

Bible Study – Outline

ROMANS

<u>Author</u>	Paul
<u>Date Written</u>	57 AD - from Corinth on his way to Rome
<u>Audience:</u>	Christians in Rome – Jews and Gentiles

Major Theme(s)

The essence of Christianity is faith, not works

Salvation is available to all

Freedom from the power of sin, the law, and to become like Christ

God's plan is for both Jew and Gentile

Key People

Paul

Phoebe

Major Messages

How to be a Christian in this society

What is genuine love

The importance of unity in the church

Trusting the Holy Spirit to help us overcome sin and temptation

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Key Scriptures

- Rom. 1:16-17 * For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. **17**For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."
- Rom. 2:9-10 There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; **10. but** glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.
- Rom. 2:12-13 * All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. **13**For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. **14**(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. **15** They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.) **16**This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.
- Rom. 2:28-29 A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. **29. No,** a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.
- Rom. 3:10-11 As it is written:
 "There is no one righteous, not even one;
 there is no one who understands;
 there is no one who seeks God.

Rom. 3:18 There is no fear of God before their eyes

Rom. 3:21-26 * **But** now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23. for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24. and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,ⁱ through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26. he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Rom. 5:1 * Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rom. 5:10 * For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Rom. 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Rom. 6:6-7 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Rom. 6:23 * For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom. 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Rom. 8:9-11 * You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Rom. 8:31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Rom. 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Rom. 10:4 * Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.
- Rom. 10:9-13 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- Rom. 11:5-6 So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. ⁶ And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.
- Rom. 12 Instruction on how to be a Christian – A summary of Christian living.
- Rom. 13:8-10 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.
- Rom. 14:5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.
- Rom. 14:8-9 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.
- Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,
- Rom. 15:15-16 Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

* see note in Life Application Bible for this verse

Discussion Questions

1. What is Paul's definition of the Gospel?
2. How will people who have not heard the Gospel be judged?
3. What is the major message Paul is giving us in Romans 3?
4. What are the steps one must take to becoming a Christian?
5. How are we to take the message of the gospel to our community?
6. How are we to live as Christians? Discuss Chapter 12

Resources Used

Adventuring Through the Bible by Ray Stedman
Reason to Rejoice - by Ray Stedman
Life Application Bible (NIV) - Zondervan and Tyndale House.

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