



# ROMANS

## CHAPTERS 12-16

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## ROMANS (CHAPTERS 12-16)

Friends,

We've made it to the fourth section of the book of Romans. I hope you enjoyed our break through Advent waking through the "big story" of God's plan to redeem us all. Walking through the stories in the Old Testament give us the broad picture of God working through long periods of time, individual lives, and various events, to accomplish His plan. Romans describes that plan.

We started out in the first few chapters hearing Paul's desire for unity in this church he was writing to. The same prayer for us today still stands. Unity does not come easily, it will require work on all of our parts. But the reward, Jesus tells us, is that the world will recognize the authenticity of His message by our love for each other (John 17:23).

Paul has challenged us with a lot of doctrine and a lot of history.

We've seen:

- God desires a multi-ethnic family of faith through His creation.
- People, including us, have walked away and chosen to do what we want to do (sin).
- God pursues humanity through choosing Abraham and rewarding Abraham's faith with righteousness.
- God allows His Spirit to indwell us as we choose allegiance and relationship with Him.
- His Spirit helps us live in ways that reflect His righteous character growing inside of us.

These final chapters of Romans will offer us opportunities to align our lives with the values and directives of His Kingdom. I appreciate how Paul has challenged us mentally to understand faith and all the ramifications of our faith as it is worked out in our daily lives and actions.

Chapters 12-15 are definitely the "boots on the ground" counsel and encouragement. Just as Revelation has turned our attention to asking "where is our allegiance?" These chapters finishing Romans help us apply allegiance to practical actions.

Love you all,

Keith

Pastor/elder



# WEEK 1

## SUNDAY (1/10/21) SERMON NOTES


## MONDAY (1/11/21)

OK, to catch us back up, we are going to take today and tomorrow to get back into what actually happened in the first 11 chapters of Romans. Here is the first video from our friends at the **BibleProject**:

### Overview: Romans Chapters 1-4

 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej\\_6dVdJSIU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej_6dVdJSIU)



 Write out several “take homes” from these four chapters as you are watching.

### WEEK 1 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 12:2

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## TUESDAY (1/12/21)

Today, check out the video for the remainder of Romans and then tomorrow we will begin to read.

### Overview: Romans Ch. 5-16

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SVTl4Xa5fY&t=351s>



 Again, what are your main thoughts or “take homes” from these chapters?

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## WEDNESDAY (1/13/21)

### Read Romans 12:1-2

The word sacrifice is defined as: *an act of slaughtering an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to God or to a divine or supernatural figure.*

Paul, in these first verses, asks us to be living sacrifices.

- ② What do you think it looks like, practically in your life, for you to offer your body as a living sacrifice?
  
- ② How is this worship?
  
- ② How would you describe to someone “the pattern of this world?”
  
- ② How can a person resist the world’s pattern and be transformed with a renewed mind?
  
- ② What practices help you to renew your mind?



## THURSDAY (1/14/21)

 Read Romans 12:3-8

- ② Have you seen it work out in practice that all the members of the body actually belong to each other? What does this mean in real life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ② Thinking realistically (or with sober judgment), what gifts have you been given by the Holy Spirit to be a blessing to the body?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ② How are you using those gifts today? How could you see yourself using them in the future?


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## FRIDAY (1/15/21)

 **Read Romans 12:9-16**

 List out all the commands in these verses:

 Think of your real life situations. Which of these commands are the hardest for you right now?

 Spend some time asking Jesus to help you in practical ways.

 What is one practical thing that you can do today related to these verses?





## SUNDAY (1/17/21)

🕒 Spend some time this morning being thankful for the relationships in your life.

❓ Who are you appreciating? How has the Lord blessed you with relationships?

♡ Also think through your relationship with the Lord. Spend time in thanks for that.

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# WEEK 2

## SUNDAY (1/17/21) - SERMON NOTES

### WEEK 2 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 13:8

*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.*

## MONDAY (1/18/21)

 Read Romans 13:1-4

② What are our instructions here in this passage?

② What is most challenging for you in this section? What is confusing?

② What do we learn about God from this passage?

② Who are the governing authorities that you are called to submit to?




## TUESDAY (1/19/21)

 Read Romans 13:5-7

② Verse 5 starts with the word “therefore,” pointing back to the previous verses. Why is it necessary to submit to authorities?

② What do you think it means that the authorities are God’s servants? How does this work?

② Is there someone that you owe respect or honor that has been hard for you?

 Pray about this situation.

### WEEK 2 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 13:8

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## WEDNESDAY (1/20/21)


 **Read Romans 13:8-10**

- ② How is loving actually fulfilling the law? How does this work itself out?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ② How are the commands actually reflections of loving our neighbors? Give some practical examples.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ② Here we are told that love does not harm. Later, we are told that love blesses even when it is cursed. Today, who can you seek to “do no harm” to?




## THURSDAY (1/21/21)

 Read Romans 13:11-14

 Once again, list out the commands given to us here in this section:

② What brings the sense of urgency to these verses?

② Are there deeds of darkness that you sense the Spirit wants you to put aside?

 Who can you share this with today?

### WEEK 2 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 13:8


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## FRIDAY (1/22/21)

In the verses from yesterday, Paul tells us to put on the armor of light.

 **Read Ephesians 6:10-18**

 List out the pieces of armor and their purpose:

② Living with a sense of urgency requires some proactive work. What does it look like for you to “put on” this armor?

② What pieces are most necessary for where you are at today?





## SATURDAY (1/23/21)


Paul also tells us in the verses from Thursday to “clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus.”

### Read Colossians 3:12-17

This is another passage where Paul fleshes out a bit more what it looks like to clothe ourselves.

 What are we clothing ourselves with from this passage?

 Is there something that pops out to you from this list that you want to pray about growing in? Perhaps pause and ask the Holy Spirit, “what do you want me to pay attention to today?”

 Again, we see the focus on loving. Who are you struggling to love right now? Spend some time praying about that.

## SUNDAY (1/24/21)

As you prepare for the worship service this morning, relax and listen to some worship. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to be soft towards his word.

### WEEK 2 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 13:8

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# WEEK 3

SUNDAY (1/24/21) - SERMON NOTES

## WEEK 3 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 14:19

*Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.*

## MONDAY (1/25/21)

 Read Romans 14:1-8

② How would you define what a “disputable matter” is?

② What is Paul trying to teach us here?

② How does passing judgment in a “disputable matter” harm our relationships and ultimately our body of believers?

② How does belonging to the Lord affect your normal life?





## WEDNESDAY (1/27/21)

 Read Romans 14:14-18

② What is Paul's main encouragement for us here?

② What are some examples today of something that one person considers fine and another finds unclean?

② How does love respond in your above situations?

### WEEK 3 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 14:19

*Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.*



## THURSDAY (1/28/21)

 **Read Romans 14:19-23**

② What does it mean to “cause your brother to stumble?” What does this look like today?

② What is Paul telling us to do in these verses?

② Why are peace and mutual edification (designed to improve you in some way: morally, spiritually, etc..) so important that we must ‘make every effort’?

② What is confusing here in this chapter? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand.



## FRIDAY (1/29/21)

📖 Read Romans 15:1; Ephesians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:14

❓ What does it look like to “bear with” one another?

❓ Who has been an example in your life of “bearing with” you?

❓ Who is the Lord encouraging you to “bear with” right now? In what practical ways can you do this?

### WEEK 3 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 14:19

*Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.*




## SATURDAY (1/30/21)

 Read Romans 15:1-4


② Think back over this past year, how have the scriptures given you encouragement?

② How about endurance?

② What situations in your life have required this endurance and encouragement?

 Write out some thanks to the Father for the way that his word has worked in your life:

## SUNDAY (1/31/21)

 Sit quietly with the Lord this morning. Imagine yourself just sitting or walking with Jesus. Peaceful. Quiet. Trusting.

### WEEK 3 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 14:19

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# WEEK 4

SUNDAY (1/31/21) - SERMON NOTES


## WEEK 4 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 15:5

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,*

## MONDAY (2/1/21)

 **Read Romans 15:5-7**

Endurance and encouragement again.

 Share a time when you saw incredible unity bring praise and glory to God:

② How does following Christ closely help us to be unified with each other?

② Who is hard for you to accept? Why?

② How have you seen yourself accepted, even in the midst of your flaws and failings?



## TUESDAY (2/2/21)

### Read Romans 15:8-13

Surely the Jews and the Gentile believers struggled at times to accept one another. With different backgrounds, history, and experience of the Lord, no doubt it was work to achieve unity.

② Where are you experiencing joy like described in verse 13?

② How about peace? In what situation do you need to “overflow with hope?”

 Stop and pray and ask for the Spirit to grow that hope in you.

## WEDNESDAY (2/3/21)

### Read Romans 15:14-22

Paul has some really good reviews for them in verse 14!

He says that they are: full of goodness, complete in knowledge, and competent to instruct one another.

② Which of these areas stands out as something you'd like to see yourself grow in this coming year? Perhaps ask the Holy Spirit to have one pop out to you.

② What is one actionable step you can take this week to begin on that path?

### WEEK 4 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 15:5

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## THURSDAY (2/4/21)

 **Read Romans 15:23-33**

Paul is so excited to be able to see them. He believes that his time there will be refreshing to him and his faith.

② Who are the people in your life that refresh your faith?

② What is it about them that encourages you?

② How can you seek to be a refreshment to someone else's faith?




## FRIDAY (2/5/21)

 **Read Romans 16:1-16**

② What does Paul's long list of people tell you about him?

I love that he has people who have been in prison with him, a woman who's been like a mother to him, friends who've risked their lives for him, and those who've worked hard and been outstanding.

 If you were to make a list of people alongside you right now, those walking the road of faith with you, who are they? List them out and the ways that they bless your faith:

⌚ Spend some time thanking the Lord for each of them.

### WEEK 4 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 15:5

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## SATURDAY (2/6/21)

📖 Read Romans 16:17-27

- ② What, in Paul's final words here, stands out to you as a word for you to hear and heed?
- ② What are some characteristics about God we learn from these verses?

Paul desires, as does God, that all nations might believe and obey. The following link takes you to today's prayer on the **Operation World** site.

**Operation World** offers a systematic way to pray through the nations, as well as information and suggested prayer requests. Check it out, and continue to check it out!

🌐 <https://operationworld.org/feb06>



## SUNDAY (2/7/21)

Paul urges the Roman believers to be on their guard for things in their body that cause divisions, and people who are divisive.

Spend some time today praying for our body, that we would be full of unity and that we would be wise and alert for division.

### WEEK 4 • MEMORY VERSE • ROMANS 15:5

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# WEEK 5


SUNDAY (2/7/21) - SERMON NOTES


## MONDAY (2/8/21)

As we close out the books of Romans, this week we are going to pop back through a few passages to refresh the overall ideas it holds.

All of the memory verses from our Romans journey are listed on the pages 44 and 45, read through them each time you sit with this book, they will help you cement what you learned! There is space on pages 46 and 47 to write each of the verses throughout the week.

 **Read Romans 3:9-20**


 What is Paul's main point here?


 How do you see this worked out in your life and the world around you?



## TUESDAY (2/9/21)

 Read Romans 3:21-26

 What is Paul's main point here?

 Have you placed your trust in Christ's finished work and sacrifice and received forgiveness for your sins? If you have questions about this, please reach out to one of the leaders, pastors, or elders. They would love to talk to you about this!

# WEDNESDAY (2/10/21)

 **Read Romans 5:1-8**

Do the Know, Be, Do method of study through this section.

KNOW (What does the text say about God?)


BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (What is the text calling me/us to do?)

KNOW:

BE:

DO:

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



## THURSDAY (2/11/21)

### Read Romans 6:15-23


Spend some time this morning asking the Holy Spirit to show you areas in your life where you are a slave to sin.

Pray to see this changed, confess to a friend and ask for help and accountability.




## FRIDAY (2/12/21)

 Read Romans 8:1-27

 In what areas of life do you feel condemned?

Bring those areas to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to help you deeply understand “no condemnation.”


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



## SATURDAY (2/13/21)

 **Read Romans 8:28-39** aloud several times.

Spend some time thanking the Lord for all He has done on your behalf.

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

## SUNDAY (2/14/21)

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Starting this week we will walk through the gospel account as told by Matthew, one of the disciples of Jesus.

We know the end of the story, we have learned through Romans that we can stand not condemned by faith in Jesus' finished sacrifice on the cross.

Spend some time praying today that during the coming weeks you will read the life of Jesus with fresh eyes, discovering anew His character, His desires, His truth, and His love for all.



# ROMANS: MEMORY VERSES

## 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.”*

## 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?*

## ROMANS 3:23-24

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

## ROMANS 4:5

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

## ROMANS 5:8

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

## ROMANS 6:23

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## ROMANS 7:24

*What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?*

### **ROMANS 8:15**

*For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”*

### **ROMANS 10:9-10**

*<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

### **ROMANS 11:33**

*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!*

### **ROMANS 12:2**

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# SPACE TO WRITE MEMORY VERSES





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