

A Sixteen Week Study on Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome



# [Week & Chapter] O N E

#### Day One | Romans 1:1-7

Questions: How does Paul identify himself? Do those titles describe you? What does Paul say about the identity of Jesus? (v3-4) What is Paul's mission according to v5?

## Day Two | Romans 1:8-15

Questions: Paul opens the long letter with thankfulness. Why? Paul speaks of mutual encouragement (v12). What should that mutual encouragement look like in discipleship groups?

# Day Three | Romans 1:16-17

Questions: Have you ever been challenged about your faith in Jesus? Who do you know that can't be reached by the Gospel? How are righteousness & faith connected?

#### Day Four | Romans 1:18-23

Questions: How does unrighteousness suppress the truth? How have you seen God revealed through His creation? What was the result of failing to honor and thank God?

### Day Five | Romans 1:24-32

Questions: What does it mean to exchange the truth of God for a lie? How does this passage speak into the conversation around homosexuality in our culture today? What is the danger in giving approval to unrighteousness?

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# [Week & Chapter] T W O

#### Day One | Romans 2:1-5

Questions: Is there someone you know that deserves judgment? How does God respond to us when we judge others? How can our kind God also have wrath?

## Day Two | Romans 2:6-11

Questions: What significance do our choices have? Why does Paul say, "the Jew first and also the Greek?" Does that contradict v. 11?

## Day Three | Romans 2:12-16

Questions: What does Paul mean by works of the law? How are doers of the law actually saved? Are you righteous in God's eyes? Why or why not?

#### Day Four | Romans 2:17-24

Questions: What does it look like to teach others and teach yourself? How does this keep us humble? How does self reflection play into your time with God?

#### Day Five | Romans 2:25-29

Questions: What does true circumcision really mean? Why does just a "physical" circumcision always fall short? What qualifies someone to be a member of God's family?

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# [Week & Chapter] THREE

#### Day One | Romans 3:1-4

Questions: Did the Jews have any advantage over Gentiles? What is the significance of circumcision? How does the faithfulness of the Jews relate to God's character?

#### Day Two | Romans 3:5-8

Questions: Is God's wrath unjust? Why/ why not? Has God ever brought something good out of your sin or failure? Are you still accountable for that sin? What is righteousness? What is unrighteousness?

## Day Three | Romans 3:9-20

Questions: What does it mean to be "under sin"? To be "under the law"? What is the purpose of the law?

Is there anyone who is good enough to be justified by works?

### Day Four | Romans 3:21-26

Questions: What makes you "fall short of God's glory"? Why? What was it like when you received God's gift of salvation? How is God both just & the justifier of sinful people?

#### Day Five | Romans 3:27-31

Questions: Who was boasting in vs 27 and what were they boasting about? Were Jews justified by the law? Does the Gospel overthrow the law? Are you tempted to boast or be prideful?

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# [Week & Chapter] FOUR

#### Day One | Romans 4:1-8

Questions: Why did God declare Abramaham righteous? When we die & stand before God, will our good work be enough to meet God's standard of holiness? Why or why not?

#### Day Two | Romans 4:9-12

Questions: Was Abraham declared righteous before or after being circumcised? What is significant about that? Who can be saved by putting their faith in Jesus?

# Day Three | Romans 4:13-15

Questions: Why is salvation by faith, and not works, so important? Does being saved by faith mean we can ignore the law? Why? How do you view God's Law in your everyday life?

#### Day Four | Romans 4:16-22

Questions: How does salvation by faith guarantee salvation? What does 'in hope he believed against hope' mean? Have you/are you facing anything that is shaking your faith in God? What have you done about it?

#### Day Five | Romans 4:23-25

Questions: Why does Paul say our faith should be placed in Jesus? Have you truly placed your faith in Jesus? If you haven't yet, why not? If you have, how has it changed your life?

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# [Week & Chapter] F I V E

#### Day One | Romans 5:1-5

Questions: Do you feel like you have obtained peace with God? Do justification & grace lead you to rejoice? Why or why not? Has suffering ever led you to rejoice?

## Day Two | Romans 5:6-11

Questions: Do you struggle to accept that you were a sinner? How would you explain what reconciliation and justification mean to someone who is not a Christian?

## Day Three | Romans 5:12-14

Questions: How did sin come into the world through Adam? How did sin exist even before the law was given to Moses? How is Adam a type of Jesus? In what ways are they similar?

### Day Four | Romans 5:15-17

Questions: In what way is Jesus' victory greater than Adam's sin? If death's reign was ended by Jesus, why does death continue? Is Jesus greater than death? Do you fear death?

### Day Five | Romans 5:18-21

Questions: Does this passage mean that all people are saved? How did the law increase the trespass? Does this passage feel personal to you? Does it bring joy?

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# [Week & Chapter] SIX

#### Day One | Romans 6:1-4

Questions: Should we sin more so that Jesus can give us more grace? Do you feel like you are dead to sin? Why or why not? Have you been baptized? If not, what is holding you back?

## Day Two | Romans 6:5-11

Questions: Are you still trying to live for the world and yourself? Is there a sin that you still feel is enslaving you? Are you willing to die to your sin so you can live with Jesus?

# Day Three | Romans 6:12-14

Questions: How do we present ourselves to sin? Is God using you as an instrument of righteousness? How? Do you believe that sin has no dominion over you?

## Day Four | Romans 6:15-19

Questions: Why do you think we choose to enslave ourselves to sin? Does obedience to God feel like a chore to you? How is God calling you to walk in obedience today?

#### Day Five | Romans 6:20-23

Questions: What fruit has the pursuit of sin born in your life? What does godly fruit look like in your life? What's an example? Death is earned, but life is a gift. Why do we struggle with that?

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# [Week & Chapter] S E V E N

#### Day One | Romans 7:1-3

Questions: Do you feel bound by the law? Is the law of God a good thing or a bad thing? What is meant by "the law"? How would you define it?

## Day Two | Romans 7:4-6

Questions: What is the fruit of your life today? What does it mean to be released from the law? Is the way of the Spirit superior to the written code?

# Day Three | Romans 7:7-12

Questions: Have you ever wanted to do something that was forbidden? What is the relationship between sin & the law? Is Paul saying that we should ignore the law?

### Day Four | Romans 7:13-20

Questions: Have you ever done something you knew was wrong? Is Paul saying we aren't accountable for our actions? Do you wrestle between your flesh & your conscience?

### Day Five | Romans 7:21-25

Questions: Have you been tempted as you tried to do what is right? Do you ever feel wretched like Paul did? Who will deliver us from this body of death?

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# [Week & Chapter] EIGHT

#### Day One | Romans 8:1-8

Questions: What does "there is no condemnation" mean? Does it mean that Christians can do whatever they want? What does living in freedom look like for you? How do you set your mind on the Spirit rather than the flesh?

#### Day Two | Romans 8:9-11

Questions: Does the Spirit of God dwell in you? How do you know? What does "the body is dead because of sin" mean? Do you believe God is greater than the temptations of the flesh?

## Day Three | Romans 8:12-17

Questions: What does it mean to you to know you've been adopted by God? What is significant about being a fellow heir with Christ? Why must we suffer with Christ? Have you experienced this?

#### Day Four | Romans 8:18-30

Questions: Which seems greater to you: present suffering or future glory? As Christians, how should we think about God's creation? What does it mean that the Spirit intercedes for us?

#### Day Five | Romans 8:31-39

Questions: If we are in Christ, what do we have to fear? What is your greatest fear? Is Jesus greater than that fear? Does this chapter make you feel secure? Why or why not?

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# [Week & Chapter] NINE

#### Day One | Romans 9:1-5

Questions: What is it that causes Paul great anguish & sorrow? Why do you think he feels so deeply for Israel? What blessings & advantages do the Israelites have?

## Day Two | Romans 9:6-13

Questions: What does it mean to be "children of the promise"? What does this teach us about "election & calling"? Why did God choose Jacob over Esau?

# Day Three | Romans 9:14-18

Questions: Is God unjust? Why or why not? How is election related to mercy & compassion? Do you believe that God has called and chosen you?

#### Day Four | Romans 9:19-29

Questions: How does Paul answer the claim that this is unfair? What does it mean to be a vessel of mercy? What effect does this understanding of election have on pride?

#### Day Five | Romans 9:30-33

Questions: How have you obtained righteousness? How do people pursue righteousness by works today? What does it mean to say that Jesus is a "stumbling stone"?

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# [Week & Chapter] T E N

#### Day One | Romans 10:1-4

Questions: Do you share Paul's compassion & heart for the lost? What does it look like to have zeal for God but lack knowledge? Are you resting in God's righteousness or pursuing your own?

#### Day Two | Romans 10:5-10

Questions: What does it mean to confess with your mouth & believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord? Have you done that? Are you saved? Why are both believing & speaking important?

# Day Three | Romans 10:11-13

Questions: What would it mean "to be put to shame"? Are you encouraged to know that there is no distinction or hierarchy amongst God's people? Why does that matter?

### Day Four | Romans 10:14-17

Questions: What is significant to you about this chain: Sending-Preaching-Hearing-Believing- Calling on Jesus? Can you trace that pattern in your own salvation story?

#### Day Five | Romans 10:18-21

Questions: According to Paul, has Israel heard the Gospel? Is the problem in America that people haven't heard about Jesus or that they are "contrary & disobedient"? Why?

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# [Week & Chapter] E L E V E N

#### Day One | Romans 11:1-10

Questions: Do you think the Church has replaced Israel? Why or why not? Why did Israel fail to obtain what they were seeking? Why would God allow their hearts to be hardened?

### Day Two | Romans 11:11-16

Questions: What was God's purpose in the fall of Israel? What blessings could come from Israel accepting Jesus? Has God ever used a failure to do something good in your life?

# Day Three | Romans 11:17-24

Questions: As branches grafted in, why shouldn't we be arrogant? What keeps us connected to the roots? What is meant by the "kindness & severity" of God?

### Day Four | Romans 11:25-29

Questions: How would you explain what Paul is saying here? How can they be enemies & yet beloved? Do you see God's gifts & calling as irrevocable?

#### Day Five | Romans 11:30-36

Questions: Do you view yourself as one who was disobedient & in need of mercy? Why is it important to see our need for mercy? Does it trouble you to admit that God's ways are unsearchable?

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# [Week & Chapter] T W E L V E

### Day One | Romans 12:1-2

Questions: What does "presenting yourself as a living sacrifice" look like? In what ways have you conformed to this world? What does it look like to have your mind renewed?

## Day Two | Romans 12:3-8

Questions: What is the danger of thinking more highly of ourselves? How has this played out in your own life? Have you ever thought of some in the body greater than others?

# Day Three | Romans 12:9-13

Questions: How do we fulfill the list that Paul exhorts in these verses? Who is Paul asking us to put first? What does genuine love look like? How do you know it's real?

### Day Four | Romans 12:14-18

Questions: Which on this list are the most challenging for you to live out? What makes them a challenge? Who are you struggling to live at peace with?

### Day Five | Romans 12:19-21

Questions: What is difficult about not taking revenge on others? How might we ask God to help us? In what ways are you tempted to become overcome by evil?

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# [Week & Chapter] THIRTEEN

#### Day One | Romans 13:1-4

Questions: What does"be subject to governing authorities" look like today? How can you pray for those who live in difficult places? How do we reconcile this passage with harsh rulers today?

### Day Two | Romans 13:5-7

Questions: Do you consider authorities ministers of God? Why or why not? How does honoring authorities also honor God? Who are you struggling to respect & honor today?

## Day Three | Romans 13:8-10

Questions: How does love fulfill the commandments? What does it look like to owe no one anything except love? What are some words you'd use to describe this kind of love?

### Day Four | Romans 13:11-12

Questions: What would it look like for those you love to wake from sleep? Why is it important to act with urgency now? Where in your life do you need to wake from sleep?

#### Day Five | Romans 13:13-14

Questions: What does it mean to walk properly as in the daytime? What does it mean to put on the Lord Jesus Christ in your life? Are you making provision for the flesh & rationalizing sin?

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# [Week & Chapter] FOURTEEN

#### Day One | Romans 14:1-4

Questions: Why does Paul instruct us not to quarrel over opinions? What causes you to despise or judge others? Will you repent? What is the difference between accountability & judgement?

### Day Two | Romans 14:5-9

Questions: How can each person be fully convinced in their own mind? Does this passage bring conviction for you in any area? Is it possible to fully live for the Lord? Why or why not?

# Day Three | Romans 14:10-12

Questions: Why is it dishonoring God to judge another person? Are you afraid to stand before God in judgement? Why? If Jesus died for our sins, will we still give account to God?

### Day Four | Romans 14:13-19

Questions: Have you ever put a hindrance in front of someone else? In what ways can your behavior lead others to sin? How can you choose to build someone else up today?

#### Day Five | Romans 14:20-23

Questions: Should Christians drink alcohol? Why or why not? Are there things you are doing despite feeling convicted that they are wrong? What will you do today to end it?

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# [Week & Chapter] FIFTEEN

### Day One | Romans 15:1-7

Questions: Is your hope built on endurance and encouragement from Scripture? How could you build greater hope this way? Do you work toward the goal of one voice?

## Day Two | Romans 15:8-13

Questions: Is God's truthfulness essential to your life? How has God shown you mercy and do you glorify Him for it? Why is hope so important to our lives? Why must the Spirit fill us with hope?

## Day Three | Romans 15:14-21

Questions: Why does Paul need to send reminders to the Romans? Are you obedient by word and deed? Does v. 21 challenge you to share Jesus with others?

### Day Four | Romans 15:22-29

Questions: What are ways you can bless someone in their walk today? Do you find it hard to share material blessings with others? How do we "come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ"?

#### Day Five | Romans 15:30-33

Questions: Do you ask others for prayers on your behalf? If not, why? Do you feel "refreshed" with the people you spend time with? Why or why not?

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# [Week & Chapter] SIXTEEN

#### Day One | Romans 16:1-9

Questions: Are you growing in faith with others in the church? How have you seen the Lord using others in our church? Make a list of how you have seen God at work in others.

#### Day Two | Romans 16:10-16

Questions: What does it mean to be approved in Christ? Are you? Are you working hard for the Lord? How can we pursue & foster a diverse community of faith?

# Day Three | Romans 16:17-19

Questions: At what point could disagreement turn into division? Do you ever serve your own appetite rather than Christ? How? How can you discern what is "good and innocent" from "evil"?

### Day Four | Romans 16:20-23

Questions: What does Paul mean when he says Satan will be crushed? How do you feel about "hosting" members of the church? How is this service to the Lord?

#### Day Five | Romans 16:25-27

Questions: How does the gospel and Jesus Christ strengthen you? What does "obedience of faith" look like in our lives? What is your biggest takeaway from studying Romans?

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