

Through the Bible Course

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**Romans**

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Key Word: The Gospel

Key Verse: 3:24

Author: Paul

Time: 58 AD from Corinth at close of third missionary journey

Occasion: Phoebe was about to sail from Corinth to Rome and Paul took this opportunity to write to the church at Rome setting forth a full statement of “How can a man be just before God”.

Importance: Here in Romans we have a full statement of the doctrines of salvation, justification, and the assurance of these truths based on the sovereignty of God and work of Christ.

Outline Given from Three Viewpoints:

	<u>Doctrinal</u>	<u>Practical</u>	<u>Pictorial</u>
1:1 – 3:20	Condemnation	Sin	God judging
3:21 – 5:31	Justification	Salvation	God on throne covering
6:1 – 8:39	Sanctification	Separation	God holding our hand
9:1 – 11:36	Prophetic	Sovereignty of God	God sovereign
12:1 – 16:27	Glorification	Service	God walking with us

I. Chapters 1:1 – 3:20 – God on Throne Judging

1. 1:1-17 – Introduction
2. 1:18 – 2:16 – Heathen world in general
  - a. 1:18-23 – Rejected God for idols
  - b. 1:24-32 – God gave them up. Here also see results of rejecting God – selfishness, vile affections, reprobate mind
  - c. 2:1-16 – Their plea of innocence
    1. 1-11 – despise goodness of God
    2. 12-16 – they do not do as know should
3. 2:17 – 3:9 – Jews
  - a. 2:17-29 – They were worse because sinned in spite of the Law
  - b. 3:1-8 – Their plea of innocence
    1. 1-4 – what advantage do they have under the Law
    2. 5-8 – unrighteousness is sin regardless of results (Jews argued their sinfulness manifested goodness of God so they were innocent.)
4. 3:9-20 – All have sinned

a. Conclusion – vs. 10 and vs. 20 – all are under condemnation

II. Chapter 3:21 – 5:21 – Salvation or Justification – God on Throne Saving

1. 3:21-26 – Righteousness of God manifest
  - a. By grace – redemption by blood of Christ through faith in Christ
2. 3:27-31 – No boasting, saved by grace apart from Law
3. 4:1-8 – Justification illustrated by Abraham and David
4. 4:9-12 – Justification is apart from ordinances
5. 4:13-25 – Justified or saved by faith apart from Law
6. 5:1-11 – Results of justification
  - a. verse 1 – have peace
  - b. verse 2 – have access to God
  - c. verse 2 – rejoice in hope
  - d. verses 3, 4 – glory in tribulation
  - e. verses 5-8 – love of God shed abroad in our hearts
  - f. verses 9-11 – rejoice because know He will keep
7. 5:12-21 – Contrast Adam and Christ. Adam head of race which is lost; Christ head of new race which is saved.

III. Chapters 6:1 – 8:39 – Sanctification – Separation – God Holding Our Hand

1. 6:1-14 – Man is dead to sin. Sin no longer has dominion over us. We should yield ourselves as alive unto Christ.
2. 6:15-23 – To whom we yield ourselves we become their servants
3. 7:1-14 – Law should no longer have dominion over us since we are dead to it (marriage and its obligations as illustration)
  - a. Law should produce conviction of sin.
4. 7:15-25 – Paul's own experience in battle of yielding to Christ
5. 8:1-39 – No condemnation
  - a. 8:1-4 – because delivered from law
  - b. 8:5-13 – because Holy Spirit dwells in us
  - c. 8:14-17 – because are sons of God
  - d. 8:18-27 – suffering not inconsistent with sonship
  - e. 8:28-34 – because of sovereign will of God
  - f. 8:35-39 – because of love of God

IV. Chapters 9 through 11 – Sovereignty of God as Illustrated by His Dealings With Israel

These three chapters confirm the teaching of the sovereignty of God by showing His dealings with Israel.

1. Chapter 9 – their past
2. Chapter 10 – their present
3. Chapter 11 – their future

V. Chapters 12:1 – 16:27 – Service – God Walking With Us

These chapters show results of a yielded life.

1. 12:1-21 – What means to yield a life to God and results
  - a. verses 1, 2 – meaning of yielding

- b. verses 3-8 – results in service
  - c. verses 9-16 – results in fellowship
  - d. verses 17-21 – results in relationship to world
2. 13:1-7 – Duty to civil magistrates
  3. 13:8-10 – Do all in love
  4. 13:11-14 – Do all remembering we will meet Christ
  5. 14:1-23 – In things doubtful be careful for sake of your brother
  6. 15:1-13 – Jews and Gentiles are both saved by Christ
  7. 15:14-33 – Paul tells of his ministry to Gentiles and his hope to visit Rome