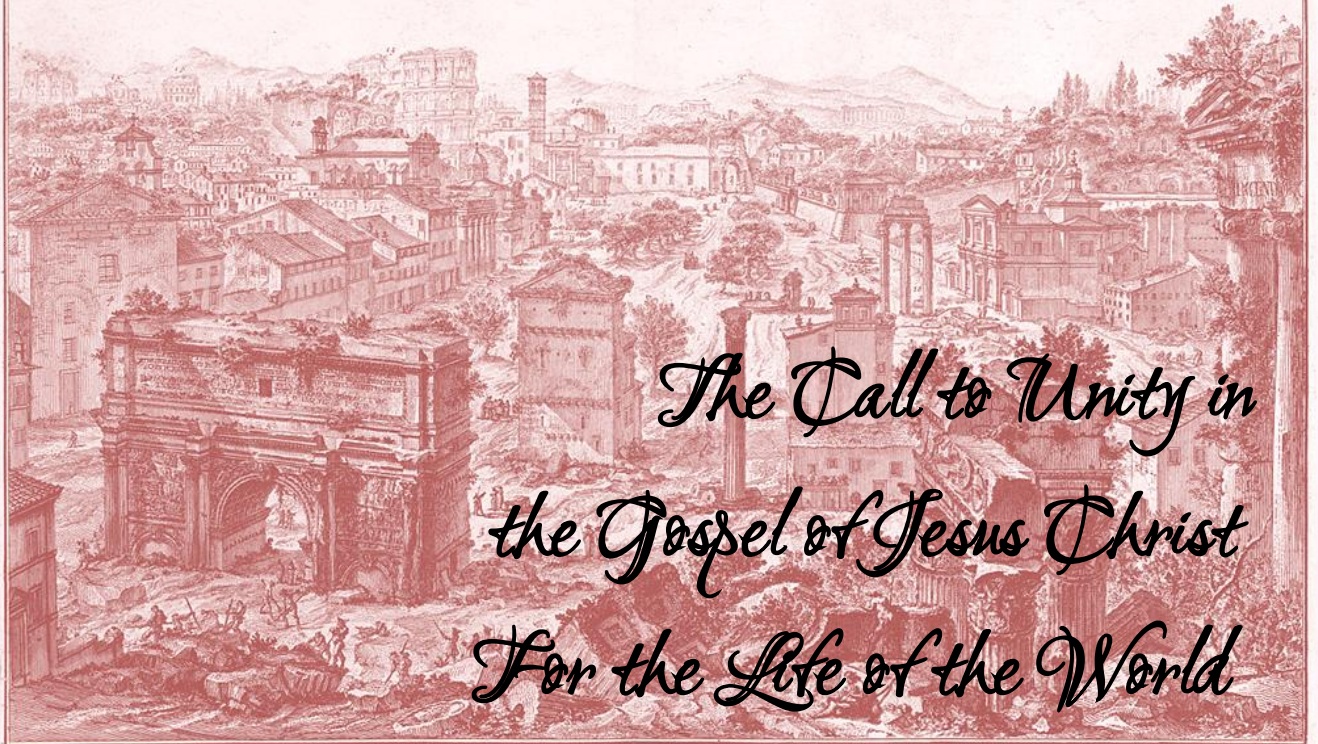


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Part 3: Romans 8-11

# Introduction

Paul's Letter to the Romans is well known for its clear theological argument for salvation in Christ alone by faith alone through God's grace alone. Martin Luther boldly declares:

This Epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, and is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but occupy (themselves) with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. It can never be read or pondered too much, and the more it is dealt with the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes.<sup>1</sup>

From the foundation of this clear theological argument, Romans offers a pastoral plea for this theology to unify God's people in how they live for the life of the world.<sup>2</sup> We make a critical mistake when we divorce theology from its intended purpose to shape our lives into the image of Christ. Unfortunately, this particular mistake tore apart the diverse Roman church from the inside out. Paul stepped into this rift and lovingly sought to mend their painful divisions with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Just as Paul provided the healing balm of the Gospel of Jesus to the Romans, we too are offered this same cure to our divisions. As a helpful reminder of what we mean when we say the Gospel of Jesus, here's our working definition from our membership material:

The Gospel is the power of God for the total salvation of everyone who believes and the restoration of all things on a cosmic scale- as written in **Romans 8**. More fully, God the Creator has acted according to His will to deliver us, His created sons and daughters, from our sins and restore us to Him. He did this by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life on the cross for the sins of his people satisfying His wrath toward sin. Jesus

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<sup>1</sup> Martin Luther, *Commentary on Romans*, trans. by J. Theodore Mueller (Grand Rapids: Kregel Classics, 1976), xiii.

<sup>2</sup> Remember, the phrase "for the life of the world" comes from **John 6:50-51** in which Jesus declares the redemptive purpose for which He has come into the world: to grant eternal life to those who believe in Him as Savior (or the Bread of Life). We, the Church, continue God's mission in Christ as we offer Jesus as the bread of life to each other and to our neighbors. This phrase that we use often serves to remind us of our humbling calling as ambassadors of reconciliation in union with Christ.

was then raised from the dead to grant us newness of life in the resurrection, ascended to heaven where he continues to intercede for us, and will return again to make all things new and glorious. In summary, you are not being saved FROM God, but you are being saved TO God! He has pursued you in Christ so that you may dwell in and be blessed by His presence for all of eternity!

Praise God for His unchanging truth and the finished work of Jesus that sets us free from all that divides us for His glory and for the life of the world!

To begin our journey, let us consider the historical circumstances for Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul wrote this letter near the end of his third missionary journey around 57 A.D. At the time of writing, he was most likely in Corinth during his 3 month stay in Greece recorded in **Acts 20:2-3**.<sup>3</sup> The Roman church was not planted by Paul nor had he yet visited them; however, he was planning to visit on his way to deliver aid to the suffering churches in Jerusalem.<sup>4</sup> The most plausible explanation for the origin of the Roman church is that it was started by a group of Jews converted at Pentacost who returned to share their transformation in the Gospel of Jesus.<sup>5</sup> The Lord abundantly blessed their efforts such that the Gentile converts quickly exceeded the number of Jewish Christians in the church. The Roman church served as a glorious picture of the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant along with God's other promises concerning the redemption of Gentiles. In **Ephesians 3:6**, Paul marvels at this reality when he refers to it as, "this mystery (of Christ) is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."<sup>6</sup>

Unfortunately, this glorious witness to the power of the Gospel was soon marred by sinful divisions within the church. The seeds for these divisions were sown when Emperor Claudius scattered the Jewish Christians from Rome around 49 A.D.<sup>7</sup> This opened the way for

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<sup>3</sup> D. A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo, *An Introduction to the New Testament, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992, 2005), 394; Charles Hodge, *Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1977 based on the Revised Ed., 1886), 9, further confirmed Paul's location based on several notable Corinthians being mentioned throughout Romans.

<sup>4</sup> Hodge, 7. Hodge states, "History, therefore, has left us ignorant of the time when the church was founded, and the persons by whom the work was effected.", 7.; cf. **Romans 15:25** concerning Paul's plan to visit.

<sup>5</sup> Carson & Moo, 395; This possibility casts a more sorrowful shadow over the eventual division in the Roman church given the unifying purpose of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentacost.

<sup>6</sup> Paul alludes to this in his benediction to the letter in **Romans 16:25-27**.

<sup>7</sup> cf. **Acts 18:1-2** for Biblical testimony to this event.

the converted Gentiles to step into church leadership. They interpreted this as evidence of God's particular favor on them as His newly chosen people.

This circumstance changed again as a result of political transition in Rome. The Jewish Christians were allowed to return in 54 A.D at the start of Emperor Nero's reign.<sup>8</sup> Disagreement between the Jewish Christians and the Gentile Christians erupted immediately over who had the legitimate right to rule the Roman church as God's chosen people. This revealed their underlying disunity in how they viewed themselves, each other, and, ultimately, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup> John Stott describes their disunity as primarily rooted in their distorted theology:

Even the most casual reading of Romans betrays the fact that the church in Rome was a mixed community consisting of both Jews and Gentiles, with Gentiles in the majority (1:5f., 13; 11:13), and that there was considerable conflict between these groups. It is further recognized that this conflict was primarily not ethnic (different races and cultures), but theological (different convictions about the status of God's covenant and law, and so about salvation).<sup>10</sup>

Hodge grants further insight into this division: "The Jews insisted, to a greater or lesser extent, on their peculiar privileges and customs; and the Gentiles disregarded, and at times despised the scruples and prejudices of their weaker brethren."<sup>11</sup> A church that had once served as a beautiful picture of the unifying power of the Gospel was being deformed by sinful divisions born of unbiblical theology.

Paul addressed this crippling division by reminding both the Jews and Gentiles of the fundamental theological ways in which they were unified for God's glory and redemptive mission in the world. According to Romans, they were unified in the following ways in their:<sup>12</sup>

-absolute need for Jesus as a result of their radical sinfulness and inability to save themselves (**Chap. 1-3**)

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<sup>8</sup> Carson & Moo, 395-6.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., 407.

<sup>10</sup> John R. W. Stott, *The Message of Romans: God's Good News for the World* (Downer's Grove: Inter-Varsity Press, 1994), 35, 34.

<sup>11</sup> Hodge, 7.

<sup>12</sup> There are a number of ways to break Romans into teachable units that remain true to Paul's teachings. It is beyond our scope to detail those here. However, most scholars agree to that Chap. 1-11 serve as the theological basis for the practical instructions given in Chap. 12-16. Our specific subdivision of those two main units can be found on **pages 9-10** of this devotional which are based on Paul's points of their unity listed above.

- justification (being relationally restored to God) in Christ alone by faith alone through God's grace alone (**Chap. 4-5**)<sup>13</sup>
- sanctification (maturing further into the image of Christ) and glorification (completion of Christ's work in us) in Christ alone by faith alone through God's grace alone in the Holy Spirit alone (**Chap. 6-8**)<sup>14</sup>
- formation into the undivided Church by God's predestined grace alone as opposed to any inherent quality within the two groups (**Chap. 9-11**)
- call to serve God's redemptive mission for the life of the world (**Chap 12-16**).

No earthly distinctions such as birthright or favorable (or unfavorable) circumstance should serve as a means of rending asunder what God had joined together in marital union in Christ. As Stott observes, "The most notable feature of these practical instructions is that Paul grounds them on his Christology, and in particular on the death, resurrection and parousia (second coming) of Jesus." He goes on to show how Paul's Christology formed their relationships with one another:

The weak are brothers and sisters for whom Christ died. Christ rose to be their Lord, and we have no right to interfere with his servants. He is also coming to be our judge; so we should not play the role of judge ourselves. We should also follow the example of Christ who did not please himself but became a servant – indeed a servant of both Jews and Gentiles. So, Paul leaves his readers with a beautiful vision of the weak and the strong, Jewish believers and Gentile believers, who are bound together by such a 'spirit of unity' that 'with one heart and mouth' they glorify God together (15:5-6).<sup>15</sup>

From the firm foundation of Jesus' Gospel and finished work, Paul calls for the Jewish and Gentile Christians to be reconciled in order to participate together in God's redemptive mission in the world.

In light of this, we must consider how destructive it was to the mission of the Roman church to have them fighting over who God loved more and had the right to claim control over the church. Satan's tactics proved masterful in getting them to turn on each other despite all their rich theology and redemptive experiences. We must also consider how destructive it is to the church's mission today for us to be fighting over who God loves more and has the right

<sup>13</sup> Stott, 35. Stott makes the argument, as we will, that this theological declaration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ serves as the unifying truth for how then we should live together for God's glory and the life of the world.

<sup>14</sup> Francis A. Schaeffer, *The Finished Work of Christ: The Truth of Romans 1 – 8* (Wheaton: Crossway Books, 1998), 19. Schaeffer recognizes the shift from justification to sanctification in **Romans 6**.

<sup>15</sup> Stott, 43.

to claim control over the church. Satan's tactics continue to prove masterful in getting us to turn on each other despite all our rich theology and redemptive experiences. More glorious ought be Jesus' Gospel that sets us free from the bondage of division. How wonderful the grace of God to provide us (as He did the Roman church) with Paul's letter that re-weds theology to its formative outworking in our lives for the life of the world! As John Stott simply but powerfully declares, "Only loyalty to the gospel can secure unity in the church."<sup>16</sup>

Given the importance of Romans for our understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and how it unifies us as God's people for the life of the world, we will take two years to slowly navigate the rich contents of Paul's letter.<sup>17</sup> Our hope is that the pace will afford us opportunities to:

1. bear the fruits of repentance of our divisions unto reconciliation in Christ
2. mature in our faith in Christ alone by God's grace alone displayed for the life of the world.

Luther captures this hope beautifully:

Faith is living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a (person) would stake (their) life on it a thousand times. This confidence in God's grace and knowledge of it makes (all) glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all His creatures; and this is the work of the Holy (Spirit) in faith. Hence a (person) is ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown him this grace; and thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate heat and light fires.<sup>18</sup>

Join us in praying that Paul's hope for the Roman church in **15:5-7** would be true in us as we grow in our understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

To this we as God's people cry out, "Amen! May it be so, Lord, for Your glory!"

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<sup>16</sup> Stott, 25.

<sup>17</sup> We will have a handful of Sundays throughout for one-off sermons and guest speakers as well as pause for Advent and Easter to focus specifically on the first coming of Jesus and His death, resurrection, and ascension.

<sup>18</sup> Luther, xvii.



Through our weekly liturgy, we will continue to seek nourishment from our historic faith and the Old and New Testaments. The calls to worship will come from **the Psalms** that celebrate God's call for us to rejoice in His sovereign faithfulness to mature us further into His image. We will respond together each week by reciting the foundational theological truths from **Romans** that unify us as God's beloved children. The assurances of pardon will come from key reminders in **Romans** of our sure salvation in Christ alone by faith alone through God's grace alone. We will respond with a prayer of thanksgiving from **Romans 8:38-39** to remind us of the eternal surety of God's love for us in the finished work of Jesus. Each week, our benedictory blessings will come from **Romans 5:1-5** to send us out reminded of our blessed freedom from condemnation and the gift of peace with God in Christ. The goal of these various elements is to form us further into the image of Christ as seek to serve as ambassadors of His reconciliation.

This devotional is designed to encourage daily meditation and prayer in personal devotions and/or family worship. You are encouraged to use it the week prior to the associated sermon so that you and your family are prepared for worship. In addition to the Scriptures and associated questions, there are opportunities to pray for the various aspects of the Church. On Wednesdays, we will pray for the various missionaries, church plants, and missional ministries that we support at CCC as well as local churches including our own. We also have the opportunity to pray on Saturday for the Holy Spirit to draw people to and prepare us for worship. On Sunday, the Lord's Day Sabbath, we will pray for the means of grace to help us live out the truths presented in the worship service. Our desire is to continue to facilitate and grow in our dependence on the Lord through prayer.

May God bless our time in personal devotion, family worship, and corporate worship as we seek for the Church to grow in the joy of salvation and unity in Christ for the sake of its mission in the world!

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

# Structure of Paul's Letter to the Romans

## Introduction:

- 1:1-7: *Paul's Greeting to the Church in Rome*
- 1:8-15: *Paul's Gratitude for All of God's People in the Church in Rome*
- 1:16-17: *Paul's Firm Foundation in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

## The Call to Unity in the Need for Jesus as Savior:

- 1:18-32: *The Gentiles' Need for Jesus*
- 2:1-11: *The Jew's Need for Jesus*
- 2:12-3:20: *The Universal Need for Jesus*
- 3:21-30: *The Righteousness of God for All Who Believe in Jesus*

## The Call to Unity in Justification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone by God's Grace Alone:

- 4:1-25: *Justification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone by God's Grace Alone: Abraham's Example*
- 5:1-21: *Justification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone by God's Grace Alone: Jesus' Finished Work*

The Call to Unity in Sanctification and Glorification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone by God's Grace Alone in the Holy Spirit Alone:

- 6:1-21: *Sanctification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone by God's Grace Alone: Resurrected Newness of Life*
- 7:1-25: *Sanctification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone by God's Grace Alone: The Weakness of the Flesh and the Law*
- 8:1-39: *Sanctification and Glorification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone by God's Grace Alone: The Power of Life in the Holy Spirit*

The Call to Unity in God's Gracious Mission to Form the Church:

- 9:1-33: *God's Predestined Grace and the Weakness of the Jews*
- 10:1-21: *God's Predestined Mission to the Jews*
- 11:1-36: *God's Predestined Mission to the Gentiles*

The Call to Unity in the Mission of the Church for the Life of the World:

- 12:1-33: *The Call for All to Present Themselves as Living Sacrifices for the Life of the World*
- 13:1-14: *The Call for All to Limit Distractions from Outside the Church for the Life of the World*
- 14:1-15:33: *The Call for All to Limit Distractions from Inside the Church for the Life of the World*
- 16:1-23: *Paul's Closing Commendations*
- 16:25-27: *Paul's Benediction*

# Sermon Schedule

## Part 3: Romans 8-11

Date	Call to Worship	Assurance of Pardon	Benediction	Sacrament
<i>Sunday, 5/8:</i> Romans 8:1-8	<i>Psalm 139:1-6</i>	Romans 8:9-11	Romans 12:1-2	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
<i>Sunday, 5/15:</i> Romans 8:9-11	<i>Psalm 139:7-12</i>	Romans 8:9-11	Romans 12:1-2	<i>Baptism:</i> <i>Jacob Baird</i>
<i>Sunday, 5/22:</i> Romans 8:12-17	<i>Psalm 139:13-18</i>	Romans 8:28-30	Romans 12:1-2	
<i>Sunday, 5/29:</i> Romans 8:18-25	<i>Psalm 130</i>	Romans 8:28-30	Romans 12:1-2	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
<i>Sunday, 6/5:</i> Romans 8:26-30	<i>Psalm 20:1-3</i>	Romans 8:28-30	Romans 12:1-2	
<i>Sunday, 6/12:</i> Romans 8:31-39	<i>Psalm 82</i>	Romans 8:38-39	Romans 12:1-2	
<i>Sunday, 6/19:</i> Romans 9:1-5	<i>Psalm 106:47-48</i>	Romans 8:38-39	Romans 12:1-2	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
<i>Sunday, 7/10:</i> Romans 9:6-13	<i>Psalm 105:1-6</i>	Romans 10:5-9	Romans 12:1-2	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
<i>Sunday, 7/17:</i> Romans 9:14-18	<i>Psalm 40:9-11</i>	Romans 10:5-9	Romans 12:1-2	

Date	Call to Worship	Assurance of Pardon	Benediction	Sacrament
<i>Sunday, 7/24:</i> Romans 9:19-26	<i>Psalm 84:1-4</i>	Romans 10:5-9	Romans 12:1-2	
<i>Sunday, 7/31:</i> Romans 9:27-33	<i>Psalm 84:10-12</i>	Romans 10:5-9	Romans 12:1-2	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
<i>Sunday, 8/7:</i> Romans 10:1-4	<i>Psalm 50:1-6</i>	Romans 10:10-13	Romans 12:1-2	
<i>Sunday, 8/14:</i> Romans 10:5-13	<i>Psalm 31:1-5</i>	Romans 10:10-13	Romans 12:1-2	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
<i>Sunday, 8/21:</i> Romans 10:14-21	<i>Psalm 34:1-7</i>	Romans 10:10-13	Romans 12:1-2	
<i>Sunday, 8/28:</i> Romans 11:1-6	<i>Psalm 86:8-13</i>	Romans 11:28-32	Romans 12:1-2	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
<i>Sunday, 9/4:</i> Romans 11:7-12	<i>Psalm 62:5-8</i>	Romans 11:28-32	Romans 12:1-2	
<i>Sunday, 9/11:</i> Romans 11:13-24	<i>Psalm 149:1-4</i>	Romans 11:28-32	Romans 12:1-2	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
<i>Sunday, 9/25:</i> Romans 11:25-36	<i>Psalm 123</i>	Romans 11:28-32	Romans 12:1-2	<i>Bread and Cup</i>

# Weekly Congregational Response

## *to God's Call to Worship*

Abba Father,

As You are present with us in worship, remind us of these things through Your Word:

- Our unity in being sinful and separated from You without Christ.
- Our unity in possessing nothing deserving of salvation apart from Your gracious love.
- Our unity in justification in Christ alone by faith through Your grace alone.
- Our unity in sanctification in Christ alone by faith alone through Your grace alone in the power of the Holy Spirit alone.
- Our unity in our calling to serve and love one another without partiality.
- Our unity in Your redemptive mission in Christ for the life of the world.
- Our unity in glorification when all things will be made new at the return of Jesus when we will all dwell together with You in joy for eternity.

Amen and Amen.

# Romans 8:1-8

## The Week of May 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 5/2: *Psalm 139:1-6*: Consider the implications of God knowing you and choosing to be in a relationship with you. How truly amazing is His grace?

Tuesday, 5/3: *Romans 8:9-11*: Give thanks for the Spirit of God that dwells in you because of the finished work of Christ applied to your life.

Wednesday, 5/4: Pray for the Holy Spirit to use our time in Romans 8-11 to equip us for the maintenance and mission of the church for God's glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

Thursday, 5/5: *Romans 8:1-8*: What does walking in the flesh specifically look like in your life? What does walking in the Holy Spirit specifically look like?

Friday, 5/6: *Romans 12:1-2*: How do the mercies of God help you to present yourself for the Lord's use?

Saturday, 5/7: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray in preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 5/8: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to mature us in walking in the Holy Spirit through the means of grace.

# Romans 8:9-11

## The Week of May 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 5/9: *Psalm 139:7-12*: What are some ways in which you have experienced God's faithful presence at different times in your life? Share this with someone this week.

Tuesday, 5/10: *Romans 8:9-11*: While you are still a mix of saint and sinner, what help are you assured of in this struggle?

Wednesday, 5/11: Pray for those who have been nominated as officers to seek the Lord's guidance in pursuing His call for His glory and the health of our church.

Thursday, 5/12: *Romans 8:9-11*: What are some ways in which you are more alive because of Christ who dwells in you?

Friday, 5/13: *Romans 12:1-2*: How has God blessed you by making you holy and acceptable for His service?

Saturday, 5/14: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray in preparation for bearing witness to a baptism. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you improve your baptism.

Sunday, 5/15: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Baptism*: Pray for the means of grace Holy Spirit to grow us in walking in resurrected newness of life in union with Christ.



# Romans 8:12-17

## The Week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday, 5/16: *Psalm 139:13-18*: What are some ways in which God has uniquely formed you for His glory? Give thanks for His creativity displayed in and through you.

Tuesday, 5/17: *Romans 8:28-30*: Meditate on how the doctrine of predestination serves to comfort those in union with Christ. Give thanks for God's redeeming grace.

Wednesday, 5/18: Pray for Robby Baxter, Josh Cuthbertson, Collin Hamlin, Bonnie Lane, Matthew O'Sullivan, Grace Potter, and Emilee Schelling to be encouraged in their service to our church.

Thursday, 5/19: *Romans 8:12-17*: What helps are you put to death the deeds of the flesh so as to experience life more abundant?

Friday, 5/20: *Romans 12:1-2*: What threatens to conform you to this world? What helps protect you from these threats?

Saturday, 5/21: Pray for the high school and college seniors who are graduating that the Lord would be with them as they transition to new phases in their lives.

Sunday, 5/22: *The Lord's Day Sabbath*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us rejoice in Spirit and truth in our adoption in Christ to our Abba Father.

# Romans 8:18-25

## The Week of May 29<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 5/23: *Psalm 130*: How has the Lord proved faithful in seasons of waiting?

Tuesday, 5/24: *Romans 8:28-30*: Share with someone this week how God has specifically worked a difficult circumstance for your good in Him.

Wednesday, 5/25: Pray for those who will begin training to volunteer in our Youth Ministry that they will be equipped to serve and love our students entrusted to us by God.

Thursday, 5/26: *Romans 8:18-25*: What gives you hope when you suffer?

Friday, 5/27: *Romans 12:1-2*: How are you currently cultivating a renewed mind for the glory of God?

Saturday, 5/28: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray in preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 5/29: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to mature us in our hope for Christ's return when all things will be made new.

# Romans 8:12-17

## The Week of June 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 5/30: *Psalm 20:1-3*: Give thanks to the Lord for the ways in which He has answered you in days of trouble. Share this with someone this week.

Tuesday, 5/31: *Romans 8:28-30*: What purpose have we been saved for?

Wednesday, 6/1: Pray for the Lord to provide new interns for us to invest in for the work of the ministry and the health of His church.

Thursday, 6/2: *Romans 8:26-30*: How has the Holy Spirit helped you in your weakness? Are you comforted by knowing that He prays for you when you don't know what to pray?

Friday, 6/3: *Romans 12:1-2*: Give thanks for the ways in which the Lord has blessed you and others through the renewing of your mind in the Holy Spirit.

Saturday, 6/4: Pray for the deacons as they meet tomorrow for the Lord to guide and bless them in their service to our church.

Sunday, 6/5: *The Lord's Day Sabbath*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort us in our weaknesses so that we may worship in the strength of God's grace.

# Romans 8:31-39

## The Week of June 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 6/6: *Psalm 82*: Who benefits from God's justice?

Tuesday, 6/7: *Romans 8:38-39*: Give thanks for the surety of God's love for you in Christ. Share this with someone this week.

Wednesday, 6/8: Pray for our elders to reflect the righteousness of God in their service to our church.

Thursday, 6/9: *Romans 8:31-39*: How does the truth of this passage help you to suffer well for God's glory?

Friday, 6/10: *Romans 12:1-2*: What are the banks of the river for testing something to see if it is the will of God?

Saturday, 6/11: Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw people to worship to hear that His people can never be separated from His love.

Sunday, 6/12: *The Lord's Day Sabbath*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to humble and encourage us with God's love through the means of grace.

# Romans 9:1-5

## The Week of June 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 6/13: *Psalm 106:47-48*: What is God's desire for His people? How should this affect our worship and life in the Spirit?

Tuesday, 6/14: *Romans 8:38-39*: Pray this passage for those you know who may be struggling with the assurance of God's love.

Wednesday, 6/15: Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us better serve and love through hospitality those who are single in our congregation.

Thursday, 6/16: *Romans 9:1-5*: Who do you long to see redeemed in Christ? Pray for them this week.

Friday, 6/17: *Romans 12:1-2*: How do you determine what is good and acceptable to God?

Saturday, 6/18: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray in preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 6/19: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to give us a heart for and the wisdom to humbly engage those who are cut off from God by their sin.

# Romans 9:6-13

## The Week of July 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 7/4: *Psalm 105:1-6*: What of God's deeds are you making known among those in your spheres of influence?

Tuesday, 7/5: *Romans 10:5-9*: Share with someone this week your testimony of coming to a saving faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus as Lord.

Wednesday, 7/6: Pray for the Lord to bless the marriages in our church through the fruits of repentance and the fruit of the Spirit.

Thursday, 7/7: *Romans 9:6-13*: What dictates the application of God's redeeming grace to our lives? How does this help make us freer in Him?

Friday, 7/8: *Romans 12:1-2*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless our church with a heart for serving one another as instruments of God's grace.

Saturday, 7/9: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray in preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 7/10: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to free us from the bondage of thinking we deserve to be served and blessed for any other reason than God's grace alone.

# Romans 9:14-18

## The Week of July 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 7/11: *Psalm 40:9-11*: Praise God for His steadfast love and faithfulness that preserves you through the various seasons of life.

Tuesday, 7/12: *Romans 10:5-9*: What is your righteousness based on: your deeds or your receiving in faith of the finished work of Christ?

Wednesday, 7/13: Pray for the Lord to continue to provide financially for our church so that we can cheerfully bless others through our generosity and invest in His eternal works.

Thursday, 7/14: *Romans 9:14-18*: What is the character of those whom God hardens before He hardens them? Which is more lavishly displayed in Scripture: God's hardening or His mercy?

Friday, 7/15: *Romans 12:1-2*: Pray for Holy Spirit to bless our church with a heart for serving those in our spheres of influence as instruments of God's grace

Saturday, 7/16: Pray for the mercy of God to bear eternal fruit by drawing people to Him in worship on Sunday.

Sunday, 7/17: *The Lord's Day Sabbath*: Pray for God's mercy to humble and unite us for His purposes.

# Romans 9:19-26

## The Week of July 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 7/18: *Psalm 84:1-4*: What helps you to experience worship with joy?

Tuesday, 7/19: *Romans 10:5-9*: How does Jesus being Lord currently affect how you live?

Wednesday, 7/20: Pray for the Holy Spirit to stir folks in our congregation to serve the coming generations in Children's Ministry as we resume classes in September.

Thursday, 7/21: *Romans 9:19-26*: What helps you to maintain a humble posture in your relationship to God as Creator?

Friday, 7/22: *Romans 12:1-2*: Pray for Holy Spirit to bless our church with a heart for serving in missions or other ministries as instruments of God's grace.

Saturday, 7/23: Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring those who doubt God's goodness to worship on Sunday so as to humble them by His redeeming love.

Sunday, 7/24: *The Lord's Day Sabbath*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us remain humble and joyful in our relationship to God as Creator.



# Romans 9:27-33

## The Week of July 31<sup>st</sup>

Monday, 7/25: *Psalm 84:10-12*: How have you been blessed by trusting in the Lord? Give thanks for His enduring goodness to you.

Tuesday, 7/26: *Romans 10:5-9*: Share with someone how you have been specifically blessed by the death of Jesus which removed your guilt, shame, and fear of God's eternal judgment.

Wednesday, 7/27: Pray for our teachers who will be returning to school to prepare for the coming year. Ask the Lord to use their witness to bear eternal fruit in the lives of those they serve.

Thursday, 7/28: *Romans 9:27-33*: What unites us in terms of salvation regardless of our backgrounds and understandings?

Friday, 7/29: *Romans 12:1-2*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless our church with a heart for serving our supposed enemies as instruments of God's grace.

Saturday, 7/30: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray in preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 7/31: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in our unity in being saved by God's grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

# Romans 10:1-4

## The Week of August 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 8/1: *Psalm 50:1-6*: What causes you to have a reverential awe and fear of the Lord?

Tuesday, 8/2: *Romans 10:10-13*: What riches has Jesus bestowed on you for calling on Him?

Wednesday, 8/3: Pray for our students and their parents as they return to school over the next couple of weeks that the Lord would grow their hearts and minds for His glory.

Thursday, 8/4: *Romans 10:1-4*: Who are you regularly praying for to be saved? Continue in the strength of God's grace, and don't grow weary in doing this good.

Friday, 8/5: *Romans 12:1-2*: Pray for Holy Spirit to bless our church with a heart for serving the coming generations as instruments of God's grace.

Saturday, 8/6: Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw someone that you have been praying for to worship on Sunday to regenerate their hearts in Christ.

Sunday, 8/7: *The Lord's Day Sabbath*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict and encourage us to persevere in prayer for those who don't yet know Christ as Savior.

# Romans 10:5-13

## The Week of August 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 8/8: *Psalm 31:1-5*: How has God served as a shelter for you in times of trouble?

Tuesday, 8/9: *Romans 10:10-13*: Meditate on your justification in Christ. How are you applying your justification to any shame that arises?

Wednesday, 8/10: Pray for the elders as they seek the Lord's guidance for our church on their elder retreat Friday, 8/5 through Saturday, 8/6.

Thursday, 8/11: *Romans 10:5-13*: Are there any disunifying distinctions that you are struggling with among fellow believers? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you bear fruits in keeping with repentance from these disunifying distinctions.

Friday, 8/12: *Romans 12:1-2*: Pray for Holy Spirit to protect our congregation from the conforming influence of the world from all sides.

Saturday, 8/13: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray in preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 8/14: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to grow us in our freedom from shame to serve Jesus as Lord of all.

# Romans 10:14-21

## The Week of August 21<sup>st</sup>

Monday, 8/15: *Psalm 34:1-7*: How are you encouraging others to magnify the Lord and exalt His name in worship?

Tuesday, 8/16: *Romans 10:10-13*: What spiritual riches has the Lord bestowed on you in Christ? How are you using these gifts for His glory, your joy, and the life of the world?

Wednesday, 8/17: Pray for our college students as they start a new academic year that the Lord would use it to draw them closer to Him and His people.

Thursday, 8/18: *Romans 10:14-21*: Who did the Lord use to share the Gospel with you? If possible, let that person know how grateful you are for their faithfulness.

Friday, 8/19: *Romans 12:1-2*: Pray for Holy Spirit to protect our students who are away at college from the conforming influence of the world from all sides.

Saturday, 8/20: Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring college students to worship for us to hospitably serve and love for God's glory and their edification.

Sunday, 8/21: *The Lord's Day Sabbath*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to grant us ears to hear the Gospel and be encouraged through the means of grace.

# Romans 11:1-6

## The Week of August 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 8/22: *Psalm 86:8-13*: What is God teaching you of His way that you may walk in His truth?

Tuesday, 8/23: *Romans 11:28-32*: How has God used your disobedience for His glory? How is He using your former disobedience to minister to others?

Wednesday, 8/24: Pray for Chris Blackman as he comes before the Northwest Georgia Presbytery on Saturday, 8/20, to be examined for ordination.

Thursday, 8/25: *Romans 11:1-6*: Give thanks to the Lord for His preservation of a remnant for His glory by His grace.

Friday, 8/26: *Romans 12:2-2*: Pray for Holy Spirit to protect those in our spheres of influence who don't currently know Jesus from the conforming influence of the world from all sides.

Saturday, 8/27: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray in preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 8/28: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to grow our gratefulness for God's grace as it both saves and preserves us.

# Romans 11:7-12

## The Week of September 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 8/29: *Psalm 62:5-8*: On what does your hope rest?

Tuesday, 8/30: *Romans 11:28-32*: Meditate on the blessing of God's gifts and calling being irrevocable. Share your observations with someone this week.

Wednesday, 8/31: Pray for the start of our new ministry year that the Lord would use it to mature us as a congregation further into Christ's image for His glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

Thursday, 9/1: *Romans 11:7-12*: How has God been longsuffering toward you? What impact should this have on how longsuffering you are with others?

Friday, 9/2: *Romans 12:2-2*: Pray for Holy Spirit to renew our minds as a congregation so as to discern God's will for our church.

Saturday, 9/3: Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring those who have been offended by other Christians to experience a humble and hospitable church in which to come to know Jesus.

Sunday, 9/4: *The Lord's Day Sabbath*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to give us a heart for the family getting bigger in Christ.

# Romans 11:13-24

## The Week of September 11<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 9/5: *Psalm 149:1-4*: What moves you to be expressive in worship as the Psalmist describes here?

Tuesday, 9/6: *Romans 11:28-32*: Give thanks to the Lord that our disobedience does not have the final say in our lives or the lives of others.

Wednesday, 9/7: Pray for Chris Blackman's upcoming ordination service. Give thanks for the opportunity to invest in him and his family for the work of the ministry.

Thursday, 9/8: *Romans 11:13-24*: What are the ways in which God has been kind to you in your salvation?

Friday, 9/9: *Romans 12:2-2*: Pray for Holy Spirit to renew our minds as a congregation so as to discern God's will for our individual lives for His glory.

Saturday, 9/10: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray in preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 9/11: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us grow in our appreciation for God's kindness towards us and others.

# Romans 11:25-36

## The Week of September 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 9/19: *Psalm 123*: Meditate on God's mercy displayed throughout your life. Share this with someone this week.

Tuesday, 9/20: *Romans 11:28-32*: How has the disobedience of others served to draw you closer to the Lord?

Wednesday, 9/21: Pray for Cameron Barham to be refreshed in the Holy Spirit through God's steadfast love and goodness.

Thursday, 9/22: *Romans 11:25-36*: What do you find most encouraging about God's sovereignty, all powerfulness, all knowingness, and goodness?

Friday, 9/23: *Romans 12:2-2*: How has God renewed your mind thus far in our study of Romans?

Saturday, 9/24: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray in preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 9/25: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup*: Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless us in the depth of the riches, wisdom, and knowledge of God.