. One type of slavery merits wages, the other does not! Explain.

Study #7_{/16} The Law is spiritual, .. I am unspiritual! Conflict!

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Reading: Romans 7:1-25.

Victory over my sinful nature!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 7 : 24-25a..

1. Have a quick review of some of the things that Paul has expected us to KNOW . Here is a list of some of them: 5:3 / 6:3 / 6:6 / 6:9 6:16.
2. Using the illustration of marriage what are some facts that Paul says we should KNOW about the Law?
3. What is the truth that Paul teaches by applying this principle spiritually?
4. The Law cannot save us, it can only condemn us! (Rom 3:20.) So is the Law just a sinful undesirable troublemaker?
5. What effect can the holy commandments of God have upon mankind?
6. What verse sums up the great contrast between what the Law is and what we are by nature?
7. In what way does Paul say he finds the struggle with the spiritual incompatible?
8. What conclusion did he come to concerning his inability to live up to the spiritual desires he had?
9. What evidence was there that he really was a new creation in Christ Jesus? (2 Cor 5:17.)
10. What confidence did he have (that we can share) concerning the fulfilment of his heart's desire to be a true slave to God's Law?

Study #8_{/16} God for us – Father, Son & Spirit! Trust Him!

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Reading: Romans 8:1-39. Pardon; Power; Purpose; Peace!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 8 : 11.

1. How can a Christian who is struggling with right and wrong ever hope to have peace and deliverance?
2. On what basis can we have such confidence that God is fully appeased?
3. What is the different focus in life that the Believer has compared to the unbeliever?
4. What CONTROL governs the life of the Believer in Christ? How significant is such control?
5. Name some of the titles and privileges that belong to those who are led by the Spirit?
6. Sin has brought suffering and frustration upon God's creation but it has not frustrated God's plans! What future can the Believer in Christ eagerly anticipate?
7. Like Peter and the disciples in Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-41.) we can be seen to be very weak. How can we be helped to watch and pray?
8. Write out the verse where God is revealed as being the OMNI-COMPETENT One for His children. (able to turn any and every situation around for His glory)
9. God has a great plan for those He foreknew would trust in Christ. What are some of the glories He planned in advance for them?
10. Is the Believer's hope in Christ presumptuous, or has the Believer sound reason for confidence?

Study #9_{/16} For God's purpose and glory! God's children!

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Reading: Romans 9:1-33.

Jews and Gentiles!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 9 : 33.

1. What place does the people of Israel have in the plan and purpose of God?
2. How was the identity of "God's children" to be determined from among other ancestors of Abraham?
3. What are we to understand of the quotation from Malachi 1 – "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." – V.13?
4. Some will question, "Is God unjust" to prefer one above the other? How would you answer?
5. God is NOT unjust! He has clearly made known His Terms and Conditions as to those He has chosen to show His mercy to. For example, find His just basis for offering mercy to the sinner in 3:21-26.
6. Did God manipulate Pharaoh into doing what God wanted him to do, and then condemn him for doing it?
7. "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists His will?"
8. What can we learn from God's use of Pharaoh and His display of patience towards him?
9. What did God's foreknowledge of Israel cause Him to warn them about through His prophets?
10. Why would God now chose this other vessel – the Gentiles – to display His purpose and glory?

Reading: Romans 10:1-21. Faith through hearing the message!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 10 : 14-15.

1. Because God's offer of salvation is being made available to Gentiles does that mean we reject the Jews?
2. Surely many Jews are to be commended for their religious fervour, why would they need to "be saved"?
3. How did Moses describe the righteousness that is by the Law?
4. What can we say about the righteousness that is by faith?
5. How can we sum up what you need to believe in order to have saving faith in God?
6. Is the Gospel (the Good News) for the Gentile different from the Gospel for the Jew?
7. If it is YOUR heart's desire for others to be saved, what can be done to bring that about?
8. Can anything be done to stir up and promote faith?
9. What response did Moses foretell would be from the Jews when God would draw outsiders to Himself?
10. Was God's dealings with the Jews in this way spiteful and inexcusable?

Study #11₁₆ The kindness and sternness of God. Consider it!

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Reading: Romans 11:1-36.

Know God and trust in Him!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 11 : 36.

1. Was God finally and permanently turning from His people – the Jews – to work solely through the Gentiles instead?
2. What evidence does Paul give of God's continued willingness to elect the Jew for His purposes?
3. What foreknowledge did God display that assured Elijah, and that can assure us, that God still has Israelites who believed in Him?
4. Can you find evidence that to be accepted by God is UNMERITED, but that it is to be SOLICITED?
5. What could it mean that God gave the unbelievers a spirit of stupor – eyes.. that ..could not see and ears..that.. could not hear...”?
6. What had David prophesied about “their table”? (The table they had chosen to spread for themselves!)
7. What lessons are taught from the illustration of the ingrafted branches of the olive tree?
8. Explain the two apparently opposite aspects of God 's character we are told to consider?
9. What was the outcome of Israel's rebellion and hardening, and will it ever recover?
10. What are some of God's magnificent unequalled qualities that are listed as reasons for Jews and Gentiles alike to glory in God?

Study #12_{/16} Motivated & empowered by God's love! Live it!

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Reading: Romans 12:1-21.

Yielded and transformed!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 12 : 9-10.

1. When aware of God's greatness (11:33-36.) what should be our spiritual response to God?
2. What would be the outcome of responding to God with such a spiritual act of worship?
3. How does a comparison with the human body help us understand our relationship with God and with one another?
4. How does the "body" picture help us understand our many differences with one another?
5. What is the essential virtue that is spoken of elsewhere as that which binds together in perfect unity? (Col 3:14.)
6. Name some other important **personal** attitudes that are essential in serving the Lord.
7. Name some important **social** attitudes that should be evident in our lives. Give some examples.
8. What are some of the **positive** attitudes we ought to display in our interaction with people?
9. What are some of the **negative** attitudes we ought NOT to display in our interaction with people?
10. What is the secret to success that was spelt out at the beginning of this chapter for living such a life?

Reading: Romans 13:1-14. Clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 13 : 14.

1. As citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven have we to acknowledge earthly authorities? Why, or why not?

2. What are the consequences of opposing earthly authorities?

3. Do you think we can and should apply this teaching to Believers in countries such as North Korea and Pakistan etc.?

4. Should we pay taxes, or should we oppose the paying of them?

5. What debt is the Christian never cleared from – it is always outstanding?

6. How can it be said that “love is the fulfilment of the law”?

7. Can you see how the commandments are no longer legal precepts to condemn us but loving promises God wants to work out in and through us in love for others?

8. Which of the following is meant by “our **salvation** is nearer now than when we first believed”?

Romans 5:10

Ephesians 2:5.

Titus 2:13.

Hebrews 9:28

1 Peter 1:5.

9. What are we to avoid in the light of the coming salvation – our glorification?

10. What are we to attend to in the light of the coming salvation – our glorification?

Study #14^{1/16} Fostering the family unity. Accepted by God!^{14:3.}

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Reading: Romans 14:1-23.

We belong to the Lord!^{14:8.}

Suggested passage to memorize: Hebrews 2 : 11.

1. Jesus once asked, "Who is My mother, and who are my brothers?" From His own answer realise who your "brother" and your true Christian family really is - See Matthew 12:47-50.
2. Which of the following are doing something in **love and obedience** to God, and which are doing something **hoping to earn reward**?
Matthew 15:8-9. 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10.
Romans 14:5-6. Matthew 7:26-27.
3. How would you define the difference between true faith and vain faith?
4. What exhortation are we given in verse one? Did Paul fulfil this himself in Galatians 2:14?
5. Are the issues of acceptable foods and sacred days to be condemned? Give reasons for your answer.
6. Why are we to be careful not to judge other people's motives and acts of devotion?
7. What detrimental effect can unfounded critical judgment have on others?
8. Are there certain foods and holy days we as Believers are obliged to observe?
9. In the light of these differing points of view about devotion and service what are we to strive to do?
10. What important principle should we maintain for the good of unity among us?

Study #15_{/16} Reach out to help others! Share Christ's blessings!

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Reading: Romans 15:1-33. By the power of the Holy Spirit.

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 15 : 13.

1. In verse one "bear" means to lift or to carry. What is the "strong" believer expected to lift and carry?
2. What source can we as believers turn to for encouragement and confidence?
3. Who speaks to us through the Scriptures, and what does He give to enable us to worship Him acceptably?
4. How will a spirit of unity manifest itself among us?
5. What wonderful example of endurance and encouragement did Jesus display?
6. As the mercy of God was extended to the Gentile nations what response was expected from them?
7. How was the **Trinity** involved in the hope the Gentiles would have in the Root of Jesse?
8. What was Paul's role as a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles?
9. What evidence do we have of Paul's missionary heart to reach the unreached with the gospel?
10. How did Paul involve others in the ministry he had to the Gentiles?

Study #16_{/16} Final appreciation and exhortation. Amen!

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Reading: Romans 16:1-27. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Suggested passage to memorize: ROMANS 16 : 25-27.

1. In Romans 12:10 Paul exhorted us to “be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.” How many does he look out to honour in this chapter? List some of their qualities?
2. Negatively, who are we told to look out for?
3. In chapter 14 Paul condemned the practice of passing judgment on others; surely here **he** is passing judgment! Is he contradicting himself?
4. What had Paul found out about these believers in Rome?
5. In verse 25 Paul refers to his message as “my gospel”. Many, such as Mohammad (Islam), Joseph Smith (Mormon), the Popes (Roman Catholic), etc introduced what they could have called “my gospel”!
How can we be sure Paul’s is not just another “my gospel” to deceive many?
6. What do you consider to be some of the hallmarks of the Gospel of God concerning our salvation?
7. What do you consider to be some of the hallmarks of the Gospel of God concerning our sanctification?
8. Give some examples from this book of Romans of Paul’s message being true to the Gospel of God:
9. What did Paul end up saying about the authority of his message?
10. We leave the final words with Paul as Romans is signed off:

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