

Bible Study Through
ROMANS

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OUTLINE

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FAITH

1-3 Recognize our sin

BIG Problem!

4-5 How is one saved

BIG Gift!

6-8 Process of sanctification

NOW you know!

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HOPE

Can God love us without rescinding His Holy nature?

9 Israel's history

10 Israel's current situation

11 Israel's future

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LOVE

The *process of sanctification* in our lives.

12 Service to others

13 Respect government

14 One's Conscience

15 Unity with Gentiles

16 Greetings/salutations

TONIGHT'S PLAN

CAPITVLVM XV *halfway thru verse 16*

- Christian responsibility to “Others”
- Bear “Others” to THEIR edification
- Psalm’s insights to Jesus’ pre-ministry years
- Accepting “Others” [especially *different*]
- Promises of God also to Gentiles
- Discipleship within *Sanctification*
- Fruit of Spirit makes ALL possible

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Romans 15:1-6

[segue] But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith and whatever is not from faith is sin

So now we who are strong *[spiritually]* ought to **bear the weaknesses** of those without *[spiritual]* strength and **not simply please ourselves**

Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good to his **edification**

οικοδομή “oikodomay” *build the edifice*
[everything we do is about “building up” that edifice]

For even **Christ did not please Himself** - but as it is written **[Psalm 69:9]**

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POINTS CLEARLY to Jesus as our model for “bearing others’ weaknesses”

ζῆλος “zelos” = *stretch out the neck* [used for Greek games, runners leaning at finish line]

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John 2:13-17 *Jesus went up to Jerusalem for His first Passover since He began His ministry, the Temple was like a marketplace of buying-selling money-changing made scourge of cords and drove them out, turned over tables, spilled it all out v-17 “His disciples remembered it was written, ‘Zeal for Your house will consume me’.”*

Psalm 69 [life in Christ] compared with **Psalm 22** [death of Christ] ***Window into Nazareth years?***

Psalm 69:6-8 *May those who wait for You not be ashamed through me, O Lord GOD of hosts
May those who seek You not be dishonored through me, O God of Israel
because **for Your sake I have borne reproach** - dishonor has covered my face
I have become estranged from my brother and an alien to my mother’s sons*

Romans 15:1-6

Jesus came to - Willingly empty Himself - the role of a servant [Matt. 20:20-28]
- Meek and lowly [Matt. 11:29]
- He was hated - scorned - despised/rejected [Isaiah 53:3]
- His “mother’s sons” [James, Joses, Simon, Jude] **Jesus was NOT Joseph’s son**
[Mark 6:3]

Psalm 69:10 *When I wept my soul was fasting, it became my reproach*
[did Jesus’ half-brothers make fun of His “being religious” - fasting?]

Psalm 69:11 *When I made sackcloth my clothes, I became a **proverb** to them*
[did they ridicule Jesus for penitence?] מָסַל “masal”

Psalm 69:12 *They who sit in the gate gossip about me, I was a song of the drunkards*
[local Nazareth officials “illegitimate” – local tavern song mocks Mary’s fornication]

John 8:41 *At least WE weren’t born of fornication, we HAVE One Father, God*
[Religious leaders taunt Jesus about not being Joseph’s son]

Isaiah 53:3 *A “man of sorrows, acquainted with grief”* [was he used to that treatment?]

Mark 3:31 *Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you* [Jesus does not go to them]

Mark 6:3 *“Is not this the son of Mary”* [usually son of father named - Illegitimate? Joseph dead?]

Romans 15:1-6

“THE **REPROACHES** OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU **FELL ON ME.**”

For *whatever* was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through **perseverance**

ὑπομονή “*hupomonay*” = **steadfast, consistency, endurance, patient to the end**

and the **encouragement** of the Scriptures we might have hope

παράκλησις “*paraklesis*” = **entreat, exhort, counsel** [paraclete = **Advocate, Helper**]

John 14:16 and 26

This IS **sanctification** [persevere] and **discipleship** [encourage]

Now may the God who gives **perseverance** and **encouragement**
grant you to be of the **same mindset** with one another according to Christ Jesus

αὐτός φρονέω “*autos-phroneo*” = **exactly identical thinking-understanding**

so that with **one accord** you may with **one voice** glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

THIS + **THIS** **can only be thru koinonia of Holy Spirit**

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Gentiles were considered “unclean” - BUT now Jews & Gentiles BOTH in church family

- Jews believed Messiah just for them
- Jews believed Holy Spirit just for them

Paul sets up ACCEPTANCE as backdrop of David - Psalmist - Moses - Isaiah regarding Gentiles

Reminder:

Acts 10:14-15 *Peter says to the Lord, “I have **NEVER** re: anything unholy or unclean” [as per Law]
Lord replies: “What God has cleansed NO LONGER consider unholy or unclean”*

James 2:2-4 *If a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes and there also comes a man in dirty clothes, and you pay special attention to the one dressed in fine clothes “Sit here in a good place” and to the one in dirty clothes, “Stand over there or sit down at my footstool” – **you have made distinctions and become judges with evil motives***

Romans 15:7-12

James 2:9 *If you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as sinners*

1st Timothy 5:21 *I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles **without bias** doing nothing in a **spirit of partiality***

Acts 10:28 *“You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner [Gentile] or to visit him - and yet God has shown me that **I should not call any man unholy or unclean***

34-35 *Peter said, “I most certainly understand now that God does not show partiality but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him*

Romans 9:6-8 *For they are **not all Israel who are descended from Israel** [Yakob] nor are they all children because they are Abraham’s descendants, but “**THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED.**” It is **not the children of the flesh** who are children of God, but the **children of the Promise** are regarded as descendants*

Romans 2:10-11 *glory, honor, peace to Jew first and Gentile – there is NO partiality with God*

Romans 15:7-12

Therefore accept one another just as ***Christ also accepted us*** to the glory of God.

For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God ***to confirm the promises given to the forefathers*** - and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy - as it is written:

David

“THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES,
AND I WILL SING TO YOUR NAME” [Psalm 18:49]

again **Moses** says:

“REJOICE, O GENTILES, ALONG WITH HIS PEOPLE” [Deut. 32:43]

and again **Psalmist**

“PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES,
AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM” [Psalm 117:1]

again **Isaiah** says:

“THERE SHALL COME THE ROOT OF JESSE AND HE WHO ARISES TO
RULE OVER THE GENTILES - IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE.”
[Isaiah 11:1-11]

Romans 15:7-12

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Consider TEN chapters prior:

Romans 5:6 *when we were completely powerless*

Romans 5:6 *when we were ungodly*

Romans 5:8 *when we were sinners*

Romans 5:6 *when we were God's enemies*

We can - and should - ACCEPT any others as well

Chuck Smith "classic" - *The fisherman always clean the fish AFTER they've been caught*

to **Confirm** *the promises given to the forefathers* [just quoted 4 of those re: Gentiles]

βεβαιόω "bebaioo" = *firmly establish, make sure permanently*
perfect tense = previously completed result that continues forever

Gen. 12:3 *ALL families of earth will be blessed*

John 4:22 *Gentiles worship what did NOT know - Jews DID know whom they worship*

Romans 15:13-16

Now may the **God of hope** *fill you with all joy and peace* in believing so that you will **abound in hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit

and concerning you my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are *full of goodness - filled with all knowledge* and able also to *admonish one another*

DISCIPLESHIP is part of the 'sanctification' process

[build up οἰκοδομέω "oikodomeo" - edifice]

But I have written very boldly to you on some points to remind you again because of the

Grace that was given me from God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles

Paul clearly states his personal calling and equipping

GENTILES

GRACE GIVEN [χάρις = *charis* "gift/grace"]

anything received un-merited

Ex-pat Jews in any given Roman fellowship perhaps had

attitude of "spiritual superiority" vs. common Gentiles [Jewish minority boasting over Romans]

Paul's overriding theme has been NO distinctions Jews-Greeks, slave-free, male-female

ACCEPTANCE is by the Holy Spirit being that Common facet among ALL believers

Romans 15:13-16

'YOU ROMANS'

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- **full of goodness** ἀγαθωσύνη "agatho-sunay" fruit of Spirit GOOD
- **filled with all knowledge** γνῶσις "gnosis" deep/enhanced knowing
- **able to admonish one another** νουθετέω "nou-theteo" warn/exhort on direction

NOTICE they are "**full**" and "**filled**" - Paul is talking to **spiritually mature Roman believers**

Reminder: *Rome population in the middle 1st Century AD* 1M+ with 40K to 50K ex-pat Jews
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Reminder: *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you ALL because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world [Romans 1:8] as such . . . I mention you all the time [v-9] and I really hope to come to you [v-10]*
coming up in 15:24 *I hope to see you on my way to Σπανία [Spania - Spain]*
[generally viewed as his planned 4th mission trip]
Paul did not get to do that – Gets to Rome via "Appeal"

conclusion

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Reminders: Galatians 5 *the Fruit of God’s Holy Spirit is*

LOVE ἀγάπη **JOY** χαρά [kara] **PEACE** **PATIENCE** μακροθυμία [macro-thymia]
KIND **GOOD** ἀγαθω **GENTLE** **FAITHFUL**
SELF-CONTROL ἐγκράτεια [eg-krat-ayia = self-mastery]

2nd Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is θεόπνευστος [theo-pneustos = God-breathed] profitable for*
TEACHING διδασκαλία [didas-kalia = pass along SAME taught to you]
REPROOF ἔλεγχος [eleg-kos = evidence that stands test]
CORRECTION ἐπανόρθωσις [epa-nor-thosis = restore to upright position]
TRAINING παιδεία [pai-deia = nurturing careful instruction]

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*Next Monday
November 22nd*

ROMANS

CAPITVLVM XV

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*Continue with Self-Denial
on Behalf of Others*

HOME STRETCH

Monday - November 22nd

Romans 15 part 2

Monday - November 29th

Romans 16

Monday - December 6th

Summary with Dinner

Monday - December 13th

All Church FIO Christmas

“When Was Jesus Born?”

