

Bringing Romans to Life

A. PRIMARY EMPHASIS – THE GOSPEL (1:1-6, 1:16-17)

1) What the Gospel Is

<u>1:1-6</u>	<u>Messengers (1:1-2)</u> Apostles Prophets	<u>Concerning (1:3-4)</u> God's Son David's Son Resurrected Son Jesus Christ Our Lord	<u>Recipients (1:5-6)</u> Obedience of Faith From all Nations Called to belong to Jesus) Called to be loved by God
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1:16-17 God's power (not men's) for salvation
 Received by Faith
 Righteousness of God received

2) What the Gospel Does

Reconciles with God

- 1:16-17
- 3:9-20
- 3:21-26
- 4:4-5
- 5:6-11
- 6:23
- 8:1-4
- 8:18,23-25
- 8:29-30
- 10:3-4
- 10:9-11

Leads to New Life

- 6:4-14
- 7:5-6
- 7:21-25
- 8:5-14
- 8:31-39

B. KEY WORDS

- Sin – 58x
- Law/works – 57x
- Righteousness / Justify – 49x
- Faith/Believe – 55x
- Jesus – 37x
- Grace/Gift/Mercy – 36x
- (OT Scripture quotations – 62x)

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C. CONTENT

1) Need of the Gospel – 1:1-3:20

- Unrighteous men suppress the truth of God – 1:18-23
- God gives them over to their depravity – 1:24-32
- Those who know the Law of God are equally guilty – 2:1-3:2
- God is Just to Condemn all the world – 3:3-20

2) Provision of the Gospel – 3:21-4:25

- “Righteousness of God” given to ungodly people apart from their doing the good works of the Law, but solely by God’s grace through faith in Jesus – 3:22-28
- God’s previous Covenants provide examples of God crediting the grace of the “righteousness of God” to those who exercise faith – 3:29-4:25

3) Implications of the Gospel – ch. 5-8

- Peace – 5:1,11, 8:1
- Hope – 5:2-5, 8:18-25
- Transforming Grace
 - In Christ, not Adam – 5:12-21
 - Slave of Christ, no longer slave of sin – 6:1-23
 - Slave of Christ, no longer slave of Law – 7:1-12
 - Law powerless against sin/flesh – 7:13-8:8
 - Life in the Spirit – 8:9-27
 - God’s Sovereign Love – 8:28-39

4) Vindication of the Gospel – ch. 9-11

- Has God failed His promise to the Jews? (9:6)
- Is it Injustice for God to Choose Individuals? (6:14,19)
- Has God forever rejected Israel (11:1,7,11)

5) Walking in the Gospel – ch. 12-16

- Giving Grace to Others – ch. 12
- Relation to Government, Neighbor, Temptation – ch. 13
- Relation to Weaker brother – 14:1-15:13
- Participating in Mission – 15:14-33
- Fellowship Among Churches – 16:1-23
- Glorifying God – 16:25-27

D. UNASHAMED USE OF ROMANS

1. For Evangelism (centered in 3:9-28)

- God – 1:18-2:16
- Guilt / Accountability of Men – 3:9-20
- Righteousness by grace through Faith in Jesus – 3:21-26
- Spirit brings New Life & Hope – 5:1-5, 8:1-39

2. For Assurance

- 5:1-5
- 8:1, 13-17
- 8:32-39
- 9:16
- 10:9-11

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3. For Apologetics

- 3:1-20 – If all are guilty before God, what advantage has the Jew?
- 3:31-4:22 – Does the Gospel invalidate God’s previous Covenants with the Jews?
- 6:1-11 – If great sinners even further magnify God’s grace, why not sin greatly then?
- 6:15-7:6 – If all sins against God’s law are forgiven by grace, why not continue in sin?
- 7:7-13 – If the Gospel frees from both law and sin, does this mean the law is sinful?
- 9:6-13 – Have God’s promises to the Jews failed?
- 9:14-29 – Does God’s election make Him unjust?
- 9:30-33 – If the Gospel is so rejected by the Jews, how can it be the fulfillment of their Covenants?
- 11:1-10 – If so few Jews are currently being saved, does this mean God has rejected the Jews?
- 11:11-32 – Does Israel’s current rejection of God mean He is permanently done with them?

4. For Holiness (Obedience of Faith)

- General Perspective
 - 6:1-7:13 – Freed from sin’s enslavement, now called to live as slaves of God
 - 7:14-8:17 – Power of the Spirit in the very real internal battle with our Flesh
 - 12:1-2 – Life as an offering to God, not being conformed to this world
- Specific Instructions
 - 12:3-21 – Other’s Centered service
 - 13:1-10 – Response to government
 - 13:11-14 – Putting off lustful actions, putting on Christ
 - 14:1-15:7 – Living in Liberty with unity and love
 - 15:14-33 – Taking part in greater Mission of Christ
 - 16:1-23 – Growing Fellowship with other faithful Christians

5. For Worship

- God is Sovereign Controller of all Things – 1:10, 8:28-30, 9:16, 11:7, 13:4, 16:20
- God Exists in Trinity with Son (1:1-7, 5:1) & Spirit (5:5, 8:11,14-16)
- God Makes & Keeps Promises – 1:2, 4:13-24, 9:4, 11:29, 15:8, 16:26
- God is Impartial Judge of all Men – 1:18ff, 2:2ff, 2:16, 3:4-6, 3:19-20, 12:19, 14:12
- God Gives Gracious Gifts the Unworthy – 1:16-17, 3:21-26, 4:4-8, 8:32, 10:20-21
- God Loves His Own – 5:5-8, 8:15-16, 8:37
- God is Worthy of Worship – 5:11, 8:38-39, 9:20-24, 11:33-36, 12:1, 15:5-7, 15:8-13, 16:25-27

E. KEY VERSE TO MEMORIZE IN EACH CHAPTER

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| 1: – not ashamed of the Gospel | 9: – God sovereign choice |
| 2: – grace leads to repentance | 10: – confess and believe |
| 3: – salvation by faith, not works | 11: – salvation for Israel & the nations |
| 4: – God justifies the ungodly | 12: – living sacrifice |
| 5: – in love Christ died | 13: – put on the Lord Jesus Christ |
| 6: – set free from sin and enslaved to God | 14: – pursue peace and mutual upbuilding |
| 7: – internal war | 15: – serve others, not ourselves |
| 8: – providence of God | 16: – ultimate victory by grace of Christ |

Praxis

1. What has most impacted you from this study in Romans?
2. What verse will you commit to memory this week? How will you go about that?
3. What does it look like to be “ashamed of the gospel” versus “not ashamed”?
4. Read Romans 3:21-28 - define the following words for the average man on the street:
 - righteousness, faith, justified, grace, redemption, propitiation, works of the law