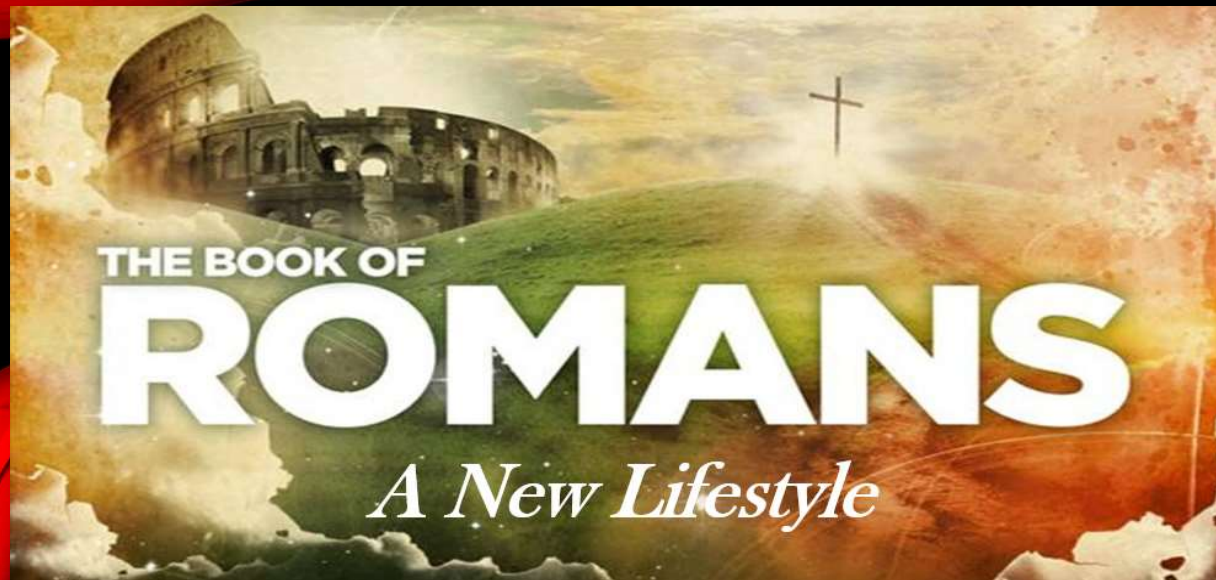


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



SRMBC 1ST & 2ND QTR BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Date	Lesson Title	Scripture
1/10/2018	Good News from God	Romans 1:1 - 17
1/17/2018	The Wrath of God	Romans 1:18 - 32
1/24/2018	The Judgment of God	Romans 2
1/31/2018	The Verdict	Romans 3:1 - 20
2/7/2018	The Righteousness from God	Romans 3:21 - 31
4/4/2018	The Example of Abraham	Romans 4
4/11/2018	Reasons to Rejoice	Romans 5
4/18/2018	New Life, New Lifestyle	Romans 6:1 - 7:6
4/25/2018	Our Struggle with Sin	Romans 7:7 - 25
5/2/2018	The Spirit Brings Life	Romans 8
5/9/2018	The Potter & His Clay	Romans 9
5/16/2018	Misguided Zeal	Romans 10
5/23/2018	The Future of Israel	Romans 11
5/30/2018	Living As Living Sacrifices	Romans 12
6/6/2018	Submitting to Authorities	Romans 13 - 14
6/13/2018	Brothers & Sisters in Christ	Romans 15 - 16

The Message of Romans by Paul Bucknell

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The Cross	The Ditch	The Road	The Plan	The World	The Kingdom
God's righteousness is shown through the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.	Man's sin and guilt is clearly evident through its presence and judgment.	God reconciles man through faith in Christ's work on the cross.	The Lord does not only call us righteous but enables us to live godly lives.	God makes His Name great by spreading His grace to the whole world.	God's plan is fulfilled by His people living out righteousness lives.

OUTLINE OF ROMANS

Introduction 1:1-17

I. SIN – Righteousness Demanded (1:18-3:20)

- a. The Gentiles guilty – 1:18-32
- b. The Jews guilty – 2:1-3:8
- c. The whole world guilty – 3:-9-20

II. SALVATION – Righteousness Declared (3:21-5:21)

- a. Justification Stated – 3:21-31
- b. Justification Illustrated in Abraham – 4
- c. Justification Explained in Adam – 5

III. SANCTIFICATION – Righteousness Defended (Ch. 6-8)

- a. Victory: The Flesh – 6
- b. Liberty: The Law – 7
- c. Security: The Spirit – 8

OUTLINE OF ROMANS

IV. SOVEREIGNTY – Righteousness Declined (Ch. 9-11)

- a. Israel' s past riches – 9
- b. Israel' s present rejection – 10
- c. Israel' s future restoration – 11

V. SERVICE– Righteousness Demonstrated (12:1-15:7)

- a. In the Church body – 12
- b. In society – 13
- c. Toward the weaker believer – 14:1-15:7

VI. Conclusion 15:8-16:27

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 encouraging 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.



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Romans: A New Lifestyle: **Lesson 1: Good News from God** **Romans 1:1 -17**

Group Discussion:

Why is it so difficult to keep good news to ourselves? Think of some good news you've heard recently.

- **We for some reason, when we receive good news for ourselves – deep inside we want others to share it as well.**
- **We instinctively want others to feel and share in the same thing that has made us happy (a joke, a movie, our new car, house, job).**

Group Discussion:

Why is it so difficult to keep good news to ourselves? Think of some good news you've heard recently.

- I would have to admit that it is not my experience all the time, sometimes I feel envious,
- That is what we want people to feel as we share the Gospel with them – so they would long to experience the Good News that we have.

Romans 1:1 – 5 (NKJV)

1 Paul, a **bondservant of Jesus Christ**, called to be **an apostle**, separated to **the gospel of God**

2 which He promised before through His prophets in **the Holy Scriptures**,

3 concerning **His Son Jesus Christ our Lord**, who was born of the **seed of David** according to the flesh,

4 and declared to be **the Son of God** with power according to the **Spirit of holiness**, by the resurrection from the dead.

5 Through Him we have received **grace and apostleship** for obedience to **the faith** among **all nations** for **His name**,

Romans 1:6 – 10 (NKJV)

6 among whom you also are the **called of Jesus Christ**;

7 To all who are in **Rome, beloved of God**, called to be **saints**: Grace to you and peace from God our **Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**.

8 First, I thank my God through **Jesus Christ for you all**, that **your faith** is spoken of throughout **the whole world**.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve **with my spirit** in the **gospel of His Son**, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in **the will of God** to come to you.

Romans 1:11 – 15 (NKJV)

11 For I long to see you, that I may **impart to you** some **spiritual gift**, so that you may be established—

12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the **mutual faith** both of you and me.

13 Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I **might have some fruit among you also**, just as among the other Gentiles.

14 **I am a debtor** both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

15 So, as much as is in me, I am ready to **preach the gospel** to you who are **in Rome also**.

Romans 1:16 – 17 (NKJV)

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**.

17 For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, **“The just shall live by faith.”**

1. Imagine that verses 1 and 5 are the only information you possess about Paul. Describe everything you would know about him.

- Paul is totally committed and under control of Jesus Christ
- Called to be an apostle - one who is sent by Christ
- He is well versed in the Scriptures
- He knows Jesus and Salvation personally and Experientially
- Paul is a committed believer and follower of Christ
- Paul trusts in the Grace of God through faith to accomplish the mission
- Paul has world-wide vision for the spread of the Gospel

Question: How would someone describe you – simply based on outward observance of your lifestyle. Would they see Christ in your walk and talk?

2. In verses 1-5 Paul gives a summary of the gospel for which he had been set apart. What do we learn about the gospel from these verses?

Summary	Remarks
The Exclusivity of the Gospel	There is only One True Gospel (Gal.1:6-8)
	There is only One Savior – Jesus (John 3:16; Acts 4:12)
	Separates Us For Christ (Phil 3:11 – 12)
	Requires Our Separation To Christ
The Immutability of the Gospel	According to God's Plan (Gen 3:15; Rev 13:8)
	Prophesied/Verified by the Scriptures (I Cor 15:3 -4)
	Jesus the One and only God-Man (John 1:14; I John 4:2)
	Verified by the Power of the Spirit/Resurrection (Matt 3:13 – 14)
Our Responsibility of the Gospel	(We) - To walk in the Grace of God (Eph. 2:8 – 9)
	To be His Disciples and Ambassadors of Gospel (II Cor. 5:20)
	To spread the Gospel to all (Matt 28:19 – 20)

3. What do verses 8-13 reveal about Paul's attitude toward the Romans? Why do you think he was so encouraged and motivated?

- Paul was thankful in Jesus for them and their faith in Christ –
- Paul prayed for them constantly – for God's blessings
- He prayed to be with them – to give and to share Spiritual Blessings of the Lord with them.
- Even though he wanted to visit them – but was hindered - yet not deterred.

Paul was encouraged by the people – even though he never met them because they are faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We are all on the same team. We ought to be encouraging one another not fighting or in competition with one another.

4. Because he was an apostle (“one who is sent”), Paul felt obligated to preach the gospel to everyone (v. 14). Whom do you have the greatest opportunity of reaching with the gospel?

- Our neighbors – those around us
- Our Co-Workers
- Our family
- Strangers
- Using Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, snapchat, Instagram, Text, Email, etc...

There are some good ways and bad ways to witness – What are some effective ways to share the Gospel?

5. Paul says we can be eager to preach the gospel or be ashamed of it (vv. 15-16). What might lead us to adopt one attitude or the other?

Eagerness To Preach The Gospel	Ashamed To Preach The Gospel
Joy of Forgiveness	Sin in Our Lives
Assurance of the Power of the Gospel	Lack of Confidence in the Gospel
Unction of the Holy Spirit	Fear of Rejection
Command/Example of Jesus Christ	Persecution For the Sake of the Gospel
The Power of God in the Gospel	Bad Previous Experiences
Heavenly Perspectives	Hardships – Pressures of Life

6. In verse 16 Paul describes the gospel as “the power of God” for salvation. How have you seen this power demonstrated in your life or the lives of others?

- I have seen it in my own life – God has changed me – I used to be so depressed, ungrateful fearful, sinful, purposeless. God has changed me.
- I’ve seen God change my brothers – Ted and Brian – both now Deacons
- Franklin Graham – A rebel -even though the Son of Billy Graham – now heads the Billy Graham Evangelistic Assoc.

7. What do you think it means to “live by faith” (v. 17)?

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

- Our new life with God starts with our **faith in Christ** for Salvation
- Our life continues by **faith** from Salvation to **Sanctification**
- Whatever life throws at us is to be overcome by **faith in Christ**

Living by Faith means to have our relationship with Jesus as the central focus in our lives. (Matt 6:33)

8. In what areas do you struggle to live by faith?

- **Finances** – I need to be able to trust God in finances just as much as I can trust Him with my salvation
- **Disappointments** – When things do go my way – I need to allow my faith to override my circumstances
- **Relationships** – Manage my relationships – I need to let God manage my relationships (let the right folks come in and the wrong folks go...)
- **The Church** – By Faith let the Lord build the church – all I need to do is to be faithful in preaching, teaching and loving people.

KEYS FOR LIVING

- *The Gospel of Salvation in Jesus Christ is the Good News that once individually received, needs to be shared locally as well as globally.*
- *The Church needs to never be ashamed of the message of the Gospel (especially when facing opposition and persecution from the world) because its power to save.*
- *Living by faith means to allow our faith in Jesus Christ and His Gospel to undergird every area of lives no matter what comes our way.*

