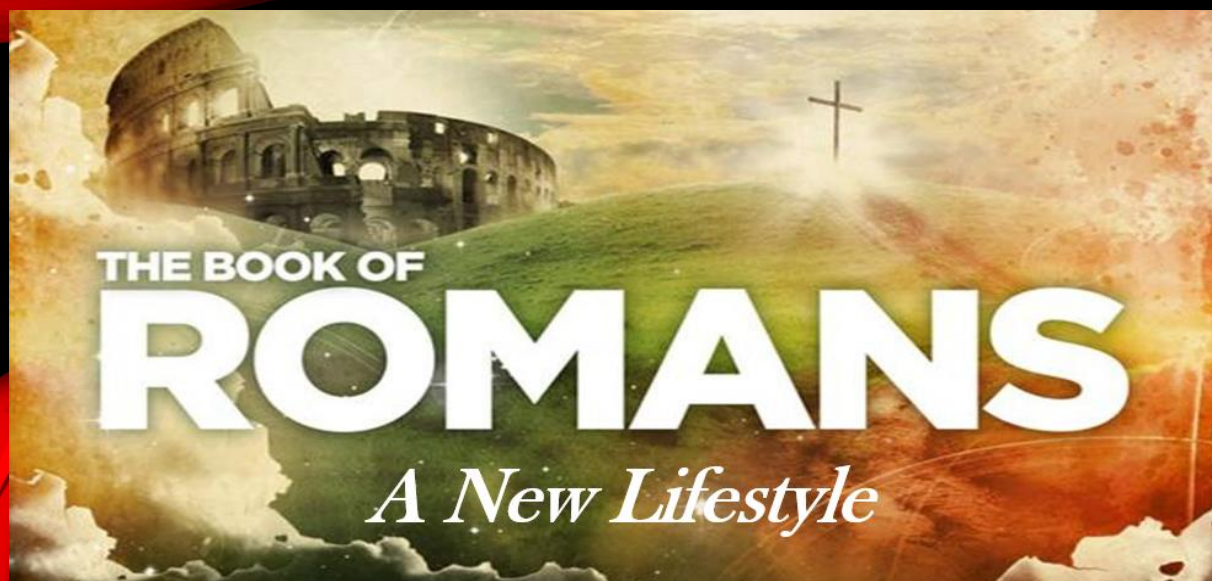


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



SRMBC 1ST & 2ND QTR BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Date	Lesson Title	Scripture
1/10/2018	Good News from God	Romans 1:1 -17
1/24/2018	The Wrath of God	Romans 1:18 - 32
1/31/2018	The Judgment of God	Romans 2
4/11/2018	The Verdict	Romans 3:1 – 20
4/18/2018	The Righteousness from God	Romans 3:21 – 31
4/25/2018	The Example of Abraham	Romans 4
5/2/2018	Reasons to Rejoice	Romans 5
5/9/2018	New Life, New Lifestyle	Romans 6:1 – 7:6
5/16/2018	Our Struggle with Sin	Romans 7:7 – 25
5/23/2018	The Spirit Brings Life	Romans 8
5/30/2018	The Potter & His Clay	Romans 9
6/6/2018	Misguided Zeal	Romans 10
6/13/2018	The Future of Israel	Romans 11
6/20/2018	Living As Living Sacrifices	Romans 12
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Romans: A New Lifestyle: Lesson 10: The Spirit Brings Life Romans 8:1-17

The Apostle Paul – The Letter to the Romans

- **Author:** Romans 1:1 identifies the author of the Book of Romans as the apostle Paul.
- **Date of Writing:** The Book of Romans was likely written A.D. 56-58.
- **Purpose of Writing:** His purpose in writing was to proclaim Jesus Christ by teaching doctrine and edify and encourage the believers.

The Book Of Romans Tells Us:

- About God, who He is and what He has done.
- It tells us of Jesus Christ, what His death and resurrection accomplished.
- It tells us about ourselves, what we were like without Christ and who we are after trusting in Christ.



Group Discussion:

The Bible describes our conversion as a spiritual birth, the beginning of a new life. What were some of the early signs of life when you became a Christian?

I began to think more about what God thinks about the things that I do every day (WWJD).

Romans 8:1 - 5 (NKJV)

1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are **in Christ Jesus**, who do not walk according to the flesh, but **according to the Spirit**.

2 For **the law** of the **Spirit of life** in **Christ Jesus** has **made me free** from the law of **sin and death**.

3 For what **the law could not do** in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending **His own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He **condemned sin in the flesh**,

4 that the righteous requirement of **the law might be fulfilled** in us who do not walk according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**.

5 For those who live **according to the flesh** set their minds on the **things of the flesh**, but those who live according to the Spirit, **the things of the Spirit**.

Romans 8:6 -10 (NKJV)

6 For to be **carnally minded is death**, but to be **spiritually minded is life and peace**.

7 Because **the carnal mind** is enmity **against God**; for it is not subject to the **law of God**, nor indeed can be.

8 So then, those who **are in the flesh** cannot please God.

9 But **you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit**, if indeed the **Spirit of God dwells in you**. Now if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he is not His.

10 And if **Christ is in you**, the **body is dead** because **of sin**, but the **Spirit is life** because of righteousness.

Romans 8:11 – 15 (NKJV)

11 But if **the Spirit** of Him who **raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who dwells in you**.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—**not to the flesh**, to live according to the flesh.

13 For **if you live** according to **the flesh** you **will die**; but if by the **Spirit** you **put to death** the deeds of the body, **you will live**.

14 For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are **sons of God**.

15 For you did not receive the **spirit of bondage** again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, **"Abba, Father."**

Romans 8:16 – 17 (NKJV)

16 The **Spirit Himself** bears witness with **our spirit** that we are **children of God**,

17 and if children, then heirs—**heirs of God** and **joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we **suffer with Him**, that we may also be **glorified together**.

1. Romans 7 described how the law of sin brought about our spiritual death. What has God done to free us from the law of sin and death (vv. 1-4)?

Under the Law, we are condemned to die because of our sinful nature and the first sin in the Garden of Eden. God sent His Son J.C. to die in our place and free us from the penalty of sin.

2. How does this affect the outcome of our struggle with sin described in 7:13-25?

*Something inside of us makes us a prisoner of sin.
The Holy Spirit frees us from the captivity of Sin.
However, since we are human, we must fight this sin
battle every day.*

3. In verses 5-8 Paul divides all of humanity into two categories: those who live according to the sinful nature, and those who live according to the Spirit. In your own words, what are some characteristics of each group?

- **Sinful Nature:** (i) Ruled by Desires; (ii) Will die spiritually and physically; (iii) Fight against God, Rebellious.
- **Spiritual Nature:** (i) Ruled by the Holy Spirit; (ii) Will Live Forever; (iii) Crave Spiritual Things; (iv) Do what God Wants.

4. There are many professing Christians whose lives seem very different from Paul's description of life in the Spirit. How do you think Paul would account for this fact?

The fight against Sin is a daily battle. Some of us are doing a better job than others in this daily battle.

5. What are the results of having the Spirit live in us (vv. 10-11)? What evidence do you see of your life being controlled by the Spirit?

We are Alive because God's Spirit lives in us. We will be raised to life by His Spirit.

6. In verse 12 Paul concludes that we have an obligation. Describe in your own words the negative and positive aspects of that obligation (vv. 12-14)

If we live by our desires, we are ignoring what God wants for us. When we live according to the dictates of the Holy Spirit, we are pleasing God.

7. Practically speaking, what does it mean to put to death the misdeeds of the body by the Spirit (vv. 13-14)?

It means that we actively determine to reject Sin and Satan (our desires) and accept the Gift of Life from the Holy Spirit.

8. Why is it important to realize that only Christ can rescue us from the power of sin?

We experience the reality and privileges of being God's children by becoming a slave to the Holy Spirit. This is encouraging because it means that we will share in the Glory of Christ because we have suffered with Him. Moreover, it is a guarantee that we are the children of God and Joint Heirs with Jesus Christ.

KEYS FOR LIVING

- ***The Spirit of Christ not only gives us salvation, but also gives us the power to overcome sin and to live a godly life.***
- ***There are only two types of people in the world – those who have the Spirit of Christ and those walk after the flesh. Those who walk after the Spirit have life and those walk after the flesh will experience death.***
- ***The Spirit of God in us is the guarantee that we are indeed children of God and Joint – heirs with Jesus Christ.***

