



## Bible Books Book by Book Series

# ROMANS

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart."

### Course Text: Romans

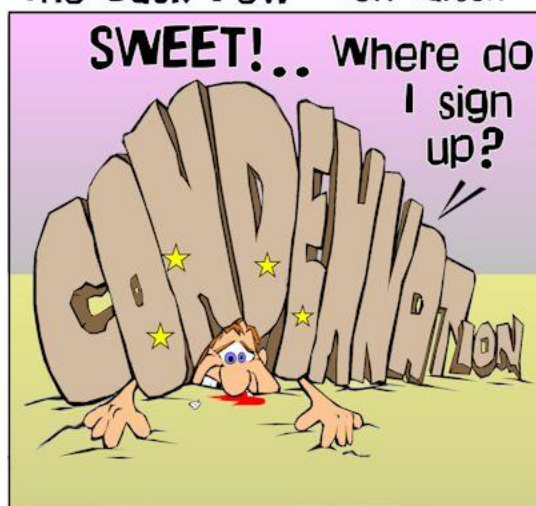
The first 11 chapters of Romans are Paul's teachings or doctrines about Christian Soteriology. (The branch of Theology having to do with Salvation.) It has some of the toughest reading in the whole New Testament. It also has many of the most beautiful passages. For many Christians, Romans chapter 8 is as much a favorite as Psalm 23, I Corinthians 13, or John 3:16. The last 5 chapters of Romans are practical instruction in Christian living. Read Romans and answer the questions on the following pages.

### Suggested methodology:

1. Let the students have a copy of the lesson well before the class meets. (Perhaps the previous meeting)
2. The students read the Bible book and answer the questions in this lesson before the group meets.
3. At the class meeting allow time for greetings and fellowship. (Save most of this for the end)
4. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
5. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
6. Discuss the questions on the page 11. Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers, when provided, are just one opinion; you may have a better answer. It might be good to establish the norm that only those who have actually read the book should discuss it aloud.
7. Discuss whatever other questions people have on their mind about the Romans.
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, this class is expected to take about two hours.

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



There is therefore **NO CONDEMNATION** for those who are in Christ Jesus. **Ro 8:1**

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**Read Romans Chapters 1 to 5 and answer these questions.**

Read Romans Chapter 1.

[1A] To whom did Paul write this letter?

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[1B] How shall the righteous (or just) live?

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[1C] How long has God's invisible qualities or attributes been known making our sins inexcusable?

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Read Romans Chapter 2

[2A] What leads us to repent of our sins?

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[2B] Does God show partiality or favoritism? \_\_\_\_\_

[2C] How will God judge our secrets?

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Read Romans Chapter 3

[3A] Who was entrusted with the oracles (spoken words) of God? \_\_\_\_\_

[3B] How many are righteous? \_\_\_\_\_

[3C] How do we uphold or establish the law? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans Chapter 4

[4A] What was credited or accounted to Abraham as righteousness? \_\_\_\_\_

[4B] How did the descendants or offspring of Abraham receive the promise? \_\_\_\_\_

[4C] Jesus was delivered to be crucified because of our \_\_\_\_\_

and he was raised for our \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans Chapter 5

[5A] Our tribulations, sufferings or afflictions cause us to have \_\_\_\_\_, which in turn give us \_\_\_\_\_, which in turn gives us hope.

[5B] Who did Christ die for? \_\_\_\_\_

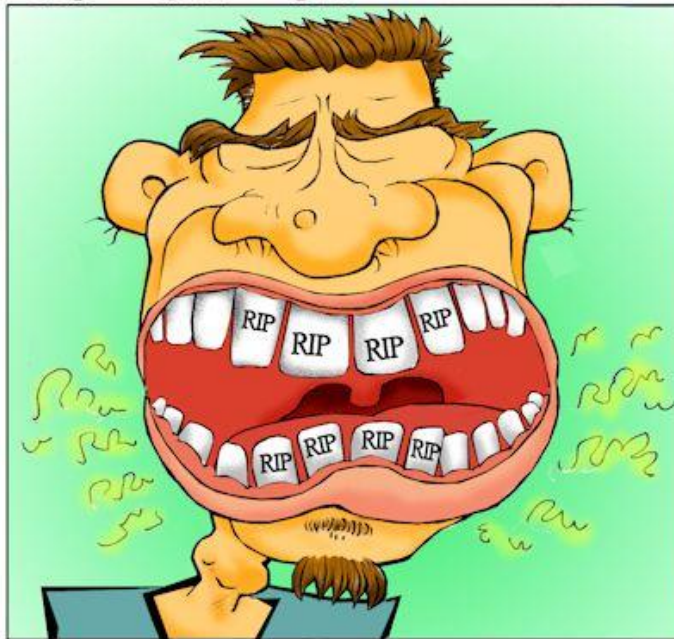
[5C] One man, Adam, brought sin unto us all. Who takes sin from us? \_\_\_\_\_



----- ANSWERS -----

- [1A] To whom did Paul write this letter? All in Rome, loved by God, and called as saints. Rom 1:7
- [1B] How shall the righteous (or just) live? By faith Rom 1:17
- [1C] How long has God's invisible attributes been known making our sins inexcusable? Since the creation of the world. Rom 1:20
  
- [2A] What leads us to repent of our sins? God's kindness or goodness Rom 2:4
- [2B] Does God show partiality or favoritism? No Rom 2:11
- [2C] How will God judge our secrets? Through Jesus Christ. Rom 2:16
  
- [3A] Who was entrusted with the oracles (spoken words) of God? The Jews Rom 3:1-2
- [3B] How many are righteous? None Rom 3:10
- [3C] How do we uphold or establish the law? By faith. Rom 3:31

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Their throats are OPEN GRAVES, their tongues practice deceit. The Poison of vipers is on their lips. **Ro 3:13** *bad breath is the least of their problems, They need a spiritual TIC-TAC!*

- [4A] What was credited or accounted to Abraham as righteousness? He believed God. Rom 4:3 Notice that it does not say he believed in God, or believe on God, or believed that God existed. He believed what God said. (Also, see Rom 4:9 and 4:22)
- [4B] How did the descendants or offspring of Abraham receive the promise. By faith, not by the law Rom 4:13
- [4C] Jesus was delivered to be crucified because of our trespasses, offences, or sins and he was raised for our justification Rom 4:25 Justification means to be declared innocent.
  
- [5A] Our tribulations, sufferings or afflictions cause us to have patience or perseverance, which in turn give us proven character or experience, which in turn gives us hope. Rom 5:3-4
- [5B] Who did Christ die for? The ungodly. Rom 5:6
- [5C] One man, Adam, brought sin unto us all. Who takes sin from us? Jesus Rom 5:12-21



**Read Romans Chapters 6 to 10 and answer these questions.**

Read Romans Chapter 6

[6A] When we are baptized what are we baptized into?

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[6B] Do dead people commit sins? \_\_\_\_\_

[6C] Who is your master? Who are you the slave or servant of?

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Read Romans Chapter 7

[7A] When we get married how long does it last?

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[7B] The law is \_\_\_\_\_ and the commandment is \_\_\_\_\_

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[7C] True or false? Once he was saved Paul never had any problems with sinning.

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Read Romans Chapter 8

[8A] A carnal or fleshly mind is death but a spiritual mind is \_\_\_\_\_.

[8B] If we are saved, what dwells or lives in us? \_\_\_\_\_

[8C] When we do not know how to pray who prays for us? \_\_\_\_\_

[8D] What works together for the good of those who love God and serve His purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

[8E] What can separate us from the love God in Christ Jesus our Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans Chapter 9

[9A] Which one did God love more, Esau or Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

[9B] Do we have the right to question God's motives? \_\_\_\_\_

[9C] What does a potter (somebody who made pots and jars) have authority over? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans Chapter 10

[10A] Paul's heart's desire and prayer for Israel is that for what? \_\_\_\_\_

[10B] \_\_\_\_\_ comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

[10C] God says that he held out His hands all day long to whom? \_\_\_\_\_

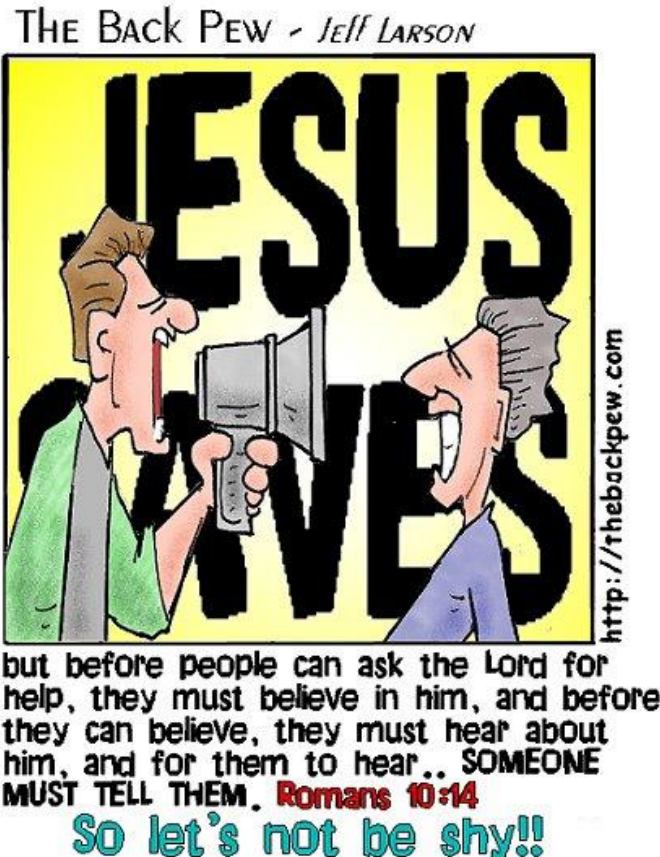
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*After only a couple minutes of review, it was clear Rusty was not ready for today's bible quiz.*

----- ANSWERS -----

- [6A] When we are baptized what are we baptized into? Death of Jesus Christ Rom 6:3-5  
[6B] Do dead people commit sins? No Rom 6:7  
[6C] Who is your master? Who are you the slave or servant of? The one you obey. Rom 6:16
- [7A] When we get married how long does it last? As long as you both shall live. Rom 7:2-3  
[7B] The law is holy and the commandment is holy, just or righteous, and good. Rom 7:12  
[7C] True or false? Once he was saved Paul never had any problems with sinning. False Rom 7:23-24
- [8A] A carnal or fleshly mind is death but a spiritual mind is life and peace. Rom 8:6-9  
[8B] If we are saved, what dwells or lives in us? His Spirit. Rom 8:11  
[8C] When we do not know how to pray who prays for us? His Spirit Rom 8:26-27  
[8D] What works together for the good of those who love God and serve His purpose? All things. Rom 8:28  
[8E] What can separate us from the love God in Christ Jesus our Lord? Nothing Rom 8:38-39
- [9A] Which one did God love more, Esau or Jacob? Jacob Rom 9:10-13  
[9B] Do we have the right to question God's motives? No Rom 9:19-20  
[9C] What does a potter (somebody who made pots and jars) have authority over? His clay Rom 9:21
- [10A] Paul's heart's desire and prayer for Israel is that for what? Their salvation. Rom 10:1  
[10B] Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Rom 10:17  
[10C] God says that he held out His hands all day long to whom? A disobedient people. Rom 10:21



**Read Romans Chapters 11 to 16 and answer these questions.**

Read Romans Chapter 11

[11A] How many men did God keep for himself that did not kneel to Baal? \_\_\_\_\_

[11B] Why has God has concluded, shut up, imprisoned, or bound all in disobedience or unbelief?  
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[11C] Rom 11:34. For who has known the mind of the LORD? Who has become His advisor?  
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Read Romans Chapter 12

[12A] What are we supposed to do with our bodies? \_\_\_\_\_  
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[12B] What are we supposed to do with people who rejoice? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[12C] How do we overcome or conquer evil? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans Chapter 13

[13A] What are we supposed to do with the government or rulers? \_\_\_\_\_  
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[13B] Which commandment fulfills the rest? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[13C] When we take off the deeds or works of darkness what to we replace them with? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans Chapter 14

[14A] In Romans 14:12 it says we are accountable to God. That means were are not accountable to who? \_\_\_\_\_

[14B] What will every tongue do? \_\_\_\_\_

[14C] If the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking or food and drink, what is it?  
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Read Romans Chapter 15

[15A] What are the strong among us to do? \_\_\_\_\_

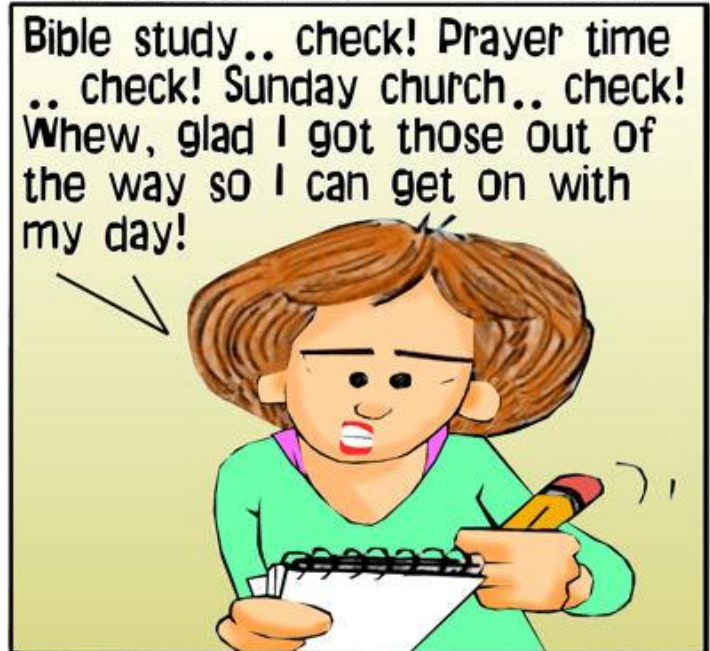
[15B] In Rom 15:13 Paul prays for his readers and ask God to give them what? \_\_\_\_\_

[15C] Paul asked his readers for something in Rom 15:30. What? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans Chapter 16

[16A] Who was the scribe to whom Paul dictated this letter? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WORSHIP IS NOT PASSIVE.. give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice the kind He will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? **Romans 12:1****



----- ANSWERS -----

- [11A] How many men did God keep for himself that did not kneel to Baal? 7,000 Rom 11:4  
[11B] Why has God has concluded, shut up, imprisoned, or bound all in disobedience or unbelief?  
So that he may have mercy on them all. Rom 11:32  
[11C] Rom 11:34. For who has known the mind of the LORD? Who has become His advisor?  
The passage does not say but it is clear Paul meant his readers to understand that the answer to these questions is nobody.  
[12A] What are we supposed to do with our bodies? Give them to God as a living sacrifice. Rom 12:1  
[12B] What are we supposed to do with people who rejoice? Rejoice with them Rom 12:15  
[12C] How do we overcome or conquer evil? With good Rom 12:21

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**More of you Lord, and less of me John 3:30  
Romans 12:1-2**

- [13A] What are we supposed to do with the government or rulers? Obey them. Rom 13:1-7  
[13B] Which commandment fulfills the rest? Love your neighbor Rom 13:8-10  
[13C] When we take off the deeds or works of darkness what to we replace them with? Armor of light.  
Rom 13:12  
[14A] In Romans 14:12 it says we are accountable to God. Than means were are not accountable to who? Each other Rom 14:4  
[14B] What will every tongue do? Praise or confess God Rom 14:11  
[14C] If the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking or food and drink, what is it?  
Righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Rom 14:17  
[15A] What are the strong among us to do? Help the weak. Rom 15:1  
[15B] In Rom 15:13 Paul prays for his readers and ask God to give them what? Hope  
[15C] Paul asked his readers for something in Rom 15:30. What? Their prayers.  
[16A] Who was the scribe to whom Paul dictated this letter? Tertius Rom 16:22



-----ROMANS ROAD-----

The Romans Road to salvation is a way of explaining the good news of salvation using verses from the Book of Romans. It is a simple yet powerful method of explaining why we need salvation, how God provided salvation, how we can receive salvation, and what are the results of salvation. It would be a good idea to memorize these verses and remember this concept to use when you are talking to people about the Lord.

[A] Read Romans 3:23 How many have sinned and fallen short? \_\_\_\_\_

We have all done things that are displeasing to God. There is no one who is innocent. Romans 3:10-18 gives a detailed picture of what sin looks like in our lives. We must all realize that we are sinners and that we need forgiveness. We are not worthy of God's grace. We were born under the power of sin's control.

[B] Read Romans 6:23 What is the wages of sin? \_\_\_\_\_

[C] What is the free gift of God? \_\_\_\_\_

The punishment that we have earned for our sins is death. Not just physical death, but eternal death! Sin has an ending. It results in death. We all face physical death, which is a result of sin. But a worse death is spiritual death that alienates us from God, and will last for all eternity. However, if we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and repent of our sins, we will have eternal life.

[D] Read Romans 5:8 When did Jesus Christ die for us? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus Christ died for us! Jesus' death paid for the price of our sins. Jesus' resurrection proves that God accepted Jesus' death as the payment for our sins. His love bought you out of being a slave to sin. His love is what saves you -- not religion, or church membership.

[E] Read Romans 10:9-13 If we confess Jesus as Lord with our mouth and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead what happens? \_\_\_\_\_

Call out to God in the name of Jesus! There are no religious formulas or rituals -- Call upon the name of the Lord and you will be saved! Because of Jesus' death on our behalf, all we have to do is believe in Him, trusting His death as the payment for our sins - and we will be saved!

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Set me free from the chains holding me.  
*Anxiety, pain, debt, even DEATH has no victory  
over those who have Jesus. **Romans 8:2***

----- ANSWERS -----

- [A] Romans 3:23 How many have sinned and fallen short? All  
[B] Romans 6:23 What is the wages of sin? Death  
[C] What is the free gift of God? Eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord  
[D] Romans 5:8 When did Jesus Christ die for us? While we were sinners  
[E] Romans 10:9-13 If we confess Jesus as Lord and believe God raised him from the dead what happens? We are saved

**Another way to come at the same thing:** The Four Spiritual Laws are a way of sharing the good news of the salvation that is available through faith in Jesus Christ. It is a simple way of organizing the important information in the Gospel into four points.

The first of the Four Spiritual Laws is, "God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life." John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 10:10 gives us the reason that Jesus came, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." What is blocking us from God's love? What is preventing us from having an abundant life?

The second of the Four Spiritual Laws is, "Humanity is tainted by sin and is therefore separated from God. As a result, we cannot know God's wonderful plan for our lives." Romans 3:23 affirms this information, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23 gives us the consequences of sin, "the wages of sin is death." God created us to have fellowship with Him. However, humanity brought sin into the world, and is therefore separated from God. We have ruined the relationship with Him that God intended us to have. What is the solution?

The third of the Four Spiritual Laws is, "Jesus Christ is God's only provision for our sin. Through Jesus Christ, we can have our sins forgiven and restore a right relationship with God." Romans 5:8 tells us, "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 informs us of what we need to know and believe in order to be saved, "...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..." Jesus Himself declares that He is the only way of salvation in John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." How can I receive this wonderful gift of salvation?

The Fourth of the Four Spiritual Laws is, "We must place our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior in order to receive the gift of salvation and know God's wonderful plan for our lives." John 1:12 describes this for us, "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." Acts 16:31 says it very clearly, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved!" We can be saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8-9).

If you want to trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, say the following words to God. Saying these words will not save you, but trusting in Christ will! This prayer is simply a way to express to God your faith in Him and thank Him for providing for your salvation. "God, I know that I have sinned against you and deserve punishment. But Jesus Christ took the punishment that I deserve so that through faith in Him I could be forgiven. I place my trust in You for salvation. Thank You for Your wonderful grace and forgiveness - the gift of eternal life! Amen!"

Have you made a decision for Christ because of what you have read here? If so, you need to talk to another Christian about the next steps to take and join in a fellowship of believers.

From: <http://www.gotquestions.org/four-spiritual-laws.html>

(1) If an unbeliever asked you to explain Romans 8:26-27 how would you do it?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(2) In Romans 11:16-24, Paul uses the example of grafting or splicing branches into an existing plant to draw a picture of the Gentiles being included as God's people along with the Jews. Does that mean we are heirs of Abraham? Why or why not?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(3) If you were teaching a class of teenagers how would you explain Romans 12:1-2?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(4) Which verse or passage would you select to memorize from Romans? Why?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(5) How can the lessons of Romans be applied to our own life?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(6) If someone asked you what Romans was about what would you say?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you have any questions, now might be a good time to discuss them with your classmates.

**(1) Holy Spirit & Prayer** God is not Santa Claus. Prayer is not about making a list of things we want, and getting God to approve and provide it. Prayer is about a loving relationship, where we can show him our deepest longings, even the ones we do not truly understand ourselves. It is about trusting Him to do what is best for us, even if we do not like it. We cannot see around the curves in the road, or over the hills; and although we may realize the general destination, we cannot visualize the details of the road. But The Holy Spirit does know and therefore He makes intercession for us.

**(2) Natural & New Branches** This passage covers a lot of ground. Paul is dealing here with the "relationship" that Abraham had with God, and the "righteousness" that was imputed to him. Both had been lost when Adam sinned; but both are restored in Abrahams Seed, the Lord Jesus Christ (Psa. 69:4; Gal. 3:7-16). Theologians argue about this and your opinion is just as good as anyone's. My opinion is that we are spiritual heirs of Abraham. By that I mean that we receive the promise of becoming part of the family of God, but we do not become the physical heirs of the Promised Land.

**(3) Teenagers & Sacrificial Service** Telling teenagers to sacrifice themselves and not to conform themselves to the world is not likely to be heard by them. I think I would try to get them to pay attention to the rest of chapter 12. I would point out that it says each of them have something important to contribute to the church. Associated with something important and thinking highly of themselves it seems to me would be much more likely to be acceptable to them. It is really the same exact message, but easier for them to accept. That is what Paul does. The first two verses sound harsh and difficult without his explanation that follows it. You are needed and important are easier to accept than die to self, but they are essential to one another, so it really doesn't matter which order you understand them.

**(4) A Verse to Remember** I like Romans 8:37 "No, in all these things we are more than victorious through Him who loved us." God's love and our victory. What could be better than that? All of Romans chapter 8 would be a good passage to know by heart.

**(5) Life Application** We need to do our best and leave the rest up to God. He can handle it.

GotQuestions.org says this "The Book of Romans makes it clear that there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. Every "good" deed we have ever done is as a filthy rag before God. So dead in our trespasses and sins are we that only the grace and mercy of God can save us. God expressed that grace and mercy by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place. When we turn our lives over to Christ, we are no longer controlled by our sin nature, but we are controlled by the Spirit. If we make confession that Jesus is Lord, and believe that He is raised from the dead, we are saved, born again. We need to live our lives offered to God as a living sacrifice to Him. Worship of the God who saved us should be our highest desire. Perhaps the best application of Romans would be to apply Romans 1:16 and not be ashamed of the gospel. Instead, let us all be faithful in proclaiming it!"

**(6) Core Message** I think the most important thing to remember from Romans is that we are saved by God's grace, not our efforts.