

ROMANS SYLLABUS

Romans and Righteousness

LESSON #1: An Introduction to Romans

10 January 1982

AN OUTLINE OF ROMANS

- I. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
 - A. The Doctrine of Sin (1:1 - 3:20)
 - B. The Doctrine of Justification (3:21 - 5:21)
 - C. The Doctrine of Sanctification (6:1 - 8:39)
- II. The Dealing with Israel (Ch. 9-11)
 - A. Israel, Its Past (9:1-33)
 - B. Israel, Its Present (10:1-21)
 - C. Israel, Its Future (11:1-36)
- III. Christian Duty (Ch. 12-16)
 - A. The Duty in Service (12:1 - 13:14)
 - B. The Duty Concerning Disputed Things (14:1 - 15:13)
 - C. The Duty of Paul (15:14 - 16:27)

LESSON SCHEDULE

10 January	Romans and Righteousness (Introduction)
17 January	The Ruin of Man (1:1-32)
24 January	The Wrath of God (2:1 - 3:20)
31 January	God's Solution (3:21 - 4:25)
7 February	The Grace of God (5:1-21)
14 February	Freedom in Christ (6:1 - 7:25)
21 February	The Heirs of God (8:1-39)
28 February	The Choice of God (9:1 - 10:21)
7 March	The Future of Israel (11:1-36)
14 March	Christian Service (12:1 - 13:14)
21 March	Christian Liberty (14:1-21)
28 March	The Glory of God (14:22 - 15:13)
4 April	Christian Testimony (15:14 - 16:27)

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The Ruin of Man

LESSON #2: Romans 1:1-32

17 January 1982

Overall Outline of Romans: 1. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1 - 8)
 ii. The Dealing w/Israel (Ch. 9 - 11)
 iii. Christian Duty (Ch. 12-16)

Lesson Outline: 1. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1 - 8)
 A. The Doctrine of Sin (1:1 - 3:20)
 1. The Prologue (1:1-17)
 a. The Apostle's Salutation (1:1-7)
 b. The Apostle's Stewardship
 (1:8-16)
 c. The Apostle's Statement of
 Purpose (1:17)
 2. The Heathen Are Guilty Before
 God (1:18-32)
 a. The Knowledge Revealed (1:18-20)
 b. The Knowledge Rejected (1:21-23)
 c. The Consequences of Rejection
 (1:24:32)

Read the first chapter of Romans before the January 17th class session. Read it once each day between now and then. Try to read it in at least three different versions so as to gain a better feeling for the nuances of meaning in the original language as translated by different translators. In addition to original Greek and Hebrew, I will also be referring to the King James Version (a lot), the Revised Standard Version (almost as much as the KJV), Today's English Version (Good News Bible), Living Bible Paraphrase, The Oxford New English Bible, and J.B. Phillips' Paraphrase. Be prepared to discuss the following subjects (as well as anything else the Lord lays on your heart concerning our study):

1. Compare Habakkuk 2:4 with Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, and Hebrews 10:38. How are these four verses related? How do they each relate to the righteousness of God, the life in God, and/or the life in faith?

2. What is the overwhelming and all-prevading characteristic of the Heathen as Paul describes them in Romans 1:18-32? How is Romans 1:18 illuminated by Ephesians 5:6? What is the significance of Psalm 19:1 with respect to Romans 1:20.

3. Various definitions of God and his aspects have been put forth by various religions and cults from time-to-time. God's grace has been described as unmerited favor, reward for meritorious service, overlooking of sin, and universal blessing. Which is correct and why?

NOTE: The class schedule each week will be basically my delivering the lesson I have prepared (9:30 - 10:10 am) followed by general discussion (10:10 - 10:30 am) which may center on the suggested questions or on others which may interest you. We will close with prayer at 10:30.

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The Wrath of God

LESSON #3, Romans 2:1 - 3:20

24 January 1982

- Lesson Outline: I. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
- A. The Doctrine of Sin (1:1 - 3:20)
 - 1. The Prologue (1:1-17)
 - 2. The Heathen Are Guilty Before God (1:18-32)
 - 3. The Good People Are Guilty Before God (2:1-16)
 - a. The Principles of God's Judgement (2:1)
 - i. Truth (2:2-5)
 - ii. Works (2:6-10)
 - iii. Impartiality (2:11-16)
 - 4. The Religious People Are Guilty Before God (2:17 - 3:8)
 - a. The Pride of the Jew (2:17-20)
 - b. The Practice of the Jew (2:21-24)
 - c. The Praise of the Jew (2:25-29)
 - d. The Profit of the Jew (3:1-8)
 - 5. All Mankind Is Guilty Before God (3:9-20)
 - a. All Men are Sinners (3:9-12)
 - b. All of Man is Sinful (3:13-18)
 - c. The Whole World is Guilty Before God (3:19-20)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. It is clear from the very fact that you and I are alive today that God has delayed his judgement. If he executed judgement at the point in time when sin was committed, Adam and Eve would have been destroyed in the Garden of Eden and all humanity except for them would have never existed. Compare Romans 2:4 with 11 Peter 3:9. Why has God delayed judgement?
2. The Ten Commandments are part of the "Mosaic Law". The complete Mosaic law actually includes a total of 613 separate provisions. What was the purpose of the Law?
3. Compare Romans 2:11-15 with Genesis 18:25, I Samuel 2:10, Psalm 9:7-8, Isaiah 2:4, Joel 3:12, Romans 2:16, and John 5:22. What truth does this comparison reveal?

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God's Solution

LESSON #4: Romans 3:21 - 4:25

31 January 1982

- Lesson Outline: I Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
- A. The Doctrine of Sin (1:1 - 3:20)
 - B. The Doctrine of Justification (3:21 - 5:21)
 - 1. The Description of Justification (3:21-31)
 - a. The Channel of Justification (3:21-23)
 - b. The Basis of Justification (3:24-26)
 - c. The Law and Justification (3:27-31)
 - 2. The Illustration of Justification (4:1-25)
 - a. The Illustration of Abraham (4:1-8)
 - b. The Illustration of Circumcision (4:9-12)
 - c. The Illustration of Heirship (4:13-16)
 - d. The Illustration of Faith (4:17-25)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Compare Romans 3:24 with Romans 4:16, Ephesians 2:8, Titus 3:5,7 and Romans 3:20. How does one become justified by God? How many people have been justified before God by the deeds that they have done?
2. Compare Romans 4:3 with Genesis 15:6, Galatians 3:6, and James 2:23. What do you have to do to be justified before God?
3. What is righteousness as defined in Romans 3:21 - 4:25?

THE GRACE OF GOD

LESSON #5: Romans 5:1-21

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- Lesson Outline: I. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
- A. The Doctrine of Sin (1:1 - 3:20)
 - B. The Doctrine of Justification (3:21 - 5:21)
 - 1. The Description of Justification (3:21-31)
 - 2. The Illustration of Justification (4:1-25)
 - 3. The Benefits of Justification (5:1-11)
 - a. Peace With God (5:1)
 - b. Access to God (5:2a)
 - c. Hope in God (5:2b)
 - d. Fruit of Tribulation (5:3-4)
 - e. Love (5:5a)
 - f. The Holy Spirit (5:5b)
 - g. Deliverance from God's Wrath (5:6-10)
 - h. Joy (5:11)
 - 4. The Application of Justification (5:15-21)
 - a. The Headship of Adam (5:12-14)
 - b. The Contrasts of Adam's and Christ's Headships (5:15-21)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Compare Romans 5:12-14 with Genesis 3:6, I Corinthians 15:21 and Hebrews 7:1-28. What is our relationship to Adam?
2. Compare Romans 1:18, Acts 17:30, and Ephesians 5:6 with Romans 5:9, Ephesians 2:13, I John 1:7, and I Thessalonians 1:10. What is going to happen to you when Jesus comes to judge the quick and the dead?
3. Compare Romans 5:5 with I Corinthians 6:19, II Corinthians 6:16, Ephesians 2:21, and Hebrews 3:6. What do these verses have to say about our relationship with the Holy Spirit?

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Freedom in Christ

LESSON #6: Romans 6:1 - 7:25

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- Lesson Outline: I. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
- A. The Doctrine of Sin (1:1-3:20)
 - B. The Doctrine of Justification (3:21-5:21)
 - C. The Doctrine of Sanctification (6:1-8:39)
 - 1. Positional Sanctification (6:1-10)
 - a. Step One: We Died (6:1-5)
 - b. Step Two: We Know (6:6-10)
 - 2. Progressive Sanctification (6:11-23)
 - a. Step Three: We Reckon (6:11)
 - b. Step Four: We Yield (6:12-17)
 - c. Step Five: We Are Free (6:18-23)
 - 3. Powerless Sanctification (7:1-25)
 - a. The Marriage of the Saint (7:1-6)
 - b. The Purpose of the Law (7:7-14)
 - c. The Struggle of the Saint (7:15-25)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Compare Romans 6:1-10 with I Corinthians 1:2, 30; 6:11 and Hebrews 10:10, 14. What is the believer's situation with respect to the penalty of sin?
2. Compare Romans 6:11-23 with John 17:17, Ephesians 5:26, I Thessalonians 4:3, II Thessalonians 2:13, and I Peter 1:2. Also compare these with Romans 7:1-25. What is the believer's situation with respect to the power of sin?
3. Compare Romans 6:18-23 with John 8:32, I Corinthians 7:22, Galatians 5:1, and I Peter 2:16. What is Freedom?

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The Heirs of God

LESSON #7: Romans 8:1-39

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- Lesson Outline: I. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
- A. The Doctrine of Sin (1:1 - 3:20)
 - B. The Doctrine of Justification (3:21-5:21)
 - C. The Doctrine of Sanctification (6:1-8:39)
 - 1. Positional Sanctification (6:1-10)
 - 2. Progressive Sanctification (6:11-23)
 - 3. Powerless Sanctification (7:1-25)
 - 4. Powerful Sanctification (8:1-39)
 - a. The Power in Sanctification (8:1-17)
 - i. The Deliverance from Sin (8:1-9)
 - ii. The End of Conflict (8:10-11)
 - iii. The Living of the Life (8:12-17)
 - b. The Products of Sanctification (8:18-27)
 - i. The Hope of Glory (8:18-25)
 - ii. The Help of the Spirit (8:26-27)
 - c. The Praise of Sanctification (8:28-39)
 - i. The Purpose of God (8:28-30)
 - ii. The Security of the Believer (8:31-39)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Compare Romans 8:1-39 with Philippians 3:21, I Corinthians 15:43, Colossians 3:4, I John 3:1 & 2, and II Peter 1:4. What is the believer's situation with respect to ultimate deliverance from the presence of sin?
2. Compare Romans 8:1-9 with II Corinthians 5:10, Colossians 2:13, John 3:18, John 5:24, and Galatians 5:16. What do you have to do to avoid condemnation?
3. Compare Romans 8:29 & 30 with II Timothy 2:19, Ephesians 1:5, II Corinthians 3:18, I John 3:2, Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:6, I Peter 2:9, I Corinthians 6:11, John 17:22, and Ephesians 2:6. What are the meanings of the words "foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, and glorification"?

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The Choice of God

LESSON #8: ROMANS 9:1 - 10:21

28 February 1982

Lesson Outline:

- I. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
- II. The Dealing w/Israel (Ch. 9-11)
 - A. Israel, Its Past (9:1-33)
 - 1. The Position of Israel (9:1-5)
 - 2. The Persons in Israel (9:6-13)
 - 3. The Selection of Israel (9:14-24)
 - 4. The Salvation of Gentiles (9:25-33)
 - B. Israel, Its Present (10:1-21)
 - 1. The Ignorance of the Way of Salvation (10:1-11)
 - 2. The Ignorance of the Application of Salvation (10:12-13)
 - 3. The Ignorance of the Proclamation of Salvation (10:14-21)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Four of the covenants that God made with Israel were the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12-15), the Palastinian (Deuteronomy 30), the Davidic Covenant (II Samuel 7:12-16), and the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34). What is the major similarity between these four covenants which is also their major difference from the Mosaic Covenant (Refer to Exodus 19:5-6 and Deuteronomy 4:8).
2. Compare Romans 9:25-33 with Hosea 1:10, Hosea 2:23, Isaiah 10:22, Luke 2:34, and I Corinthians 1:23. What is the similarity between the Jews of today and the Gentiles before Christ was crucified and resurrected?
3. Compare Romans 10:5 with Deuteronomy 30:6. How does one obtain righteousness?

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The Future of Israel

LESSON #9: Romans 11:1-36

7 March 1982

- Lesson Outline:
- I Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
 - II The Dealing w/ Israel (Ch. 9-11)
 - A. Israel Its Past (9:1-33)
 - B. Israel, Its Present (10:1-21)
 - C. Israel, Its Future (11:1-36)
 - 1. The Partial Rejection of Israel (11:1-10)
 - a. The Illustration of Paul (11:1)
 - b. The Intention of God (11:2a)
 - c. The Illustration of Elijah (11:2b-4)
 - d. The Institution of the Remnant (11:5-10)
 - 2. The Temporary Rejection of Israel (11:11-32)
 - a. The Result of Israel's Blindness (11:11-15)
 - b. The Illustration of Israel's Rejection (11:16-17)
 - c. The Admonition Because of Israel's Rejection (11:18-24)
 - d. The Promise of Israel's Restoration (11:25-27)
 - e. The Universal Way of Salvation (11:28:32)
 - 3. The Doxology (11:33-36)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Compare Romans 11:2-4 with Malachi 3:6 and I Kings 19:18. What does God intend for Israel's future?
2. Compare Romans 11:25-27 with Ezekiel 20:33-38. What will happen to the ungodly in Israel when Christ returns?
3. Compare Romans 11:28-32 with Deuteronomy 7:8, Numbers 23:19, Ephesians 2:2, and Colossians 3:7. Why did God allow Israel to come to a place of unbelief?

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Christian Service

LESSON #10: Romans 12:1 - 13:14

14 March 1982

Lesson Outline:

- I Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
- II The Dealing w/Israel (Ch. 9-11)
- III Christian Duty (Ch 12 - 16)
 - A. The Duty in Service (12:1 - 13:14)
 - 1. The Service to God (12:1-2)
 - 2. The Service to Man (12:3-21)
 - a. The Relationship to Spiritual Gifts. (12:3-8)
 - b. The Relationship to Believers (12:9-16)
 - c. The Relationship to Unbelievers (12:17-21)
 - 3. The Service to the State (13:1-7)
 - a. The Principle (13:1a)
 - b. The Reasons (13:1b-5)
 - c. The Responsibilities (13:6-7)
 - 4. The Service to Individuals (13:8-14)
 - a. The Principle Given (13:8-10)
 - b. The Motivation Enjoined (13:11-14)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Compare Romans 12:6 with I Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4. To what percentage of Christians does the Holy Spirit give at least one spiritual gift?
2. Compare Romans 12:9-16 with I Corinthians 13. What should be the relationship between believers?
3. Compare Romans 13:6-7 with I Timothy 2:1 & 2. What should be the relationship of the believer with those in places of governmental authority?

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Christian Liberty

LESSON #11: Romans 14:1-21

21 March 1982

Lesson Outline:

- I. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
- II. The Dealing w/Israel (Ch. 9-11)
- III. Christian Duty (Ch. 12-16)
 - A. The Duty in Service (12:1 - 13:14)
 - B. The Duty Concerning Disputed Things (14:1 - 15:13)
 1. The Problem Stated (14:1-2)
 2. Principle No. 1: Liberty in Christ (14:3-12)
 - a. Refrain from Judging Others (14:3-4)
 - b. Recognize the Relationship to the Lord (14:5-9)
 - c. Realize the Right of God to Judge (14:10-12)
 3. Principle No. 2: No Cause of Stumbling (14:13-21)
 - a. Refrain from a Cause of Stumbling (14:13)
 - b. Recognize the Conscience of Others (14:14)
 - c. Relinquish Rights on Behalf of Others (14:15-21)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Compare Romans 14:1-2 with I Corinthians 8. What specific problem is indicated here? How does this problem relate to us today?
2. Compare Romans 14:3-12 with Hebrews 12:5-11 and II Corinthians 5:10. What guidance is being offered in these passages?
3. Compare Romans 14:13-21 with Genesis 4:9. What is the answer to Cain's question and what are that answer's ramifications for us today?

THE GLORY OF GOD

LESSON #12: Romans 14:22 - 15:13

28 March 1982

Lesson Outline:

- I. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
- II. The Dealing w/Israel (Ch. 9-11)
- III. Christian Duty (Ch. 12-16)
 - A. The Duty in Service (12:1 - 13:14)
 - B. The Duty Concerning Disputed Things (14:1-15:13)
 1. The Problem Stated (14:1-2)
 2. Principle No. 1: Liberty in Christ (14:3-12)
 3. Principle No. 2: No Cause of Stumbling (14:13-21)
 4. Principle No. 3: God to be Glorified (14:22-15:13)
 - a. Glorify God by Not Condemning Others (14:22-23)
 - b. Glorify God by Following Christ's Example (15:1-3)
 - c. Glorify God through Unity (15:4-23)
 - i. Unity through Hope (15:4)
 - ii. Unity through Glorifying God (15:5-6)
 - iii. Unity through Fellowship (15:7)
 - iv. Unity through the Body of Christ (15:8-13)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Compare Romans 15:1 with John 19:17. The same word (bastazo) is translated "bear" in both of these verses. What type of bearing is indicated?
2. Compare Romans 15:1-3 with Philippians 2:7-8. What example is being set before us and what should we do in light of it?
3. Compare Romans 15:10 & 11 with Deuteronomy 32:43 and Psalm 117:1. Then look at I Corinthians 10:31. What should be our general attitude in the midst of the daily cares and concerns of life?

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Christian Testimony

LESSON: #13: Romans 15:14 - 16:27

4 April 1982

Lesson Outline:

- I. Christian Doctrine (Ch. 1-8)
- II. The Dealing w/Israel (Ch. 9-11)
- III. Christian Duty (Ch. 12-16)
 - A. The Duty in Service (12:1 - 13:14)
 - B. The Duty Concerning Disputed Things (14:1-15:13)
 - C. The Duty of Paul (15:14-16:27)
 - 1. The Purpose of Paul (15:14-21)
 - a. His Commendation of Them (15:14)
 - b. His Compassion for Them (15:15-21)
 - 2. The Plans of Paul (15:22-33)
 - a. His Desire to See Them (15:22-29)
 - b. His Desire for Their Prayers (15:30-33)
 - 3. The Praise of Paul (16:1-27)
 - a. His Commendation (16:1-2)
 - b. His Greetings (16:3-16)
 - c. His Warning (16:17-20)
 - d. His Greeting from Others (16:21-23)
 - e. His Benediction (16:24-27)

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Compare Romans 15:15-21 with Ephesians 2:20, 4:11, and Isaiah 52:15. Then examine I Corinthians 12:28-31. What were two of Paul's spiritual gifts? Which did he choose to accentuate and why?
- 2. Compare Romans 16:25 with Ephesians 3. What is the mystery mentioned in Romans 16:25?
- 3. Compare Romans 16:21-23 with Acts 13:1, 17:5, 20:4, and I Corinthians 1:14. Who were Lucius, Jason, Sospater, and Gaius?