

Romans - Introduction

Lesson 1

Challenge:

- Why is the book of Romans important?
1. Who is Paul?
 2. What is Paul's lineage? (Philippians 3:4-5)
 3. Where is Paul from? (Acts 22:3)
 4. Was Paul a Roman citizen? (Acts 16:37, Acts 22:25)
 5. Whom did Paul study under? What else do we know about his teacher? (Acts 22:3)
 6. How did Paul live before the Gospel? (Philippians 3:5-7)
 7. How did Paul come to believe in Jesus? (Acts 9)
 8. Who instructed Paul in the Gospel and other spiritual matters? (Galatians 1:11-12)
 9. What is Paul's assessment of his life in 2 Timothy 4:6-7?
 10. How many missionary journeys did Paul make?

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Lesson 2

Challenge:

- What do you have to change in your life so that when you die your life's assessment will be the same as Paul's: I fought the good fight, I finished the race, I kept the faith?

1. Who are the Saints? What does Saint mean?
2. Who called Paul to be an Apostle? What does Apostle mean?
3. Why does Paul say he is obligated to Greeks and non-Greeks? Do you think those in Rome consider themselves Greeks? What is Paul's obligation?
4. What is the result of not honoring God and not giving thanks?
5. Why is Paul not ashamed of the Gospel?
6. What event declares that Jesus is the Son of God?
7. Why are men without excuse with regard to God?

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Lesson 3

Challenge: What is our relationship and standing with God without Jesus?

1. What is the Gospel? (1 Corinthians 15:1-9)
2. If Paul is called to proclaim the gospel why is the gospel veiled for those who don't believe? (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)
3. How is the gospel the power of God?
4. Do all men know God?
5. Do all men know God's righteous decrees so that those who sin deserve death?
6. Outline the downward spiral from Romans 1:20-32: What did man do and what did God do?
7. What is God's opinion of disobeying your parents?
8. What is the result of exchanging the truth of God for a lie?
9. Is homosexuality and idolatry natural or unnatural?

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Lesson 4

Challenge: What do you know about God?

1. What does “judge” mean? What is the basis on which we will be judged?
(Romans 2:2-3; Matthew 12:36-37; Matthew 7:1-2; Luke 6:36-37; Luke 19:22; John 5:22-24)
2. When is it/will it be appropriate to judge?
(Romans 3:4; Acts 10:42; 1 Corinthians 4:3-5; 1 Corinthians 5:11-13; 1 Corinthians 6:1-5; 1 Corinthians 11:31-32)
3. How does judging others pass judgment on yourself?
4. What leads us toward repentance?
5. What does stubbornness and an unrepentant heart store up for you?

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Lesson 5

Challenge: Who do you need to forgive?

1. Does God show favoritism?
2. How are people saved who have never heard of Jesus?
(1 Corinthians 9:21)
3. From Romans 2:14-16: On judgment day what will bear witness to our actions? What will accuse or defend us? Where have the requirements of the law been written?
4. Is it possible to obey the law if you have never heard the law?
5. What is "the Law"? What is the purpose of the law?
(Galatians 3:17-29; Ephesians 2:14-16)
6. Who and what is a Jew? Where does a Jew's circumcision come from?

Challenge: Are you living by the law or by faith?

1. What does our unrighteousness clarify?
2. Can anyone become righteous by observing the law?
(Galatians 3:10-14)
3. Was Jesus made righteous by observing the law? Did He obey the law perfectly? (Matthew 12:1-13)
4. How are sinners made righteous?
(Genesis 15:6; Romans 1:17; Romans 2:13; Romans 3:20)
5. Is everyone under the law?
6. Is God Just? (2 Thessalonians 1:6)
7. Does God demand payment for our sins?

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Lesson 7

Challenge: What does it mean to live by faith?

1. How are sinners justified? Why not by the law or by works?
(1 Corinthians 1:29; Ephesians 2:9)
1. Does faith nullify the law? How do we establish or uphold the Law?
2. What does our unrighteousness demonstrate?
3. What is the righteousness of God? How have the Law and the Prophets testified to it?
4. What works does a man have to do in order to be saved?
(John 6:28-29; John 6:28-29)

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Lesson 8

Challenge: Are you righteous?

1. How is righteousness gained?
2. What does righteousness lead to?
3. What does credited mean?
4. Why does sin pay a wage whereas righteousness must be credited?
5. When was Abraham declared righteous before or after he was circumcised?
6. Why did Abraham receive circumcision if righteousness is gained by faith?
7. How is Abraham our father?

Challenge: What does your righteous behavior look like?

1. Are those who live by law heirs of the promise? Why?
2. What does the law bring? What does faith bring? What is faith?
(Hebrews 11:1)
3. Why was Jesus delivered over to death? What is death?
4. Why was Jesus raised to life?
5. We know how Jesus' death paid for our sins, how does Jesus resurrection justify us?

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Lesson 10

Challenge: How does being a child of God help you?

1. How have we been justified?
2. What does it mean to have peace with God?
3. What is grace? When are we in God's grace?
4. How have we gained access into God's grace?
5. What is the hope of the Glory of God?
6. Why should we rejoice in our sufferings?
7. What is the difference between a righteous man and a good man?

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Lesson 11

Challenge: Do you rejoice in your sufferings?

1. How much power did we have when Christ died for us?
2. How are we saved from God's wrath? (Ephesians 5:6)
3. What was reconciled to God through the death of Jesus? (Colossians 1:20)
4. What does it mean to be reconciled to God? (Colossians 1:15-22)
5. If we are reconciled to God through the death of Jesus why do we need to be saved through His life? Are reconciliation and salvation different?
6. Was there death in the world before the fall? What does this say about evolution?
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8. How is Adam a pattern of the one to come? (1 Corinthians 15:21-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45; 1 Timothy 2:13-1)

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Lesson 12

Challenge: What are the ramifications of death that we will no longer have to deal with in eternal life?

1. What does righteousness lead to?
2. How is it that we are baptized into Christ's death? Why is it important?
3. What does being baptized into Christ's death have to do with no longer living in sin?
4. How are we freed from sin?
5. Who are slaves?
6. What results in sanctification?
7. What is sanctification?

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Lesson 13

Challenge: Do you think and behave like a slave or one who is free?

1. What are the wages of Disobedience? Of Obedience?
 - What does it mean to be a slave?
 - What does it mean to be free?
2. What does free mean? Freedom is not doing what you want. Freedom is doing what you were created to do
3. What are you a slave to under the law? What are you a slave to under Grace? Is there ever a time when we were not slaves?
4. Why aren't we under the law any more but under Grace?
5. From Romans 6:5 If we have been united with him like this in his death (past tense), we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection (future tense): In relationship to Christ's death and resurrection, where do we live our lives in the present? (1 Corinthians 15, Philippians 3:10-11)

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Lesson 14

Challenge: What has surprised you so far in studying Romans?

1. What does it mean to be dead to the law?
2. How is serving in the new way of the spirit different from serving in the old way of the law? How does this change your behavior?
3. If sin is dead apart from the law why was there death before the law was given to Moses?
4. When were we alive apart from the law?
5. How is it that the commandment that is intended to bring life brings death? Have God's intentions for the law been invalidated?

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Lesson 15

Challenge: How is the Holy Spirit challenging you?

1. From Romans 7:11: What opportunity did the commandment afford sin? How did sin deceive us?
2. Who sold us as a slave to sin? Why?
3. From Romans 7:16: How does doing what you do not want to do cause you to agree that the law is good? From verse 20: or prove that it is no longer I who sin but sin living in me?
4. How does Romans 7:17 work?
5. How can our minds be a slave to God's law while our bodies are slaves to sin? What frees us from both?

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Lesson 16

Challenge: How active is God in the believer's life? Where does a slave get his direction?

1. How do you live by the Spirit?
2. From Romans 8:17: What does inherit mean? What will we inherit? Who must die for us to inherit? (2 Corinthians 1:21-22; 2 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Timothy 1:14; Ephesians 1:13-14)
3. Why does creation wait in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed? (Romans 8:19)
4. What glory will be revealed in us that is so great that our present sufferings will not be worth comparing?
5. When was creation subjected to frustration and decay? Why?

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Lesson 17

Challenge: How will creation be affected when the sons of God are revealed?

1. Can anything separate us from the love of God? Can you separate yourself?
2. What is God's will?
3. What does called mean?
4. What does it mean that God foreknew us?
5. What does predestined mean?
6. Who did God call? Who did God Justify? Who did God glorify?
7. If it is God who justifies, who is he that condemns?

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Lesson 18

Challenge: Who works all things for the good of those who love him?

1. Who is God over all?

2. Did God's word fail?

3. What does it mean that 'not all who are descended from Israel are Israel'?
Who is Israel then?

4. What is the difference between the 'natural children' and 'children of the promise'? (Galatians 4:23; Galatians 3:29)

5. What does election mean in Romans 9:11? (Ephesians 1:4 – Selection)

6. Does God love Esau? Does God love everyone?
 - What is the opposite of love?
 - Are there different kinds of God's love?
 - Does God show mercy to all?
 - Does God give Grace to all?
 - Does God make all His sons?

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Lesson 19

Challenge: How does God show you that He loves you?

1. Is God unjust? (Deuteronomy 32:4)

2. What does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy?

3. If God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden. "Then why does God still blame us? For who can resist God's will?" Does Paul answer this question? (John 12:40)

4. What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath--prepared for destruction?
 - What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory?
 - When did God prepare us for Glory?
(1 Peter 2:8)

5. Why did Israel not attain the Law of righteousness though they pursued it?

6. What is the 'stumbling stone' that the Lord laid in Zion that caused the Jews to fall?

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Lesson 20

Challenge: Do you have “stumbling stones” to your faith in your life? Why do you think they are there?

1. What is the righteousness that comes from God?
2. How did the Jews seek to establish their own righteousness? How do we?
3. Who is the end of the law?
4. What law ended? When did the law end? How did the law end?
5. Are we under any law now?

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Lesson 21

Challenge: What law do you live by? Are your actions different than if you were living under the Law of Moses?

1. What does righteousness that is by faith say? What does it mean? (Deuteronomy 30:12)

2. What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord? What is the name of the Lord? (Genesis 4:26, 12:8, 13:4, 21:33, 26:25)

3. If faith comes from hearing the message, why didn't Israel believe if they heard the message? (Exodus 20:7)

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Lesson 22

Challenge: For a day or so make a list of the specifics of what you include in your prayers. Bring list to class.

1. Did God reject His people Israel?
(1 Samuel 12:22; Jeremiah 31:37)

2. What is a remnant?

3. Are we chosen by God? How are we chosen? What does chosen mean?

4. Are Works and Grace mutually exclusive?

5. Who gave Israel a spirit of stupor?
(Isaiah 29:10; Matthew 13:14)

6. What does Romans 11:16 mean with regards to Israel?

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Lesson 23

Challenge: For a day or so make a list of the specifics of what you include in your prayers. Bring list to class.

1. Why are olive branches broken off?
2. If only a remnant of Israel will be saved as stated in Romans 9:27 how can all Israel be saved as stated in Romans 11:26?
3. Why has Israel experienced a hardening, in part?
4. What does Romans 11:28-29 mean?
5. In light of Romans 11:32 who sold us as a slave to sin as stated in Romans 7:14?

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Lesson 24

Challenge: If God would answer one question you asked of Him, what question would you ask?

1. What information regarding God's mercy should compel us to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God?
2. What is a living sacrifice? What is an act of worship?
3. How are we transformed by the renewing of our minds?
4. What transformation will occur by the renewing of our minds that will allow us to test and approve God's pleasing and perfect will?
5. From Romans 12:3, how did Paul get his grace? How did the Romans get their faith?

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Lesson 25

Challenge: Is your love sincere?

1. Are you devoted to other Christians? Do you honor them above yourself?
2. Do you bless those who persecute you?
3. Are you doing everything possible to live at peace with everyone?
4. Why shouldn't we take revenge?
5. How does doing good to those who persecute us heap burning coals on their head?
6. How do you overcome evil with good? How do you know when you are overcome by evil?

Romans 13

Lesson 26

Challenge: What does it mean to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer?

1. Did God establish the authority of Adolph Hitler?
2. What does Romans 13:4 mean?
3. Do you give respect and honor where it is due?
4. How do you clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ?

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Lesson 27

Challenge: What keeps you from submitting to authority or loving others?

1. What does love mean?

2. What law is fulfilled by love?

3. What law is fulfilled by bearing each other's burdens? (Galatians 6:2)

4. What is the status of a law that is fulfilled?
(Hebrews 7:12-18; Ephesians 2:14-16)

5. What was the purpose of the Law of Moses?
(Galatians 3:18-26)

6. If the purpose of the law is fulfilled would you say the law is fulfilled?
 - Is there any scripture that suggests that perfect obedience to the law fulfills the law?

 - Can the law be fulfilled if you obey it perfectly yet disobey the spirit of the law?

 - Can the law be fulfilled if you obey the spirit of the law but do not perfectly obey the letter of the law?

Challenge: What are the differences between living by love and living by the law?

1. Why does the stronger faith allow you to eat everything when a weaker faith will not? (1 Corinthians 10:25; Colossians 2:16)
2. What are the disputable matters listed that we should not be passing judgment on? What are some others? (What we eat, drink, special days)
3. When do we judge someone else's servant?
4. Why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother?
5. What stumbling blocks or obstacles do we put in our brother's way by passing judgement on them? (Matthew 18:6; 1 Corinthians 8:13; 1 Timothy 4:4)

Romans 14

Lesson 29

Challenge: What is the guiding principle of Romans 14? (Galatians 5:6)

1. Why did Christ have to die to become Lord of both the living and the dead?
2. Do you allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil?
3. Why is it that the man who acts in doubt is condemned?
4. How can everything be sin that does not come from faith?

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Lesson 30

Challenge: In light of Romans 14:23 how much of what we do is sin?

1. Why should the strong bear with the failings of the weak?
2. What is the reason God had scripture written?
3. What does endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures produce in us?
4. How has Christ become a servant of the Jews?
5. Who sanctifies the believer?

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Lesson 31

Challenge: How can you tell who has strong faith and who has weak faith?

1. How can Paul be convinced that the Christians in Rome are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another?
2. How is proclaiming the gospel of God a priestly duty?
3. What did Christ accomplish through Paul in leading the Gentiles to obey God?
4. How did Christ work through Paul?
5. Is there wisdom in Paul preaching the gospel where Christ was not known? Where is the problem in building on someone else's foundation?
6. If Paul plans to visit the Church in Rome on his way to Spain why was he on his way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there? Does this help make sense of some believer's actions?

Challenge: What is the most surprising thing learned from the study of Romans?

1. Why does Paul ask for help for Phoebe? Is it appropriate for him to ask for help in this way?

2. Why is Paul greeting all of these people? What affect would this have on the Church in Rome?

3. Why does Paul warn the brothers in Rome to keep away from people who cause divisions?
 - Do we heed Paul's warning in our church? Do we heed Paul's Warning personally?
 - Who are these People deceiving and how?

4. What does Paul's final blessing mean?
 - Do you believe they received it?
 - Will you receive it?