



Welcome

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 **Tri-City Baptist
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MORNING SERMON NOTES

GOD'S MERCY IN LIFE'S PROBLEMS

SPEAKER: PASTOR KEN ENDEAN

TEXT: RUTH 1:1-5

The book of Ruth is a short story that takes place during a dark time in Israel's history. This narrative demonstrates the lovingkindness of God toward ordinary people who are facing the struggles of life.

Book themes to consider:

1. God's lovingkindness triumphs over _____.
 2. God's _____ control is displayed by placing a Gentile woman in the lineage of the monarchy.
 3. Ruth's _____ provides a testimony during a period of Israel's rebellion.
 4. The role of the kinsman redeemer teaches believers about God's steadfast care in _____.
- God's lovingkindness is sufficient to overcome the painful experiences of life.
- I. God's kindness endures in spite of societal _____.
 - II. God's kindness endures regardless of economic _____.
 - III. God's kindness endures despite human _____.
 - IV. God's kindness endures in the face of sorrow and personal _____.
 - V. God's kindness continues even when the situation seems humanly _____.
 - VI. God's kindness overcomes human _____.

How _____ is your God? Do you trust Him consistently for comfort in the face of difficulties?

EVENING SERMON NOTES

ROMANS: GRASPING THE GOSPEL

The Power of God

SPEAKER: DR. DAVID SHUMATE

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (Romans 1:16)

Importance of Romans

Seen in the _____ of the church.

Its _____ in the canon.

“Paul’s epistle to the Romans is the most powerful presentation of Christian doctrine in existence.” – Stewart Custer

“This is in every sense the greatest of the Epistles of Paul, if not the greatest book in the New Testament.” – Henry Thiessen

Seen in the salvation of the lost.

In 386, _____ was converted through reading Romans 13:13-14.

In 1519, _____ was gripped by the truth that the just shall live by faith (1:17).

In 1738, _____ was converted by hearing someone read Luther’s commentary on Romans.

Many have come to Christ through the Romans _____.

Background of Romans

Written about _____, toward the end of Paul’s third missionary journey from the city of Corinth.

Some major themes in the Book of Romans

Justification by _____

The blessings of _____

_____ with Christ

The _____ and righteousness

The _____ between Jews and Gentiles

The main theme that holds these ideas together is the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Purpose: Preparation for his visit to Rome on his way to Spain (15:22-24, 28). This preparation included:

_____ and defending the Gospel that he preached (“My Gospel” – 2:16; 16:25).

Note that this equals “the gospel of God” (1:1), “the gospel of His Son” (1:9), and “the gospel of Christ” (15:19)

_____ the Romans through a clearer and fuller understanding to the Gospel and its implications (1:11-12; 16:25)

_____ the Romans to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel that they received (12:1-2; 15:15-16).

Structure of Romans: See the *Analytical Outline*.

Challenge

1. _____ Romans with the Analytical Outline in hand.
2. See if you can identify various _____ of the book.
3. Pray that God will give us a deeper understanding and _____ of the Gospel.

ANALYTICAL OUTLINE OF ROMANS

Thesis: The Gospel is “the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

I. Introduction: Paul’s ministry of the Gospel to the believers (1:1-16)

Theme of the book (1:16): “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

- A. Paul’s greeting to the Romans (1:1-7)
- B. Paul’s purpose to minister to the Romans (1:8-15)

II. The Gospel reveals the only way to be right with a righteous God (1:17-4:25)

Theme of this section (1:17): “For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

- A. The Gospel reveals God’s righteous judgment against sin. (1:18-3:20)
- B. The Gospel reveals God’s righteous justification of sinners. (3:21-4:25)

III. The Gospel secures to us all the blessings of reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ (5:1-8:39)

Theme of this section (5:1-2): “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

- A. The Gospel reconciles us to God through Jesus Christ. (5:2-11)
- B. Peace with God includes freedom from the curse of original Sin. (5:12-21)
- C. Peace with God includes freedom from the dominion of sin and law. (6:1-7:25)
- D. Peace with God includes freedom from the curse of sin and death. (8:1-39)

IV. The Gospel cannot fail to fulfill God’s divine plan (9:1-11:36)

Theme of this section (9:30-31): “What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.”

- A. From the human perspective, the rejection of the Gospel by Israel is a profound tragedy. (9:1-5)
- B. The rejection of the Gospel by Israel is no challenge to God's sovereignty. (9:6-31)
- C. The rejection of the Gospel by Israel is their own fault. (9:32-10:21)
- D. The rejection of the Gospel by Israel is used by God to accomplish His good will. (11:1-32)
- E. From the heavenly perspective, the rejection of the Gospel by Israel displays God's incomprehensible wisdom. (11:33-36)

V. The Gospel creates a Christian community that glorifies God (12:1-15:13)

Theme of this section (12:1-2): "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

- A. It glorifies God through humble service. (12:3-21)
- B. It glorifies God through its testimony in the world. (13:1-14)
- C. It glorifies God through harmony between Jewish and Gentile believers. (14:1-15:13)

VI. Conclusion: Paul's partnership with the believers in the Gospel (15:14-16:27)

Theme of this section (15:14-16): "Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God, that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit."

- A. Paul's ministry summary and plan (15:17-33)
- B. Paul's greetings to and from his fellow workers (16:1-24)
- C. Paul's concluding benediction (16:25-27)

