

Lesson 13  
The Book of Romans

Key Verse: 1:16 “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes; first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”

Most scholars agree that Paul wrote the letter to the Christians at Romans in the winter of 57 from Corinth. Although the Roman church was not founded by Paul, scholars think he wanted their support for his trip to Spain and possibly to use Rome as a home base for his mission to Spain. In this book, he set forth a clear message of the gospel of Jesus Christ as it relates to justification and forgiveness of sin and he dealt with the problem of dissension between the Jewish believers and Gentile believers in Rome. Paul used a style of writing called diatribe; a style in which the author poses problems or objections and then answers them.

Before the spread of Christianity to Rome there was a large Jewish population in the city. They had been forcibly taken to Rome as slaves under Pompey: Once freed they maintained their distinct identity and practices. Acts 2:10 “visitors from Rome” were present at Pentecost. It is believed that these visitors took the gospel back to Rome and established the church there. We know from Acts 18:2 that Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul immediately cooperated with Priscilla & Aquila indicating that they already shared his faith in Christ (Acts 18:3). Expelling the Jews from Rome resulted in Gentile domination of the church. Many of the Jews who returned to Rome taught that Roman converts were to maintain Jewish laws in addition to belief in Christ. This is an issue Paul addressed in the book of Romans.

Day One: Chapter 1

1. What are the facts of the gospel? 1:1-4

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2. How did Paul state his allegiance toward the gospel? 1:16 What is revealed in the gospel? 1:17

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3. Why does Paul state that men are without excuse? 1:18-20

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4. What steps did people take as they left God? 1:21-23

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5. How did God respond? 1:24, 26, 28

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- ❖ Which sins listed in 1:28-32 are people prone to minimize? Why?

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Day Two: Chapter 3:9-31 and Chapter 4

6. Describe the condition of fallen man. 3:9-18

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7. How are we justified? 3:23-26

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8. How does the law fit into this? 3:21, 27-31

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9. How did the doctrine of justification by faith relate to Jewish history? 4:1-25

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- ❖ Define reconciliation. What does this mean to you?

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Day Three: Chapter 5 & Chapter 6:1-5

10. What are the blessings of our justification? 5:1-11

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11. What was the result of the sin of one man? 5:16 & 19

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12. What was the result of the obedience of one Man? 5:16 & 19

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13. What is the relationship of the believer to sin? 6:2-5

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❖ Describe how this affects your life.

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Day Four: Chapter 8

14. Define condemnation. 8:1

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15. How are we set free from the law of sin and death? 8:2-4 What does this mean to you personally?

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16. Describe the two mind sets in verses 5-11. How can you be certain you belong to Christ?

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17. What is your obligation? 8:12-17

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18. Describe the “groaning” by the creation (verses 18-22), believers (verses 23-35), and the Holy Spirit (verses 25-30).

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❖ What does it mean to be “more than conquerors”?

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Day Five: Chapter 12 and 13: 8-14

Chapter 12 begins with the fourth “therefore” statement. Chapter 3 verse 20 was the first one; it states that the whole world is guilty. Chapter 5 verse 1 is the second; believers have been justified through faith. Romans 8:1 is the third; there is no condemnation for believers in Jesus Christ.

19. How are we to show dedication to God? 12:1

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20. How are we to operate within the body of Christ? 12:3-8

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21. What are Paul’s directions to help us in this area? 12:9-16

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22. How are we to treat our enemies? 12:17-21

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23. How are we to live in our world? 13:8-14 Why?

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Paul leaves us with a wonderful verse in 16:20 “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.” NIV