

A Study Through **The Book of Romans**

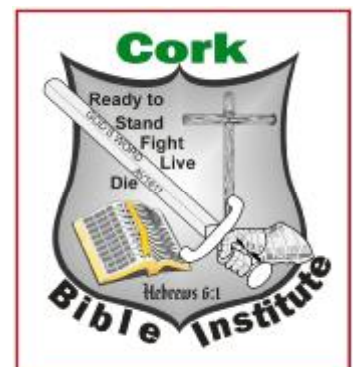
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There are 16 different Scriptures you will need to become very familiar with from the Book of Romans. Write down any key words that will help you remember each one as we study through this Book:

Romans 1:17	_____
Romans 2:4	_____
Romans 3:28	_____
Romans 4:3	_____
Romans 5:1	_____
Romans 6:6	_____
Romans 7:18	_____
Romans 8:1	_____
Romans 9:3	_____
Romans 10:3	_____
Romans 11:1	_____
Romans 12:1,2	_____
Romans 13:14	_____
Romans 14:13	_____
Romans 15:4	_____
Romans 16:17	_____

The Book of Romans

SECTION ONE

Chapter's 1 and 2

DEALING WITH SIN

In this section of Romans, we will learn the following Truths:

The Righteousness of God
The Sinfulness of the Best of Man

The Book of Romans

Chapter One - *The Righteousness and Wrath of God*

I. Introduction - Romans is The Greatest Book in the New Testament!

This is not an overstatement! This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of sin, judgment, justification, sanctification, victory, eternal security, and service!

II. Theme Verse of Romans: Romans 1:17

III. Introduction of the Letter (1:1-7) - All one long sentence!

A. The Author of this Letter (1,2) Identifies himself right at the start.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

B. The Subjects of this Letter (3-6)

1. The primary subject of this Book of Romans involve _____

 - a. He became flesh like us, and yet He was God
 - b. His works proved that He was God
 - c. His holiness (perfect life) proved it
 - d. His resurrection proved it!

C. God wanted to powerfully show that He was there, cared, and was willing to do what was necessary to get all who wanted to come, to heaven!

1. The other subjects involve _____
 - a. GRACE (Eph 2:8,9) - Salvation from our SINS! We are “called” by His name because we trusted in that name! I am a Christian NOT because I got baptized, but because I trust CHRIST!
 - b. Apostleship. Every Christian has a purpose - Paul’s was to be an Apostle. Every Christian is called to be a saint (1:7)
 - c. All because of simple obedience to faith
2. The Book of Romans can be outlined as follows:
 - a. Chapters 1, 2 deal with _____ - Negative!
 - b. Chapters 3 through 5 deal with _____ -Positive!
 - c. Chapters 6, 7 deal with _____ (victory over sin)
 - d. Chapter 8 deals with our _____ in Jesus Christ
 - e. Chapters 9 through 11 deal with the _____ of the JEWS
 - f. Chapters 12 though 16 deal with a Christian’s _____

D. The Recipients (7) To ALL that be in Rome - It was written to EVERYONE! Because EVERYONE needs this Book! Notice that there are “Letters” written to the saints at Colosse, at Ephesus, at Corinth, at Philippi (NOT just to Rome)!

IV. Paul’s Attitude Toward People (1:8-12)

A. An Attitude of _____ for Christians

B. An Attitude of _____ (1:9-12) He looked forward to being with them!

C. An Attitude of _____ (1:13)

1. Concerned that the Christians might misunderstand.
 - a. He has been Purposing to Go!

- b. But he is always surrendered to God - Christians **MUST** be prepared to wait upon God!
2. Concerned for the souls of the lost there in Rome - Paul was seeking to have fruit - _____! Paul never once cared about finances, and housing, but rather about people's souls, and their eternal destiny! He wanted only to preach Jesus Christ, and to see people turn from idols to serve God (1 Thes 1:9)

D. An Attitude of _____ (1:13-16a)

1. Paul says, "I am **determined** to do God's will and preach there!" How purposed are YOU to do God's will for your life?!
 2. Paul says, "I am **debtor** to do God's work there!" He was no longer a sin-debtor, but a service debtor! EX of someone rescuing someone else, and that person realizing what they owe the other! Sometimes, they start doing all sorts of things for them! Paul's life was focused on all peoples. Just as Christ died for all, Paul lived to preach Christ to all! Are you a debtor?
 3. Paul says, "I am **ready** to preach the gospel there!" *But it takes time*
 - a. Involves being trained in the Scriptures - Prepared/Trained
 - b. Involves being ready to do the job that Christ has for him there! Every Christian needs to have this concern and drive! Paul had preached all over Asia-minor, and trusted that he was now ready to press on further into Europe!
 - c. Involves being ready to pay the price - In Rome Paul was going to be beheaded!
 4. Are YOU ready to serve?!
- E. Paul concludes that, "I am _____ of the gospel!" Everything Paul put up with was because of the Gospel, and the worth of one person's soul! The gospel (horrible death, burial, resurrection for our sin) may be scorned at and mocked by the "refined" and "sensitive," but to those of us who are saved it is the only hope for this world! Are you ashamed of this Bible? Of the gospel message? Paul was not ashamed of what saved his soul (are you?).
- F. You see, Paul knows the condition of the human race, and how that their only hope rests in the preaching of the Gospel to save them that believe!

V. The Message of the Gospel (1:16-32)

A. Its Definition (1:16) - What is the Gospel? GodSpell, GodNews, Good News

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B. Its Revelation - The Gospel Reveals the Righteousness of God - Salvation By Faith Alone! (1:16,17)

1. Man's righteousness stinks (Isa 64:6; Titus 3:5)
2. God's righteousness must be maintained
3. So, God came and paid off our debt at the cross, and then asks us to just come as we are, and by faith receive complete forgiveness of sins!
4. Then, God demonstrates His righteousness one person at a time, from FAITH to FAITH! Notice, it is not from baptism to baptism, or from communion to confirmation, or from church service to church service! But only by faith!!!
5. We next look at the third aspect of the Gospel - **Its Reason - The Wrath of God** - Against ALL Ungodliness (1:18-32)

C. Its Reason - What is the Reason, Purpose for the Gospel message? Because of the Wrath of God - against all ungodliness (1:18-32). That's why people NEED the good news we have in our hands and heart! **Trouble is coming!**

1. _____ (1:18) - Wrathful, Angry, Against some things, Negative!
 - a. God is *against* all ungodliness and unrighteousness like a Doctor is *against* cancer, and infectious diseases! The purpose of a Doctor is to identify sickness, and then remove it from the life of an infected individual. God is primarily interested in removing the sin that cripples, and ultimately damns us!

- b. The principle is this: In order to preserve His creation, God must destroy whatever would destroy it.
EX: The U.S. Govt must find those that would blow-up government buildings, and stop them! Or else more people will die!
 - c. Every parent understands this feeling of wrath when they think of someone attempting to molest their children!
2. _____ - Describes man's condition (1:18-32) - Sinful, Full of Sin!
- a. They _____ the truth (1:18) - but it is in unrighteousness!
 - 1) People possess the truth - it is not hidden. But it is held in unrighteousness. It's like saying that it is held in contempt - not respected!
 - 2) People suppress the truth - hold it back. Would rather glorify Santa instead of the Saviour at Christmas. Would rather glorify the Easter Bunny instead of the resurrection. Would rather believe some university professor concerning evolution instead of the word of God. And then they get angry when someone attempts to bring God back into reference!
 - b. They _____ the truth (1:19-21). God has seen to it that EVERY person has some "light" to direct them to Him (John 1:6-9)
 - 1) Clearly visible and verifiable - yet ignored and rejected
 - 2) Understood - that is what science is all about - observing
 - a) You understand atoms (invisible) because you understand planets and galaxies
 - b) You understand gravity (invisible) because you can observe its effects!
 - 3) Even His eternal power, and Godhead!
 - a) We understand His power because we have seen the power of His creation
 - b) We understand His power because we see the size of His creation (no limit)!
 - c) We understand His Godhead (authority) because of His revealed and observable power! He's head, CEO, First Cause
 - d) We understand His Godhead (trinity) because everything operates in threes: 3-dimensions (not 4); 3-states (gas, liquid, solid); 3-sciences (time, space, motion), 3-parts to a human (body, soul, spirit); 3-parts to a family (father, mother, children); 3-aspects to time (past, present, future).
 - 4) So, every scientist, evolutionist, physicist, school teacher, astronomer, astrologer, chemist, surgeon is without excuse (1:20). If they have rejected the truth, it will not be because they didn't have it right before their very eyes!
 - c. They _____ the truth (1:22,23,25) - into a lie. People have to have something that they can reference as true (Einstein and the speed of light). They didn't like the truth as presented by God, so they changed it - like changing clothes, changing governments, changing wives!
 - 1) *They knew God*, but they didn't like God as He was (Racism and bigotry at its highest level)!
 - a) Didn't glorify Him like He should be
 - b) Didn't thank Him for ANYTHING - and yet everything is from Him!
 - 2) *They changed God*. Into an IMAGE! Idolatry. De-evolutionary trail! They let their imagination take over - they became VAIN, empty, worthless, *air-heads*! Begin to worship trees, mountains, stars, Sun, moon, horoscopes, 'aliens.' All the while calling themselves Professors, Doctors, MPs, Senators!
 - 3) All in order to *forgot God* - They forgot about the God of the Bible and started following their own god. They didn't like to retain God in their knowledge. Not popular
 - d. They do not fear God. They know full well the judgment of God (1:32) - They just don't care!
3. The Revelation of the Wrath of God Results in THREE Judgments - God's Punishment (1:24-32) - We are dealing with *the High Price of Sin*! Remember, this is God's CURE for sin - its removal! These are progressive steps - downward! Evolution is a LIE!

Watch how God is simply acting like a mirror. Sometimes the best way for us to learn is by example (EX me learning my impatience)

- a. God gave them up to _____ (1:24). Just as people gave up on God, God gives them up! When people turn to idolatry (1:21-23), which is physical they can make no clearer statement than they do not want God (John 4:24) - EX of a husband turning to another woman - how do you think his WIFE is going to “interpret” it?
 - 1) Because they did not glorify God, and were not thankful!
 - 2) Driven by *lusts* - No longer a matter of what is RIGHT and WRONG, but what FEELS good (you see, when you throw God out of your conscience, and throw His word out of your life, there is only YOURSELF to say what is good and bad)!
 - 3) So what do people end up doing? *Dishonouring* their own **bodies** between themselves (Heb 13:4) Sow dishonour toward God, and you will reap dishonour in your home!
 - 4) Here God judges people’s **bodies** - physical damnation (as in a ‘physical time-bomb’) - early death, overt troubles in the home, in the marriage, in their health - brought on themselves! This is the high price of loving sin!
- b. God gave them up to _____ (1:26,27) Still dealing with idolatry - replacing God! Some people worship statues and images and other man-made idols - some worship living creatures (nature, the stars, other people, themselves)
 - 1) Vile affections deal with the heart and soul of a person
 - 2) They begin to have unnatural affections
 - a) Woman CHANGED to go AGAINST nature
 - b) Men turned away from the natural pattern of marriage relationships to an ungodly form of sexuality - homosexuality
 - c) This is NOT a statement that heterosexuality is right and homosexuality is wrong - No. That is found in Gen 13-19.
 - d) This is a statement that when people become homosexual, it is because they are reaping God’s judgment (1:26,27)
 - e) But compare with 1Cor 6:9-11 (Whew!)
 - 3) These are only reaping what they sow - “receiving IN themselves that recompense of their error” - This is the very reason for why God removed the cities of Sodom and Ghomorra from the face of the earth!
 - 4) So, when this stuff is going on TV, radio, in magazines, and in HOMES day in and day out, it demonstrates that people have already started going WAY DOWN the path to God’s judgment!!!
 - 5) Involves the damnation of the soul! - **Emotional time-bomb**
- c. God gave them over to a _____ (1:28) Abandoned, rejected, damned, lost, criminal, abhor!
 - 1) This is complete abandonment - the worst thing that God could ever do toward a person is to leave them alone! EX: wives, leave your husbands for a couple of weeks and then come back into your home. EX: parents, leave your kids alone all day long.
 - 2) The problem is with people not wanting to keep God around (“retain”). So God leaves (Cf Rev 3:20).
 - 3) Satan’s primary goal is not only remove God from the university, from the government, and from the home, but to remove God from everybody’s CONSCIENCE!!!
 - 4) Spiritual abandonment - spiritual damnation! **Spiritual time-bomb!**
- d. Principles:
 - 1) _____. Without external intervention, it is unstoppable!
 - 2) People desperately need the Good News of Jesus Christ if they are going to escape the wrath to come (Heb 2:3)!

- 3) You see, there is ONE thing that the Gospel (as powerful as it is) cannot do - it cannot save a person unless he or she sees themselves as a guilty, lost and condemned sinner, in desperate need of a Saviour!

What follows are **THE List of Man's Sins** (1:28-31). It will shock you what God will not tolerate. You see, if a person is going to try and get to heaven by his or her goodness, they are going to have to BEAT THIS LIST! And no one by Christ ever did it!

4. The Revelation of the Wrath of God Results in the revealing of the following LIST of man's Sins (1:28-32). There are 21 in all. They cover two distinct directions of sins. Notice how that ALL movies today (with very little exception) are filled with these things!
- a. The first set deals horizontally - _____
 - 1) **Being filled with all unrighteousness** - not just dabbling in it, but being filled with it (count all the hours people spend in front of the TV and ingest all that ungodly filth)!
 - 2) **Fornication** - wrong sex (outside of marriage)
 - 3) **Wickedness** - wrong actions, wrong motives!
 - 4) **Covetousness** - now comes the knock-out punch! Focused on possessions, and getting, and having more than others!
 - 5) **Maliciousness** - only wanting to hurt other people
 - 6) **Full of envy** - never satisfied, content, or able to be happy
 - 7) **Murder** - Not self-defense, but hatred of life!
 - 8) **Debate** - always attempting to justify your actions
 - 9) **Deceit** - living a lie. Lying doesn't bother them.
 - 10) **Malignity** - relating to maliciousness, but more an attitude problem, than an action problem - malign or speak evil about something or someone (speak evil about those who are good, about God, about things they have no idea about)
 - 11) **Whisperers** - gossips, people who talk about you behind your back
 - 12) **Backbiters** - people who bite at you behind your back
 - b. The second set deals vertically - _____
 - 1) **Haters of God** - People hate Him personally! Racists!
 - 2) **Despiteful** - defiant attitude. Only wanting to prove themselves right
 - 3) **Proud** - measuring themselves by their accomplishments, and not by God's measuring stick!
 - 4) **Boasters** - caught-up in themselves and in the praise of men. Not "thankful" toward God. Definitely not humble
 - c. This third set goes back to listing horizontal sins:
 - 1) **Inventors of evil things** -
 - a) Majority of games now are evil! (Nintendo Sega, board games)
 - b) Look at what scientists have given us over the last 50 years - atomic bombs, pesticides that kill humans, nuclear disasters, chemical weapons, computer sex
 - 2) **Disobedient to parents** - the most fundamental unit of society is the home. In this family unit, there must be respect, trust, and obedience (parents no longer are trustworthy, and kids no longer trust)!
 - 3) **Without understanding** - no desire to know anymore, just want to DO, DO, DO! Live for the excitement, action!
 - 4) **Covenantbreakers** - no promise keepers (marriage, friendships)
 - 5) **Without natural affection** - the heart is all wrong. Love is now spelt LUST! Not loving the things that people used to naturally love (children are only a bother that can be aborted; God is only someone's opinion that can be refuted; Friends are only for advantages; Bible is only a book that can be dismissed). People rather substitute natural loves with un-natural loves (loving possessions; destruction; cruelty; self)!
 - 6) **Implacable** - not submissive, inflexible
 - 7) **Unmerciful** - always wanting mercy but never giving it!

5. Now think about it! Can anybody escape this list? NO! Because that is the list describing HUMAN NATURE! Maybe you might slip by Murder, Fornication, Hater of God, but NOT Envy, Lying, Covetousness, Disobedience to parents, Pride!
6. To top it all off, notice verse 32! People love it when OTHER people sin! THERE's your TV set at night! People LOVE to watch OTHER people get into bed with another man's wife! People LOVE to watch OTHER people murder someone! People LOVE to watch a kid on TV tell his or her parents where to go! That is their PLEASURE! They think it's ok because THEY aren't doing it! But they are! Christ said very clearly, you are what you think!

VI. Conclusion

THAT'S human nature! And the only hope for mankind is a NEW nature, that comes by humbling that old sinful nature that loves to sin, and coming to the cross, and asking Christ for the new one, the new birth! Repent of the old life so that you can accept a new one!

VII. Study Questions

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