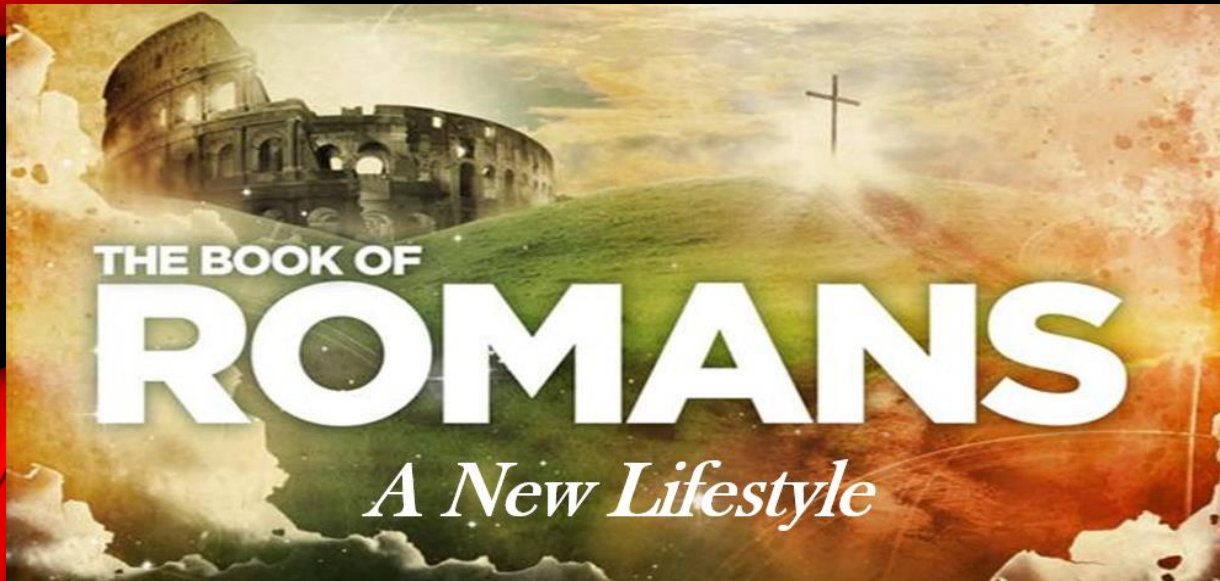


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



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 8:1 – 17
5/30/2018	Glorious Conquerors	Romans 8:18 – 39
6/6/2018	The Potter & His Clay	Romans 9
6/13/2018	Misguided Zeal	Romans 10
6/20/2018	The Future of Israel	Romans 11
6/27/2018	Living As Living Sacrifices	Romans 12
7/11/2018	Submitting to Authorities	Romans 13 - 14
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Romans: A New Lifestyle: Lesson 11: Glorious Conquerors Romans 8:18 – 39

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:

As a Christian, why is it often difficult to feel like a glorious conqueror?

- Life itself – it seems that for Christians things get worse than they do for non-believers.
- Prosperity Preachers – they claim that their Christian life is full of blessings, breakthrough, promotions, favor and divine health.
- Sin – I sometimes still battle the same the same issues – over and over.

What evidence of Christ's victory do you see in your life?

- I have more hope than ever – because I know that God is for me.
- Worship – Consistency in attending and participating in Worship
- I can see the sin doesn't dominate my life as much – even though I fail occasionally
- I can see my spiritual gifts being used in the Church
- I see a change in Character and behavior

Romans 8:18 - 23 (NKJV)

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Romans 8:24 -27 (NKJV)

24 For we were **saved in this hope**, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

25 But if **we hope** for what **we do not see**, we eagerly wait for it with **perseverance**.

26 Likewise **the Spirit also helps** in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession** for us with **groanings which cannot be uttered**.

27 Now **He who searches** the hearts knows what the **mind of the Spirit** is, because He makes **intercession for the saints** according to the will of God.

1. What words and vivid images in these verses underscore the difficulties of the present time?

Images and Words	Glory for Us
Present Suffering	Future Glory Revealed in Us
Creation Hoping for Freedom	Freedom from The Glory of The Children of God
Groaning, Pain of Childbirth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption to Sonship • Salvation - Eternal • Redemption of Our Bodies
Weaknesses	Help from The Spirit
Ignorance of What to Pray	The Spirit Intercedes with The Will of God

Explain Why These Difficulties Don't Compare With The Glory That Will Be Revealed In Us.

- **Value** – The joy and blessings of Salvation and God's Glory far outweigh the pain and suffering of this life.
- **Time** – The time we spend suffering in this life (60,70, 80 years, etc.) cannot even come close to Eternity



2. How can our “eager expectation” (v. 19) help us cope with our present problems and sufferings?

- First, we need to be eagerly expecting something better (The only way this present time is “*Your Best Life Now*” **is if you’re going to hell afterwards**).
- We can weigh the problems of this world against our future glory and keep things in perspective
- The expectation gives us some hope – that trouble will not last always. We are going somewhere that will be better.

3. How can the Spirit's help also encourage us (vv. 26-27)?

- **When We Are Weak** -, the Spirit will give us help – encouragement to keep going and not to quit.
- **When We Don't Know How To Pray** – as life's trials can get the best of us – The Spirit intercedes taking our wordless groans and interprets/translated our prayers for us.
- **When We Don't Know What To Pray** – the Spirit prays and focuses us on the Will of God with focus on His eternal purpose.

In John 16, Jesus promised to send us the Holy Spirit the Comforter, to be in us and to walk along side to provide the help and encouragement in this life

Romans 8:28 – 33 (NKJV)

28 And we know that **all things work together for good** to those who **love God**, to those who are the called **according to His purpose**.

29 For whom **He foreknew**, He also **predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom **He predestined**, these **He also called**; whom He called, these **He also justified**; and whom He justified, these **He also glorified**.

31 What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us**, who can be against us?

32 He who did not **spare His own Son**, but **delivered Him up for us all**, how shall He not with Him also **freely give us all things**?

33 **Who shall bring a charge** against God's elect? **It is God who justifies**.

Romans 8:34 – 39 (NKJV)

34 Who is he who condemns? **It is Christ who died**, and furthermore **is also risen**, who is even at the **right hand of God**, who also makes **intercession for us**.

35 **Who shall separate us** from the **love of Christ**? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

37 Yet in **all these things** we are **more than conquerors** through Him **who loved us**.

38 For **I am persuaded** that neither **death nor life**, nor **angels nor principalities nor powers**, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor **height nor depth**, nor any other **created thing**, shall be able to separate us from the **love of God** which is in **Christ Jesus our Lord**

4. In verse 28 Paul speaks of “the good” and “his purpose.” What is God’s good purpose for us (v. 29)?

- **The Good**: – Not meaning that we have freedom from suffering, hardship or difficulties – be using the unpleasant and joyous things in life for our good – to build and grow Godly Character in us and to fulfill our calling (Moses 40/40).
- **The Purpose**: – God’s purpose is not to make us comfortable – but to mold us, shape us, conform us into the image of His Son. To make us more like Jesus.

Many times, we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

5. How do the words foreknew, predestined, called, justified and glorified help us understand how God accomplishes his purpose for us?

Words	Description
Foreknew	God knew by looking down the Corridors of time – that you would be in His family.
Predestined	God has already determined you make and mold you into the image of Christ (it all according to your plan)
Called	The invitation to be saved and to spend eternity with Him already has your name on it and has already been sent out
Justified	God already sees you as a Saint, Not Guilty of the sins that separated you from Him (He's a "Goodfella").
Glorified	In God's economy, He already sees you seated in Heavenly places – a finished product – Glorified just like Jesus.

6. Paul asks: "What, then, shall we say in response to this?" (v. 31). How are you encouraged by Paul's answer (vv. 31-32)?

Question:

- "What, then, shall we say in response to this?" (v. 31).

Response:

- **Declaration:** If God is for us who can be against us.
- **Demonstration:** He who did not spare His Own Son – but gave His life for our Salvation.
- **Determination:** God will freely give us all things we need to overcome (not to avoid) hardship and trouble.

I am so encouraged that not only am I on God's side – He is on my side. O that we would walk in confidence that no man on earth or devil in hell can do anything lasting to me.

7. In verses 33-34 Paul imagines a courtroom in which God is the judge and Jesus is our defense attorney. How and why would they reply to any charges brought against us?

Paul states: "Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?" (v. 33).

- Satan – The accuser of the brethren.
- Others – Those outside (and sometimes inside) the Church.
- Our own consciences often accuse us and attempt to make us feel unworthy of God's love.

Paul's point is that such charges cannot be upheld, not that they do not exist. Jesus pleads our Case and has paid our fine – God the Father declares us "Not guilty!"

8. In spite of these things, why does Paul proclaim that we are "more than conquerors" (vv. 37-39)? How can these verses comfort and reassure you in the midst of difficulties?

Scripture	Encouragement
37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are "Super-Conquerors" • We are loved in, by and Thru Christ.
38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can be supremely confident in God no matter what. • Nothing Physical or Spiritual that can overcome us • Nothing can separate from God love – God always loves us. • God's love for us is not based on us – but on the Person and Work of 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.*



QUESTIONS

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