

WELCOME TO NT365

As you read this week...

- *What stands out as remarkable, intriguing, or challenging?*
- *What did you discover that you've never noticed before? What raises questions?*
- *In what ways do you feel God is speaking to your heart?*

WEEK #25: ROMANS CHAPTERS 4-8

Chapter 4

1. Paul reminds us, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" (vs.3). God credited Abraham with righteousness because Abraham believed God, not because Abraham did good things. Is it challenging for you to believe that God counts us as righteous because we believe on Christ rather than because we do good works? What does it mean to you to "believe" God?
2. Paul says of Abraham, "He did not waver through unbelief, but was strengthened in his faith as he gave glory to God." (from vs. 20). Notice what strengthened Abraham's faith: "giving glory to God." When have you acknowledged God and found strength and faith? When have you failed to acknowledge God and struggled in your own strength?

Chapter 5

1. Vs.3-4 tell us, "Suffering produces perseverance... character... and hope." When have you experienced this progression in your life?
2. Paul speaks the powerful truth of the Gospel in vs. 8: "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." In following Christ's example, to whom in your life do you need to demonstrate undeserved love?

Chapter 6

1. In vs.11, Paul instructs us, "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." What does it mean to "die" to our sin and be "alive" in Christ? What are examples of sin that no longer has a grip on your life? What are examples of Christ's ownership over your life?
2. Becoming a "slave of God" has negative connotations. However, the Bible teaches that slavery to God yields true freedom in our lives (vs.22). How have you experienced God's freedom because of your relationship with Christ? In what ways are you freer now than you were before you trusted Christ?
3. Vs.23 gives us a stark warning and a profound promise: "For the wages of sin are death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." How has sin been destructive in your life? Have you turned from your sin and placed your faith and trust in God's gift of eternal life in Christ?

Chapter 7

1. Vs.4-6 calls us to "bear fruit to God" and "serve in the new way of the Spirit." How do you feel your life is bearing fruit for God? How do you lovingly serve God in fresh and new ways?

2. Vs.7 helps us understand that God's Law makes us aware of our sin. What are examples of sin in your life has been exposed by God's commands?
3. In vs.21-24, Paul confesses the war waging within him between his desire to please God and his desire to please himself. In vs.25, he offers his hope: "Thanks be to God—through our Jesus Christ our Lord!" What is an example of how Christ has helped you overcome in your struggle with sin?

Chapter 8

1. Vs.6 teaches that we can know God's peace as we permit the Holy Spirit to direct our lives. What is an example of God directing your life? How have you experienced God's peace as you obeyed?
2. Vs.26 teaches us that the Holy Spirit helps us pray. When have you sensed the Holy Spirit directing your prayers?
3. Vs.28 is a powerful promise: God working to bring about good things in our lives, regardless the circumstances. How have you experienced this promise?
4. Vs.35-39 are incredible assurances for Christ-followers. How have you experienced this truth? What are you facing today that fits into the categories listed in this verse?

WEEK #26: ROMANS CHAPTERS 9-13

Chapter 9

1. In vs. 25, Paul reminds the reader of God's promise concerning those who don't yet believe: "Those who were not My people I will call 'My people' and her who was not loved I will call 'beloved.'" How do you feel knowing that God chose you and loved you even before you believed?
2. We obtain right standing with God through faith in Christ, not by our good works (vs.30-32). The Jews in Paul's day sought righteousness through their works, and found Paul's teaching to be a "stumbling stone" (vs.33). Do you struggle to believe that faith in Christ is sufficient for right standing with God? How are you growing to trust this truth?

Chapter 10

1. In v.9, Paul teaches, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." How do you make public confession of your faith in Christ? How convinced are you that Christ is alive from the dead? Do you sense that these two acts of faith has put you in a right relationship with God?
2. Vs. 17 says, "Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ." In what ways do you fuel your faith with Christ's Words? What is your source of hearing and receiving from Christ's Words? How are you a part of encouraging faith in others by offering them Christ's Words?

Chapter 11

1. Although many Jews in Paul's day rejected Christ, Paul teaches that there continues to be hope for unbelievers (v.23). Who are the unbelievers are on your heart today? Are you able to find hope in this this promise?

NT365

The New Testament in a Year

Read the entire
New Testament in a year.

- *One Chapter each day,
Monday-Friday.*
- *Daily reading notes
& reflection questions.*
- *Excellent for
Small Group discussion.*

Guide #7

Weeks 25-28

**Romans Chapter 4
to 1 Corinthians Chapter 7**



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- Paul quotes from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah and declares Jesus to be our “Deliverer” (v.26). In what ways do you feel Christ has “delivered” you in the past? In what ways might you need Christ to “deliver” you today?
- Paul closes this chapter with a powerful prayer from the Book of Isaiah (vs.33-36). As you consider God’s attributes, in what ways do you experience each?

Chapter 12

- Paul challenges us in vs.2, “*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*” In what ways do you live differently than the culture around you? What difficulties do you face in living differently?
- In vs. 6-8, Paul call us to use the gifts God has given us to touch other lives. What gifts has God given you? How are you using them to influence others?
- Paul lists some of the marks of the true Christ-follower in vs. 9-21. As you read this list, what are your strengths? What are your growing edges?

Chapter 13

- We read about fulfilling God’s law through love in vs.9-10: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*” When have you experienced this love from others? When are you able to love most genuinely? When are you challenged to love others?
- “*Let us put aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.*” (vs.12) What “works of darkness” have you successfully put behind you? With what “works of darkness” do you presently struggle? How have you experienced God’s powerful “armor of light” helping you overcome these things?

WEEK #27: ROMANS CHAPTERS 14-16; 1

CORINTHIANS CHAPTERS 1-2

Chapter 14

- Paul calls Christians to deal with differences of opinion among believers with love and respect (vs.1-7). What differences do you experience in the way others practice their faith? What’s an example of responding with love and respect?
- Paul teaches that we have no right to judge others, because we will be judged by God (v.10). In what ways have others judged you? In what ways are you guilty of judging others?

Chapter 15

- Paul teaches that Scripture was written for our encouragement and hope (vs.4). How has Scripture provided encouragement and hope for you? How are you growing in your reading and receiving from Scripture?
- Vs. 13 is a wonderful prayer from Paul: “*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*” What have been occasions when you’ve experienced an abundance of God’s peace and joy? In what ways do you experience the power of God in your life?

Chapter 16

- Paul warns us to be on the lookout for deceivers who cause division in the church (vs. 17-18). How have you witnessed division? How have you participated in either causing or healing division?
- In vs.19, Paul wants his readers to “*be wise as to what is good and innocent as what is evil.*” In what ways are you growing in your awareness of good and evil? In what ways are you growing more “innocent” as a result of God’s work in your life?

The Book of I Corinthians. Paul writes to the church in Corinth, a wealthy port city and home to the famous Temple of Aphrodite with its 1,000 prostitutes. Paul seeks to answer questions and resolve many spiritual and moral problems for this church surrounded by extreme paganism. He calls them to Christian maturity even while living in a non-Christian culture. He teaches that God gives believers the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, to be used in love, to strengthen the Church, the Body of Christ, everywhere.

Chapter 1

- Paul declares in vs. 18, “*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us being saved it is the power of God.*” In what ways are Christ-followers in our day considered foolish by our culture? How do you respond personally?
- In vs. 27, Paul says, “*But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.*” How do you feel knowing that God uses ordinary people like us as examples to powerful and influential people? Can you think of an example of how God has done this with you?
- Jesus has become our righteousness, holiness and redemption (vs.30). How might you “boast” and give God credit for these things in your life on a daily basis (v.31)?

Chapter 2

- Paul’s hope is, that “*your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God*” (vs. 5). In what ways does your faith seem to defy natural wisdom? How is your faith challenged by the wisdom, knowledge and philosophy of our age?
- Incredible promises await Christ-followers (v.9). In what ways has God amazed you with His goodness? When has God surprised you with His blessings?
- Paul teaches that we can only understand the things of God as the Holy Spirit reveals (v.14). What are examples of truths you believe God has revealed to you?

WEEK #28: 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTERS 3-7

Chapter 3

- “*Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?*” (vs.16). Do you recognize yourself as the place where God dwells? What does this mean for your daily life?

- “*For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight*” (vs.19). What are examples of how God’s truth is different from what our culture determines to be true?

Chapter 4

- We are not to judge one another—that role is God’s alone (vs.5). When have you been judged unfairly? When do you suppose you’ve judged unfairly? How do you feel about God’s light exposing “*the motives of your heart*”?
- God’s Kingdom is demonstrated by “power,” not by mere words (vs.20). How has God demonstrated His power in your life? How does your daily living reflect God’s power?
- Some of us learn by a “whip,” and others by a “gentle spirit” (vs.21). How does God get your attention? What have you had to learn the hard way?

Chapter 5

- When a body of believers gathers, the power of the Lord Jesus is present (vs.4). When and how have you experienced the presence and power of Christ while gathered with other believers?
- Pride starts small and spreads through our lives like “yeast” grows in a loaf of bread (vs. 6-8). How has your pride caused difficulties? How have you experienced harmful pride in others?
- Paul warns us not to be those who claim to believe, but whose lives don’t reflect Christ (vs.9-10). In what ways do you feel your life reflects your faith? In what ways might your actions contradict your faith?

Chapter 6

- In vs.7, Paul calls us to endure being wronged rather than seek to get even. When have you done so? When have you sought getting even instead? Does this passage bring anyone to mind as you read?
- Every person can be forgiven through faith Jesus Christ (vs.9-11). In what ways were you guilty before receiving Christ’s forgiveness? Who do you know who is needful of the same forgiveness you’ve received?
- We are “*not our own,*” but have been “*bought at a price*” (vs.19-20). What are ways we can “*honor God with our body?*” In what ways does a God-honoring life contrast with our culture?

Chapter 7

- Paul reminds us in vs.7, “*Each has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.*” What do you feel is your gift from God? How are you using your gift?
- In vs. 17 we are told, “*let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him.*” In what ways is God directing your life? In what ways are you answering His call?
- Christ-followers are to be as free from distractions as possible so as to live a more fruitful spiritual life (vs.32). What things distract you? How can you simplify your life in order to be more faithful to God’s call?