

Book: Romans (*6th Book of the New Testament*)

Who: Paul is writing to the Romans from Corinth

What's It About: Basic Gospel Doctrine

First 11 Chapters: Doctrine

Last 5 Chapters:

Romans 1 (Big Takeaways)

1. **Paul's Work:** To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and to lead people of all nations to believe and obey Him. (*Romans 1:1-5*)
2. **The Gospel: The Good News of Jesus Christ.**
 - a. You don't have to do anything to be welcomed and accepted by God. **This is a gift that was given to us through the blood of Jesus.** A gift is not something that you work for. Simply believe in Jesus Christ and receive the free gift of salvation.
 - b. The Gospel shows us how God makes people right with Him. God's way of making people right begins and ends with faith. As the scriptures say, "The one who is right with God by faith will live forever." (*Romans 1:17*)

Romans 2 (Big Takeaways)

1. None of us are worthy to judge others. (*Romans 2:1*)

Romans 3 (Big Takeaways)

1. ...no one can be made right with God by following the law. The law only shows us our sin. (*Romans 3:19-20*)
2. God has a way to make people right, and it has nothing to do with the law... (*Romans 3:21*)
3. God makes people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. He does this for all who believe in Christ. Everyone's the same. All have sinned and are not good enough to share God's divine greatness. (*Romans 3:22-23*)
4. They are made right with God through His grace. This is a free gift. They are made right with God by being made free from sin through Jesus Christ. God gave Jesus as a way to forgive people's sins through their faith in him. God can forgive them because the blood sacrifice of Jesus pays for their sins. God gave Jesus to show that he always does what is right and fair. He was right in the past when he was patient and did not punish people for their sins. And in our own time he still does what is right. God worked all this out in a way that allows him to judge people fairly and still make right for any person who has faith in Jesus. (*Romans 3:24-26*)
5. We have no reason to boast about ourselves. Why? Because we are depending on the way of faith, not what we have done in following the law. We are made right with God through faith, not through what we have done to follow the law. (*Romans 3:27-28*)

6. Does this mean that we destroy the law by following the law of faith? Not at all... In fact, faith causes us to be what the law actually wants. (*Romans 3:31*)

Romans 4 (Big Takeaways)

1. When people work, their pay is not given to them as a gift. They earn the pay they get. But people cannot do any work that can make them right with God. So they must trust Him. Then He accepts their faith and that makes them right with Him. (*Romans 4:4-5*)
2. Abraham did not get the promise because he followed the law. He received the promise because he was right with God through his faith. If people could get God's promise by following the law, then faith is worthless, because the law can only bring God's anger on those who disobey it. But if there is no law then there is nothing to disobey. (*Romans 4:13-15*)
3. People get what God promises by having faith. This happens so that the promise can be a free gift. (*Romans 4:16*)
4. Abraham, a true example of what it looks like to walk by faith and not by sight. (*Read Romans 4:18-25 for proof of this*)

Romans 5 (Big Takeaways)

1. We have been made right with God by the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ. So, through Christ we will surely be saved from God's anger. (*Romans 5:9*)
2. Sin came into the world because of what one man did. And with sin came death. So this is why all people must die because all people have sinned. Sin was in the world before the law of Moses. But God does not consider people to be guilty of sin if there is no law. But from the time of Moses, to the time of Adam, everyone had to die. Adam can be compared to Christ, but God's free gift is not like Adam's sin. Many people died because of the sin of one man. But the grace that people received from God was much greater. Many received God's gift of life by the grace of this other man, Jesus Christ. (*Romans 5:12-17*)
3. Where sin increased there was even more of God's grace (*Romans 5:20*)

Romans 6 (Big Takeaways)

1. So should we continue sinning just because we know that God will give us more and more grace over and over again? No! (*Romans 6:1-5*) and (*Romans 6:15*)
 - a. Do we harm ourselves over and over again to the point of destruction just because we know that there is an emergency room that will care for us? No. We gain scars and trauma to our physical body in the process if we do this... -Haley
2. You should see yourselves as being dead to the power of sin and alive for God through Jesus Christ (*Romans 6:11*)
3. Don't let sin control your life here on earth. Don't be ruled by the things your sinful self makes you want to do. Offer yourselves to God to be used for doing good. Sin will not be your master when you live under the grace of God. (*Romans 6:12-14*)

4. You become slaves to whatever you give yourselves to. Anything or anyone you follow will be your master. You can follow sin, or you can obey God. Following sin brings spiritual death, but obeying God makes you right with Him. (*Romans 6:16*)
5. The laws are guidelines to protect us from sin. (*Romans 6:7-8*)

Romans 8: Big Takeaways

1. Anyone who is in Christ Jesus is not judged guilty. You are made free. (*Romans 8:1-2*)
2. The true children of God are those who let God's Spirit lead them. (*Romans 8:14*)
3. Free will (*Romans 8:20-21*)
4. Nothing can separate us from God's love (*Romans 8:37-39*)

Romans 9: Big Takeaways

1. (*Romans 9:30-33*) Your works can not make you right with God

Romans 10: Big Takeaways

1. You will be saved (*Romans 10:8-10*)

Romans 11: Big Takeaways

1. (*Romans 11:18-21*) Do not think of yourself more highly than you should.
2. God is kind but he is strict (*Romans 11:22*)
3. God is able to "take us back." (*Romans 11:23*)

Romans 12 (Big Takeaways)

1. Offer your lives up to God so that He can use you. (*Romans 12:1-2*)
2. Be honest with yourself about where you stand with God (*Romans 12:3*)
3. Use your gifts (*Romans 12:6-7*)
4. Love one another (*Romans 12:9-10*)
5. Work hard when it comes to serving the Lord and be excited about it (*Romans 12:9-11*)
6. Romans 12:12-19
 - a. Be happy because of the hope that you have
 - b. Be patient when you have troubles
 - c. Pray all the time
 - d. Share with God's people who need help
 - e. Wish only good for those who treat you badly. Ask God to bless them, not to curse them.
 - f. Live together in peace with one another
 - g. Don't be proud. Be willing to be friends with people that aren't important to others
 - h. Don't think of yourself as smarter than everyone else
 - i. If someone does you wrong, don't pay them back
 - i. "I am the one who punishes, I will pay people back." - Deuteronomy 32:35
7. (*Romans 12:20-21*) Be good to your enemies

Romans 13 (Big Takeaways)

1. Love others. When you love others, you find yourself covering a multitude of requirements on how we should treat one another. (*Romans 13:8-14*)
2. You are a walking advertisement of Christ (*Romans 13:14*)

Romans 14 (Big Takeaways)

1. Be willing to accept those who still have doubts about what believers can do. And don't argue with them about their different ideas. (*Romans 14:1*)
2. Each of us will have to explain to God about the things we do (*Romans 14:12*)
3. So, let's stop judging one another. (*Romans 14:13*)
4. Let's try as hard as we can to do what will bring peace. Let's do whatever will help each other grow stronger in faith. (*Romans 14:19*)

Romans 16 (Big Takeaways)

1. Beware of people who cause arguments and hurt people's faith by teaching things that are against what you learned. Stay away from them. (Romans 16:17)
 - a. BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHING: These false teachers will seek to cause division.
2. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God" (1 John 4:1-2)
3. Revelation 19:10 : ...the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of Prophecy
 - a. The spirit of true prophecy (the essence of what it is to really prophecy) is to bear witness to Jesus.
 - b. *For the spirit of prophecy is to bear witness to Jesus.*