



ROMANS

CHAPTERS 1-4

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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ROMANS (CHAPTERS 1-4)

Apostle Paul's first impetus and goal in writing this letter to the Roman church was to encourage them to be a unified body. The first video that we will watch from the **BibleProject** will explain the reason why they were not unified.

It is challenging to be unified and headed on mission in the same direction during the season that we find ourselves in today.

I was so struck by the potential that we could be pulled apart. It has been the great desire of the leadership at Riverside to pray, reach out, and to care for each other during this challenging season. It takes all of us moving in the same direction, in unity, to see this accomplished.

As you spend time in prayer this month, I ask you to pray specifically for our church body in the following ways:

- Pray that we would first seek to love and serve Jesus,
- Pray that we would individually be seeking Him daily,
- Pray that corporately we would seek Him,
- Pray that we would love and care for each other in genuine and real ways.

We are also going to have some opportunities to memorize verses from each chapter of Romans as we journey through this book together. We will work on memorizing a new verse each week. Together, we will have a road map through Romans of verses by the time that we finish around Christmas!

Love you all,

Keith

Pastor/elder



WEEK 1

SUNDAY (9/13/20) SERMON NOTES

MONDAY (9/14/20)

📺 We are going to start out by watching a video from the **BibleProject**. They are such a blessing to the church in this generation!

📺 **BibleProject Romans 1-4:**

<https://bibleproject.com/videos/romans-1-4/>



WEEK 1 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 1:17

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”



TUESDAY (9/15/20)


As you read today, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you through this passage.

 **Read Romans 1, then focus on Romans 1:1-7**

- ② How does Paul introduce himself and what do you learn about him from these verses?

- ② What do you feel set apart to do? Consider your specific set of gifts, abilities, and talents.

- ② Why do you think Paul believes that obedience naturally follows genuine faith (also see James 2:14-26)?

 Sit for a moment and just think about verse 7. You are loved by God. Just sit and think about how deep God's love is.

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WEDNESDAY (9/16/20)

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide as you read.

Read Romans 1:8-17

- ② How does Paul communicate that he loves these people dearly? Who does this remind you of in your life? Who is constantly in your prayers because they are so dear to you?

- ② Paul says that everywhere people are talking about the faith of the Romans. If you asked someone close to you about your faith, what do you think they would say?

- ② As we read through Romans this fall, where would you like to see your faith grow? What is a spiritual goal that you would like to set for yourself?

- ② What do you think it means that the righteous will live by faith?



THURSDAY (9/17/20)

📖 Read Romans 1:18-23

❓ What pops out to you today from this section of verses?

❓ When I read these verses, it's like Paul is delivering the *State of the World* address. What's true of Paul's world?

❓ What's the state of our world right now?

❓ How do you think people today distinguish between right and wrong? What about you?

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FRIDAY (9/18/20)

 Read Romans 1:24-32

② How does God respond when people ignore and deny Him?

② How are attitudes towards sexuality impacted when God is disregarded?

② How do we/you, today, worship and serve created things rather than the Creator?


② What are the things that we are tempted to serve? How does this relate to sexuality?


② How is the truth about God suppressed?




SATURDAY (9/19/20)

 Reread Romans 1


 KNOW - What does the text say about God?:

 BE - What does the text say about us?

 DO - What is the text calling me to do?

 Write out the whole verse that you want to stick with you throughout the day today:

SUNDAY (9/20/20)

 Glance back at **Romans 1** and pray about what pops out to you. Pray for unity in our church body. Pray for us to be the body to each other!

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WEEK 2

SUNDAY (9/20/20) - SERMON NOTES

MONDAY (9/21/20)

 Read Romans 2, then focus today on Romans 2:1-4

② Who has no excuse (v.1)? Why do they have no excuse?

② What is the difference between judging someone here in this section versus holding someone accountable or confronting sin?

② What do you think it means to “show contempt” (v.4) for God’s kindness?

② How does it work that God’s kindness leads us towards repentance?

WEEK 2 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 2:4

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?





TUESDAY (9/22/20)

As we read today, let's pray and ask God, through the Holy Spirit, to teach us and give us wisdom. These are challenging verses!

 **Read Romans 2:5-11**

 What do you think verse 5 means?

 Is there sin that you need to repent of?

 How does God not show favoritism?

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WEDNESDAY (9/23/20)

Keep praying daily for wisdom!

 **Read Romans 2:12-16**

② What does Paul mean when he writes that “the requirements of the law are written on their hearts?”

② From these verses, who is Paul talking about that “sins apart from the law (v.12)?”

② Will we ever be declared righteous by trusting in our obedience to the law (v.13)?

② In what ways do you trust in your good actions rather than in Jesus?



THURSDAY (9/24/20)

Read Romans 2:17-29

Paul tells us elsewhere that we can have the mind of Christ, but we have to ask! Pray and ask for His wisdom and insight.

② What special relationship did the Jews have with God?

② What is Paul accusing them of in these verses? Why is he so angry?

② What was Paul saying that they were doing instead of living like God's own children?

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FRIDAY (9/25/20)


📺 Watch this **BibleProject** video on the topic of the law:


https://youtu.be/3BGO9Mmd_cU




SATURDAY (9/26/20)

 Reread Romans 2

 KNOW - What does the text say about God?:

 BE - What does the text say about us?

 DO - What is the text calling me to do?

 Write out the whole verse that you want to stick with you throughout the day today:

SUNDAY (9/27/20)

 Relax & Pray

 Review the memory verses from last week and this week.

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WEEK 2 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 2:4

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 Journal a prayer of thanks to God.

WEEK 3

SUNDAY (9/27/20) - SERMON NOTES


WEEK 3 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 3:23-24


²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

MONDAY (9/28/20)


 Read Romans 3

② What pops out to you? What do you think is the overall point of the chapter?

 KNOW - What does the text say about God?:

 BE - What does the text say about us?

 DO - What is the text calling me to do?

 Write out the whole verse that you want to stick with you throughout the day today:



TUESDAY (9/29/20)

 Read Romans 3:1-8

② What does it mean that God is righteous?

② How does Paul respond to the argument presented in verse 5?

② How had the Jewish people been entrusted with the very words of God (v.2)?


② Why is this special?


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WEDNESDAY (9/30/20)

 Read Romans 3:9-20

 In what ways are we all alike in our sin?

 List what Paul says is true of us all from verses 10-18 (this is a collection of Old Testament quotes):

 Which one pops out to you? How do you see this to be true in your own life?

 Explain verse 20:



THURSDAY (10/1/20)

📺 Watch the **BibleProject** video about the word *sin*.

<https://youtu.be/aNOZ7ocLD74>



- ① What stands out to you from the video?

- ② Spend some time asking the Holy Spirit to search our hearts, to expose sin in our lives, and to lead us in ways to be more like Jesus.

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FRIDAY (10/2/20)

 **Read Romans 3:21-24**

② How does Paul explain that there is actually no difference between the Jews and the non-Jews (Gentiles)?

② What good is there in obeying God's law?

② How can we become right with God?

 Define the following words:

Justified:

Redemption:

Grace:



SATURDAY (10/3/20)


 Read Romans 3:25-31

- ② How can God be the one who is “just and the one who justifies (v.26)?”

- ② What does Jesus’ death have to do with this?

- ② How does this prevent boasting?


- ② How does faith work alongside the law?

 Define the following words:

Atonement:

Justice:

SUNDAY (10/4/20)

 Spend some time relaxing and praying.

If you want some fun this morning, listen to the following hip hop song.

The lyrics are on the next page for you to follow along!

 <https://youtu.be/TS5LdBsrHRI>



WEEK 3 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 3:23-24

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ATONEMENT (by Shai Linne)

Who is God? God is the universe's Creator
And Sustainer plus the only Savior, there is no one greater
He triune, holy, omnipotent, omniscient, absolute
Loving, sovereign and righteous are a few of His attributes
How do we know this? Well, we know this from the Bible
Where God has revealed Himself- anything else is just an idol
What's the Bible about? Man's complete ruin in sin
And what God has done in Christ to bring us to Him again
What is sin? Sin is the breaking of God's law
Plus our condition, which means from birth we all got flaws
What's the result? The result is by nature we're God's enemies
And must pay the penalty unless God provides the remedy
What the remedy? The remedy is the cross of Christ
Where He suffered all the strikes for the lawless type
I've been rescued by the Lamb, I'm convinced that He's risen
And blessed is the man whose sins are forgiven!

Just fall back, and with the eyes of faith
Behold the beauty of surprising grace
Because the Lamb has died, third day He had to rise
He's magnified- God's wrath is satisfied

Just fall back, there's an atonement now
The cross of Christ is holy ground
Because the Lamb has died, third day He had to rise
He's magnified, God's wrath is satisfied

Regeneration, the Holy Spirit's true work in His love
To the elect, who receive new birth from above
Expiation, expiation means God's removed my filthiness
The Old Testament type was the goat into the wilderness
Redemption- we've been freed from slavery to sin
And His very own blood is the price He paid, my friend
Propitiation, Propitiation means since the Lamb has died
His work is finished, God's wrath is satisfied

Adoption, adoption means God is now my Father
I got the hottest Poppa and by the Spirit holler Abba
Reconciliation means there's no more enmity
God is now a friend to me, we're no longer enemies
Justification, God declares us righteous
Sanctification, we're being made into His likeness
Glorification, that's what happens at the finish
When God conforms believers perfectly to Christ's image!

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God's grace is magnificent, He slayed His innocent
Son- through faith and repentance we get the benefits
What is faith? Faith is a gift from God- when we receive this
We trust and treasure the person and finished work of Jesus
Repentance? Repentance is turning from your sin
And trusting Christ as the Spirit cleanses you within
What is grace? Oh, grace is unmerited favor
Our inheritance major 'cause we cherish the Savior
Right, and if I may quote again, we were doomed with Satan
But believers get Jesus' righteousness through imputation
Imputation? God takes Jesus' righteousness amount
Through faith He credits it into the Christian's account
Anything else? Well, I guess this overview must suffice
But none of this is possible apart from union with Christ
And finally, once you know the ways of the Lord than the
Only thing that you can say is Soli Deo Gloria!

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Behold the beauty of surprising grace
Because the Lamb has died, third day He had to rise
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WEEK 4


SUNDAY (10/4/20) - SERMON NOTES


WEEK 4 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 4:5


However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.


MONDAY (10/5/20)

 Read Romans 4

 KNOW - What does the text say about God?:

 BE - What does the text say about us?


 DO - What is the text calling me to do?


 Write out the whole verse that you want to stick with you throughout the day today:




WEDNESDAY (10/7/20)


 Read Romans 4:9-15

 Who are the circumcised people? The uncircumcised?

 How does it work that Abraham is the spiritual father of all who believe?

 Read Genesis 12:1-5, Genesis 15:1-6 and Hebrews 11:1-2

 What kind of picture do you get of Abraham's faith from these verses? What stands out to you?

 How would you describe your faith right now? How has your faith grown this past year?

WEEK 4 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 4:5

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THURSDAY (10/8/20)

 Read Romans 4:16-25


② Paul tells us in verse 17 that we love and serve a God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.


② What dream, hope, or relationship in your life seems to be dead?


 Write out a prayer to the God who can bring life:

② How is this illogical hope related to faith and to the gift of righteousness?

FRIDAY (10/9/20)

 Explain in your own words how we have all sinned and the consequences of sin in our lives.

 Explain how we obtain righteousness in God's sight in your own words.

 Review all 4 memory verses!

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SATURDAY (10/10/20)

 Reread Romans 1-4

 What pops out to you as you read?

 Give a short summary or title for each chapter:

Chapter 1:

Chapter 2:


Chapter 3:

Chapter 4:

WEEK 4 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 4:5

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SUNDAY (10/11/20)

 We have covered a lot of ground the past month. Sit and enjoy God's presence, know that He delights in you.

Our hope is for you to be in a growing relationship with the God of the universe who is pursuing you, loves you, delights in you, and wants to walk through life with you. If you are unsure about what it looks like to accept Christ's righteousness and to acknowledge and repent of your sins, please reach out to one of our leaders.





Know. Be. Do... *Together*

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