



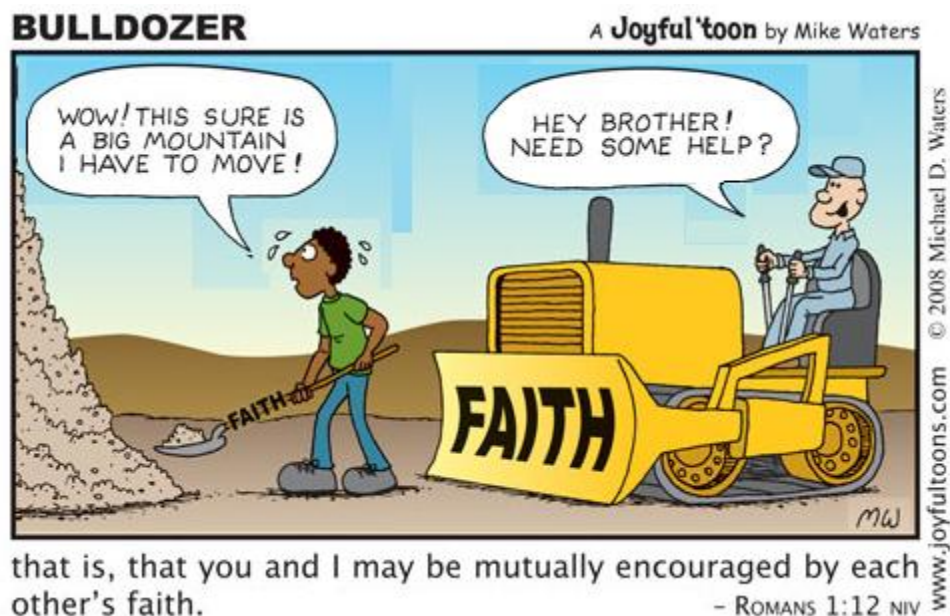
## Bible Books Chapter by Chapter Series

# 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, 1st 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 for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst)
3. Pray (The idea is to leave our troubles with God so we can give Him our full attention.)
4. Read the lesson's chapter aloud from the Bible (or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is Scripture based.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak .**
7. Discuss your Think & Pray answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is good to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission first.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"

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The Epistle of the Romans refers to Jesus 73 times. Every chapter mentions Him at least once. What do you suppose this book is about?

# Romans Chapter 1

What do you expect to learn in this course? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 1 and answer the following questions:

[1A] Romans 1:1-2 How did God promise the coming Christ (Messiah)? \_\_\_\_\_

[1B] Romans 1:3-4 How did God declare that Jesus was the Son of God with power? \_\_\_\_\_

[1C] Romans 1:5-7 Who was as Paul writing to? \_\_\_\_\_

[1D] Romans 1:8 What did Paul thank God for? \_\_\_\_\_

[1E] Romans 1:9-10 How often did Paul mention the Roman Christians in his prayers? \_\_\_\_\_

[1F] Romans 1:11-12 Paul's plan called for mutual encouragement by what? \_\_\_\_\_

[1G] Romans 1:13-15 Paul was eager to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

[1H] Romans 1:16-17 What did Paul call the gospel? \_\_\_\_\_

[1I] Romans 1:18-20 What is clearly seen by everyone in creation? \_\_\_\_\_

[1J] Romans 1:21-23 Professing themselves wise, what did they become? \_\_\_\_\_

[1K] Romans 1:24-25 What did they swap for the truth? \_\_\_\_\_

[1L] Romans 1:26-27 What did God surrender them to? \_\_\_\_\_

[1M] Romans 1:28-32 What did God surrender them to? \_\_\_\_\_

[1N] Romans 1:28-32 How many of the things on the list are you guilty of? So what?

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The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Being self sufficient rather than dependant on God is more risky than Young Skywalker wielding a light saber without the FORCE. **Ro 1:16**

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**Romans Chapter 1**

[1A] Romans 1:1-2 How did God promise the coming Christ (Messiah)?

Through His prophets in the holy Scriptures

[1B] Romans 1:3-4 How did God declare that Jesus was the Son of God with power?

By the resurrection from the dead

[1C] Romans 1:5-7 Who was as Paul writing to?

"the called of Jesus Christ and all who are beloved on God in Rome"

[1D] Romans 1:8 What did Paul thank God for? For the people he was writing to

[1E] Romans 1:9-10 How often did Paul mention the Roman Christians in his prayers. Unceasingly

[1F] Romans 1:11-12 Paul's plan called for mutual encouragement by what? Each other's faith

[1G] Romans 1:13-15 Paul was eager to do what? Preach the Gospel in Rome.

[1H] Romans 1:16-17 What did Paul call the gospel? The power of God for salvation

[1I] Romans 1:18-20 What is clearly seen by everyone in creation?

The Creator's invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature

[1J] Romans 1:21-23 Professing themselves wise, what did they become? Fools

[1K] Romans 1:24-25 What did they swap for the truth? A lie

[1L] Romans 1:26-27 What did God surrender them to? Their own lusts

[1M] Romans 1:28-32 What did God surrender them to? Their own depraved minds

[1N] Romans 1:28-32 I'm guilty of all but one - murder. And if you take Matthew 5:21-22 to mean hating is murder in God's eyes, I'm guilty of them all. I would like to say that after over 40 years as a Christian that I do none of these things anymore, but all I can honestly claim is that I less often do any of these things anymore. Knowing "that those who practice such things are worthy of death" is apparently not much good at preventing these sins from raising their ugliness in my life from time to time. Paul will address this very issue later in this letter, because he had the same problem.

**For further thought:**

(1o) Thinking about Romans 1:1-2 | Can you think of any examples in the Old Testament where the gospel of God is promised?

(1p) Is Acts 28:11-31 God's answer to Paul's prayer in Romans 1:8-15? How do you know?

(1q) Thinking about Romans 1:8-10 | Would you like for someone to say something like this to you?  
When was the last time you told someone how much you prayed for them and how much you wanted to see them?

(1r) In Romans 1:18-20 Paul makes it clear that the existence and nature of God are intuitively obvious to the most casual observer. What does that tell us about people who say they are an atheist?

(1s) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 1 was about what would you tell them?

(1t) What did you learn about Romans chapter 1 that you would like to remember?

(1u) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 1 would be best to memorize? Why?

(1v) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in Romans chapter 1?

## Romans Chapter 2

Please summarize Romans chapter 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 2 and answer the following questions:

[2A] Romans 2:1 When you judge another what do you do to yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

[2B] Romans 2:2-3 Where does the judgment of God rightly fall? \_\_\_\_\_

[2C] Romans 2:4-5 Towards what does the kindness of God lead us? \_\_\_\_\_

[2D] Romans 2:6-8 Those who do not obey the truth, obey what instead? \_\_\_\_\_

[2E] Romans 2:9-10 Does God judge based on nationality and race? \_\_\_\_\_

[2F] Romans 2:11 What does God lack? \_\_\_\_\_

[2G] Romans 2:12-13 Who is just before God? \_\_\_\_\_

[2H] Romans 2:14-16 How will God judge men's secrets? \_\_\_\_\_

[2I] Romans 2:17-22 What does the law embody? \_\_\_\_\_

[2J] Romans 2:23-24 Why is the name of God blasphemed among the Gentiles? \_\_\_\_\_

[2K] Romans 2:25 What can make circumcision into uncircumcision? \_\_\_\_\_

[2L] Romans 2:26-27 True or false — The obedient will judge the disobedient. \_\_\_\_\_

[2M] Romans 2:28-29 Who circumcises our heart? \_\_\_\_\_

[2N] Romans 2:25-29 Who is a true Jew? \_\_\_\_\_

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I'm only browsing .. a little eye candy, a peek at playboy .. no one will know .. or maybe something more, just a peek, I am only curious. But maybe I am really one mouse click from **TOTAL DARKNESS**.  
**The subtle hooks of pornography** Romans 2:16

----- ANSWERS -----

**Romans Chapter 2**

[2A] Romans 2:1 When you judge another what do you do to yourself? Condemn yourself

[2B] Romans 2:2-3 Where does the judgment of God rightly fall?

On those who practice such things (things listed in Romans 1:28-32)

[2C] Romans 2:4-5 Towards what does the kindness of God lead us? Repentance

[2D] Romans 2:6-8 Those who do not obey the truth, obey what instead? Unrighteousness

[2E] Romans 2:9-10 Does God judge based on nationality and race? No, on actions

[2F] Romans 2:11 What does God lack? Partiality or prejudice

[2G] Romans 2:12-13 Who is justified before God? Doers of the law

[2H] Romans 2:14-16 How will God judge men's secrets? Through Christ Jesus

[2I] Romans 2:17-22 What does the law embody? Knowledge and truth

[2J] Romans 2:23-24 Why is the name of God blasphemed among the Gentiles?

Because Jews dishonor Him with their disobedience

[2K] Romans 2:25 What can make circumcision into uncircumcision? Disobedience to the Law

[2L] Romans 2:26-27 True or false – The obedient will judge the disobedient.

True, but what does that mean exactly?

[2M] Romans 2:28-29 Who circumcises our heart? The Spirit

[2N] Who is a true Jew? Those who have humbled themselves before God by devoting themselves to obedience to the Lord's will, here called "circumcision of the heart."

**For further thought:**

(2o) Compare Romans 2:6 with Psalm 62:12 and Proverbs 24:12. What did you learn?

(2p) Compare Romans 2:14-16 with Jeremiah 31:33. Are they talking about the same thing? Why or why not?

(2q) Paul asks a series of questions in Romans 2:21-24. How would you answer those questions?

(2r) Paul asks a question in Romans 2:27. What is the answer to the question? How do you know?

(2s) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 2 was about what would you tell them?

(2t) What did you learn about Romans chapter 2 that you would like to remember?

(2u) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 2 would be best to memorize? Why?

(2v) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in Romans chapter 2?

**A prayer based on Romans 2:1-8:** God, I have no excuse. Please give me grace to have mercy and forgiveness to all who might have done wrong, for no matter what they may have done, You have forgiven me of transgressions worthy of death, and so I must forgive others. Lord, it is your kindness, tolerance and patience which led me to repentance. Please use me to show the same to others. Please forgive me my stubbornness and soften my heart. Give me strength to persevere in doing good. The glory and honor are Yours. Please give me peace and life. Your will be done, Amen.



## Romans Chapter 3

Please summarize Romans chapter 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 3 and answer the following questions:

[3A] Romans 3:1-2 Who was entrusted with the oracles of God? \_\_\_\_\_

[3B] Romans 3:3-4 What is unchanged by unbelief? \_\_\_\_\_

[3C] Romans 3:5-7 If there are no bad consequences of our sin, is it still a sin? \_\_\_\_\_

[3D] Romans 3:8-9 Who are under sin? \_\_\_\_\_

[3E] Romans 3:10-11 How many are righteous? \_\_\_\_\_

[3F] Romans 3:12-13 How many do good? \_\_\_\_\_

[3G] Romans 3:14-15 What are their mouths full of? \_\_\_\_\_

[3H] Romans 3:16-18 Which path is unknown to them? \_\_\_\_\_

[3I] Romans 3:19-20 Who is accountable to God? \_\_\_\_\_

[3J] Romans 3:21-23 Who have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God? \_\_\_\_\_

[3K] Romans 3:24-26 How do we earn justification? \_\_\_\_\_

[3L] Romans 3:27-28 How are we justified? \_\_\_\_\_

[3M] Romans 3:29-30 Who is God the God of? \_\_\_\_\_

[3N] Romans 3:31 How is the Law established? \_\_\_\_\_

[3O] Compare Romans 3:24-31 with James 2:17-26. What is the same? What is different?

Think & Pray \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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!

----- ANSWERS -----

**Romans Chapter 3**

- [3A] Romans 3:1-2 Who was entrusted with the oracles of God? Jews
- [3B] Romans 3:3-4 What is unchanged by unbelief? The faithfulness of God
- [3C] Romans 3:5-7 If there are no bad consequences of our sin, is it still a sin? Yes
- [3D] Romans 3:8-9 Who are under sin? Jews and Greeks (This does not mean they are the only ones.)
- [3E] Romans 3:10-11 How many are righteous? None
- [3F] Romans 3:12-13 How many do good? None, not even one
- [3G] Romans 3:14-15 What are their mouths full of? Cursing and bitterness
- [3H] Romans 3:16-18 Which path is unknown to them? Path of Peace
- [3I] Romans 3:19-20 Who is accountable to God? The whole world
- [3J] Romans 3:21-23 Who have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God? All
- [3K] Romans 3:24-26 How do we earn justification? We don't, it is a gift.
- [3L] Romans 3:27-28 How are we justified? By faith apart from the works of the Law
- [3M] Romans 3:29-30 Who is God the God of? Everyone
- [3N] Romans 3:31 How is the Law established? Through faith.

[3O] Compare Romans 3:24-31 with James 2:17-26. At first it looks like they are saying the exact opposite. However, if you look at Romans 3:31 I believe you will see they are saying the same thing with regard to faith vs. works. But Paul and James are applying it to two different situations of the heart. In Romans Paul is talking about grace vs. Law. He is making the point that Christianity is about God reaching down to man, not man reaching up to God. This is one of the key things that distinguishes Christianity from all the other religions. Paul is explaining the inadequacy of keeping the Law for salvation. James sees it exactly the same way, but he is addressing a completely different issue. He is not talking about grace vs. law. James is talking about believing faith vs. trusting faith. Believing God exists is nothing. Even demons do that. Trusting God enough to try to obey Him demonstrates trusting faith, which is the kind of faith Paul also means in Romans 3:31.

**For further thought:**

- (3n) Compare Romans 3:4 with Psalm 116:11 and Psalm 51:4. What did you learn?
- (3o) Thinking about Romans 3:5-8 | What is Paul talking about? What do these verses mean?
- (3p) In Romans 3:9 Paul uses the term "Greek" to contrast with the Jews. Later in chapter 3, verse 29, he switches to using the term "Gentile" instead. Why? What is the difference?
- (3q) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 3 was about what would you tell them?
- (3r) What did you learn about Romans chapter 3 that you would like to remember?
- (3s) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 3 would be best to memorize? Why?
- (3t) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in Romans chapter 3?

**A prayer based on Romans 3:22-26:** Thank you, Lord, for the gift of righteousness. Indeed I do trust completely in the finished work of Jesus Christ and believe that you have justified me by Your grace and redeemed me by His blood. It is all entirely because of Your forbearance that my many sins previously committed have been passed over. You are just and the justifier, having demonstrated Your righteousness. In Jesus name, Amen.



## Romans Chapter 4

Please summarize Romans chapter 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 4 and answer the following questions:

[4A] Romans 4:1-2 Does Abraham anything to boast about? \_\_\_\_\_

[4B] Romans 4:3 What was credited to Abraham and why? \_\_\_\_\_

[4C] Romans 4:4-5 Are wages paid as a favor or are they earned? \_\_\_\_\_

[4D] Romans 4:6-7 Who is blessed? \_\_\_\_\_

[4E] Romans 4:8 Who is blessed? \_\_\_\_\_

[4F] Romans 4:9-12 Was Abraham credited with righteousness before or after he was circumcised? \_\_\_\_\_

[4G] Romans 4:13 What was promised to Abraham and his descendants? \_\_\_\_\_

[4H] Romans 4:14-15 What does the Law bring about? \_\_\_\_\_

[4I] Romans 4:16 The promise is by faith in order that it might be in accordance to what? \_\_\_\_\_

[4J] Romans 4:17 What two things that God does are listed here? \_\_\_\_\_

[4K] Romans 4:18-20 What did not waiver? \_\_\_\_\_

[4L] Romans 4:21 He was sure that God could do what? \_\_\_\_\_

[4M] Romans 4:22-24 Why was it recorded that Abraham believed God? \_\_\_\_\_

[4N] Romans 4:25 Why was Jesus raised from the dead? \_\_\_\_\_

[4O] Romans 4:25 What does it mean that Jesus was raised from the dead "because of our justification"?

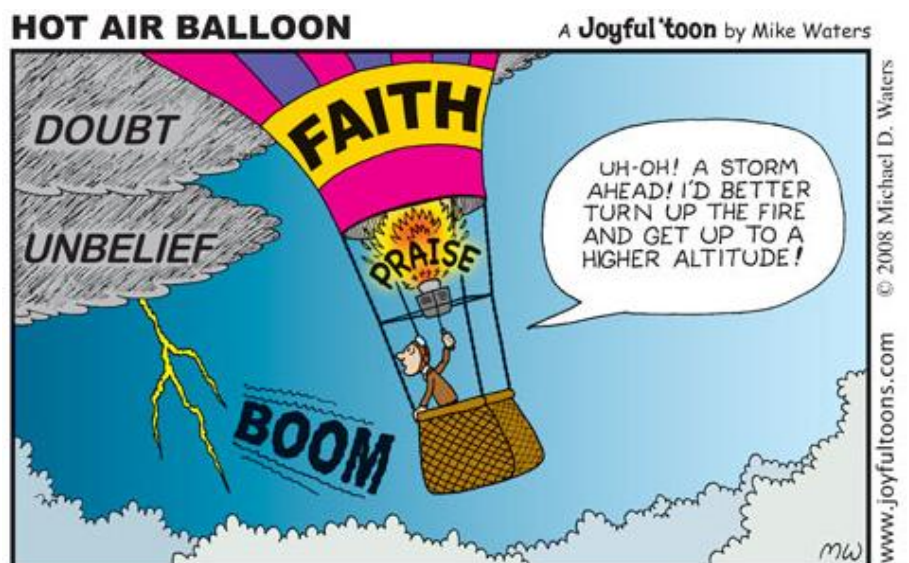
*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God.

- ROMANS 4:20 NIV



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**Romans Chapter 4**

- [4A] Romans 4:1-2 Does Abraham anything to boast about? If he was justified by works, he does,  
but he wasn't justified by works
- [4B] Romans 4:3 What was credited to Abraham and why? Righteousness, because he believed God.
- [4C] Romans 4:4-5 Are wages paid as a favor or are they earned? Earned
- [4D] Romans 4:6-7 Who is blessed? Those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered
- [4E] Romans 4:8 Who is blessed? Those whose sins the Lord does not count
- [4F] Romans 4:9-12 Was Abraham credited with righteousness before or after he was circumcised?  
Before
- [4G] Romans 4:13 What was promised to Abraham and his descendants? Inheriting the world
- [4H] Romans 4:14-15 What does the Law bring about? Wrath
- [4I] Romans 4:16 The promise is by faith in order that it might be in accordance to what? Grace
- [4J] Romans 4:17 What two things that God does are listed here? Gives life to the dead and  
calls into being that which does not exist
- [4K] Romans 4:18-20 What did not waiver? Abraham's faith (Regardless of delay or circumstances.)
- [4L] Romans 4:21 He was sure that God could do what? What He had promised
- [4M] Romans 4:22-24 Why was it recorded that Abraham believed God?  
For the benefit of those who believe God raised Jesus our Lord from the dead
- [4N] Romans 4:25 Why was Jesus raised from the dead? Because of our justification

[4O] It means that our debts are completely paid. For our sins we owed eternal death. The Lord's death covered the debt. Once the debt was paid it was no longer necessary for Jesus to remain dead. We can look forward with hope to our own resurrection. Thank God. What a blessed hope it is.

**For further thought:**

- (4p) Thinking about Romans 4:1 | What does the phrase "according to the flesh" mean?
- (4q) Thinking about Romans 4:11 | Is Abraham your father?
- (4r) The Jews are back in Palestine. Is that the promise to Abraham fulfilled? Read Romans 4:13 in several versions noticing in particular the phrase translated "heir of the world" in the New American Standard Version. What did you learn?
- (4s) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 4 was about what would you tell them?
- (4t) What did you learn about Romans chapter 4 that you would like to remember?
- (4u) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 4 would be best to memorize? Why?
- (4v) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

**A prayer based on Romans 4:4-8 and Psalm 32:1-2:** Father, I ask your blessings on all who read this. I do not ask this because they have earned it. If blessings are their due, I do not need to ask, you will surely give them those. If they have not worked please bless them anyway. If they are ungodly justify them. If they believe in you, if their trust is in you, treat them as if they were righteous. Please forgive their lawless deeds. Cover their sin by with the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Do not take their sin into account. Amen.

## Romans Chapter 5

Please summarize Romans chapter 4 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 5 and answer the following questions:

[5A] Romans 5:1-2 Through whom do we have peace with God? \_\_\_\_\_

[5B] Romans 5:3-4 What is the result of perseverance? \_\_\_\_\_

[5C] Romans 5:5 What has been poured out within our hearts? \_\_\_\_\_

[5D] Romans 5:6 When did Christ die? \_\_\_\_\_

[5E] Romans 5:7-8 When did Christ die? \_\_\_\_\_

[5F] Romans 5:9-10 When were we reconciled to God by Christ's death? \_\_\_\_\_

[5G] Romans 5:11 Through whom did we receive the reconciliation? \_\_\_\_\_

[5H] Romans 5:12-13 Through how many men did sin enter into the world? \_\_\_\_\_

[5I] Romans 5:14 Adam was a what of who? \_\_\_\_\_

[5J] Romans 5:15 Grace came to many by who? \_\_\_\_\_

[5K] Romans 5:16-17 Judgment and death arose from what? \_\_\_\_\_

[5L] Romans 5:18-19 Justification and life came by what? \_\_\_\_\_

[5M] Romans 5:20-21 grace and eternal life come through whom? \_\_\_\_\_

[5N] How much parallelism (i.e. Hebrew style poetry) can you find in Romans 5? (If you don't know what this means, read the answer on the back and then see if you can find some more yourself in other chapters of Romans. Chapters 2 and 8 have quite a bit.)

Think & Pray \_\_\_\_\_

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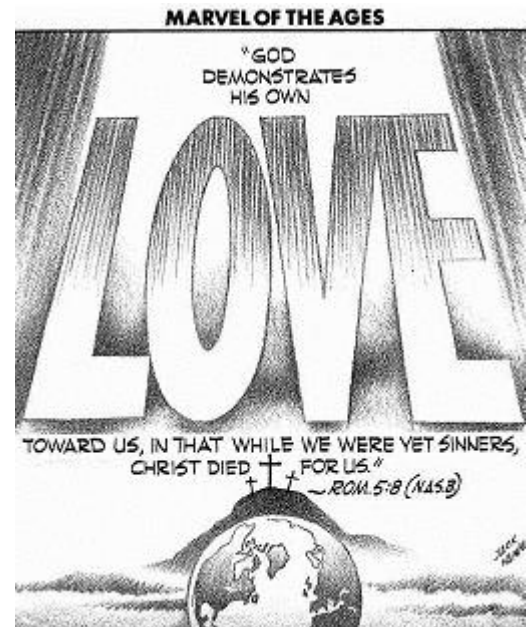
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**Romans Chapter 5**

- [5A] Romans 5:1-2 Through whom do we have peace with God? Our Lord Jesus Christ
- [5B] Romans 5:3-4 What is the result of perseverance? Proven character
- [5C] Romans 5:5 What has been poured out within our hearts? The love of God
- [5D] Romans 5:6 When did Christ die? At the right time, while we were still helpless ("right time" is the Greek word kairos. It means "nick of time" or "opportune moment" or "the turning point of events." I love that word!)
- [5E] Romans 5:7-8 When did Christ die? While we were yet sinners
- [5F] Romans 5:9-10 When were we reconciled to God by Christ's death? While we were enemies
- [5G] Romans 5:11 Through whom did we receive the reconciliation? Our Lord Jesus Christ
- [5H] Romans 5:12-13 Through how many men did sin enter into the world? One
- [5I] Romans 5:14 Adam was a what of who? A type of Him who was to come. (Jesus Christ)
- [5J] Romans 5:15 Grace came to many by who? One Man, Jesus Christ
- [5K] Romans 5:16-17 Judgment and death arose from what? One transgression
- [5L] Romans 5:18-19 Justification and life came by what? One act of righteousness
- [5M] Romans 5:20-21 grace and eternal life come through whom? Our Lord Jesus Christ

[5N] Verses 1-11 begin and end with the same thought – Our Lord Jesus Christ reconciled/justified us. I believe this forms a stanza of Hebrew poetry.

Three times in that stanza Christ died for us while we were still God's enemy.

I like the literary devise of progressive linking in 3-5 with each step mentioned twice -- tribulation, tribulation; perseverance, perseverance; proven character, proven character; hope, hope.

Verses 12-19 begin and end with the same thought – one man's sin caused the whole problem. A second stanza of Hebrew poetry. This entire stanza deals with this problem repeating it in several different forms. It also includes an antithetical parallel that (1) sin came by one man – Adam to all, and (2) the solution to the sin problem came by one man – Jesus Christ to all.

Idea #1 appears in verses 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 – six times

Idea #2 appears in verses 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 – five times

Verses 20-21 combine the two stanzas into a single thought and ends with a parallel thought to verses 1 and 11 – eternal life comes from our Lord Jesus Christ because he justified/reconciled us.

There is a lot more, I think. Look at the patterns formed by the words grace & gift, and the words sin, disobedience & transgression. life vs. death, law vs. grace, condemnation vs. justification.

What else did you find?

If you had fun with this exercise you may want to study our course on Hebrew Poetry at [LoveBibleStudy.com](http://LoveBibleStudy.com).

**For further thought:**

- (5o) Romans 5:3-5 describes a process of tribulation > perseverance > proven character > hope > heart full of love. How far along are you in this process?
- (5p) Thinking about Romans 5:5 | What does "hope does not disappoint, because ..." mean?
- (5q) Thinking about Romans 5:14 | What does this verse mean?
- (5r) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 5 was about what would you tell them?
- (5s) What did you learn about Romans chapter 5 that you would like to remember?
- (5t) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 5 would be best to memorize? Why?

## Romans Chapter 6

Please summarize Romans chapter 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 6 and answer the following questions:

[6A] Romans 6:1-2 Should we continue in sin so that grace may increase? \_\_\_\_\_

[6B] Romans 6:3-4 How should we walk? \_\_\_\_\_

[6C] Romans 6:5-7 Christ died and freed us from what? \_\_\_\_\_

[6D] Romans 6:8-9 What is no longer our master? \_\_\_\_\_

[6E] Romans 6:10-11 We are to be dead to what? \_\_\_\_\_

[6F] Romans 6:12-13 We are to present ourselves as what? \_\_\_\_\_

[6G] Romans 6:14-15 What are we under? \_\_\_\_\_

[6H] Romans 6:16-17 What is the result of obedience? \_\_\_\_\_

[6I] Romans 6:18-19 We are to be slaves of what or who? \_\_\_\_\_

[6J] Romans 6:20-21 What is the benefit of sin? \_\_\_\_\_

[6K] Romans 6:22-23 What is the free gift of God? \_\_\_\_\_

[6L] Compare Romans 6:3-4 with Matthew 3:13-16, Mark 10:35-40 and Luke 12:50. Which of these baptisms of Jesus was Paul talking about in Romans? How do you know?

Think & Pray \_\_\_\_\_

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In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. — ROMANS 6:11 NIV

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**Romans Chapter 6**

- [6A] Romans 6:1-2 Should we continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be!
- [6B] Romans 6:3-4 How should we walk? In newness of life
- [6C] Romans 6:5-7 Christ died and freed us from what? Sin
- [6D] Romans 6:8-9 What is no longer our master? Death
- [6E] Romans 6:10-11 We are to be dead to what? Sin
- [6F] Romans 6:12-13 We are to present ourselves as what?  
Those alive from the dead, as a tool for righteousness for God
- [6G] Romans 6:14-15 What are we under? Grace, not law
- [6H] Romans 6:16-17 What is the result of obedience? Righteousness
- [6I] Romans 6:18-19 We are to be slaves of what or who? Righteousness
- [6J] Romans 6:20-21 What is the benefit of sin? Nothing
- [6K] Romans 6:22-23 What is the free gift of God? Eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

[6L] Romans 6:3-4, Mark 10:35-40 and Luke 12:50 are talking about his crucifixion and resurrection. Matthew 3:13-16 is talking about John the Baptist baptizing Jesus in the Jordan. I know this because He did not drown when John baptized him, and Romans 6 is clearly talking about his death and resurrection. Mark 10 and Luke 12 sure sound like His crucifixion to me, but if you have a different understanding you may be right. What about the baptism in Matthew 3:11-12? How does that baptism fit in?

**For further thought:**

- (6m) Are the baptism in Romans 6:3-4 and the baptism in Matthew 28:19 related? How do you know?
- (6n) Compare Romans 6:2 with Colossians 2:20. What did you learn?
- (6o) Compare Romans 6:5-7 and 1 Peter 4:1. What is the same? What is different?
- (6p) Compare Romans 6:9 and 1 Peter 2:24. Are they saying the same thing? How do you know?
- (6q) Compare Romans 6:20-22 with Jeremiah 12:13 and Ezekiel 16:63. What did you learn?
- (6r) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 6 was about what would you tell them?
- (6s) What did you learn about Romans chapter 6 that you would like to remember?
- (6t) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 6 would be best to memorize? Why?
- (6u) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

**A prayer based on Romans 6:12-14:** God, my Father, I present myself to You completely. You have rescued me from death and eternal destruction. I acknowledge You as my sovereign in every respect without reservation. Please jealousy guard me. Prevent me from doing anything stupid or wrong that might not give you glory. Your will be done, Amen.

## Romans Chapter 7

Please summarize Romans chapter 6 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 7 and answer the following questions:

[7A] Romans 7:1-3 Under what circumstances are we no longer under the jurisdiction of the Law? \_\_\_\_\_

[7B] Romans 7:4 Why did we die with Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

[7C] Romans 7:5-6 What is the fruit of the working of the Law? \_\_\_\_\_

[7D] Romans 7:7-8 What is dead without the Law? \_\_\_\_\_

[7E] Romans 7:9-12 Is the Law good or bad? \_\_\_\_\_

[7F] Romans 7:13 Does the Law kill us? \_\_\_\_\_

[7G] Romans 7:14-15 What is Paul doing? \_\_\_\_\_

[7H] Romans 7:16-17 When he hates what he is doing, what does that say about the Law? \_\_\_\_\_

[7I] Romans 7:18 What dwells in Paul? \_\_\_\_\_

[7J] Romans 7:19-20 If he does what he doesn't want to do, who is doing it? \_\_\_\_\_

[7K] Romans 7:21-22 What does Paul joyfully agree with? \_\_\_\_\_

[7L] Romans 7:23 Where is a war going on? \_\_\_\_\_

[7M] Romans 7:24-25 Who rescues us from this wretched situation? \_\_\_\_\_

[7N] In Romans 7:7 says that Paul learned not to covet from the law that said "Do not covet." How did you learn the difference between right and wrong? How do you know your understanding is correct?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Auto Mechanic Ed Winkee was anguished and confused by the words of **Romans 7:24** "Oh Wretched (not WRENCH-ED) man that I am."



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**Romans Chapter 7**

- [7A] Romans 7:1-3 Under what circumstances are we no longer under the jurisdiction of the Law?  
When we are dead. They don't serve arrest warrants in cemeteries to people in their graves.
- [7B] Romans 7:4 Why did we die with Christ? So that we might bear fruit for God
- [7C] Romans 7:5-6 What is the fruit of the working of the Law? Death
- [7D] Romans 7:7-8 What is dead without the Law? Sin
- [7E] Romans 7:9-12 Is the Law good or bad? The commandments are holy, righteous and good
- [7F] Romans 7:13 Does the Law kill us? No, the law warns us of sin. Sin kills us
- [7G] Romans 7:14-15 What is Paul doing? The very thing that he hates
- [7H] Romans 7:16-17 When he hates what he is doing, what does that say about the Law?  
That Paul agrees the Law is good
- [7I] Romans 7:18 What dwells in Paul? Nothing good
- [7J] Romans 7:19-20 If he does what he doesn't want to do, who is doing it? Sin
- [7K] Romans 7:21-22 What does Paul joyfully agree with? The law of God
- [7L] Romans 7:23 Where is a war going on? Within Paul (within us all)
- [7M] Romans 7:24-25 Who rescues us from this wretched situation? Jesus Christ our Lord

[7N] I haven't learned the difference yet. My parents taught me some, but their understanding was not quite correct, just like the rest of us. I know that I'm wrong and He is right. I don't trust me. I try to measure up to the behavior the Bible tells us to exhibit, but I fail miserably. Thank God for His salvation so rich and free!

**For further thought:**

- (7o) Compare Romans 7:23 with Galatians 5:17, James 4:1 and 1 Peter 2:11.  
Who are the combatants in the war, where are the battles occurring, and what are they fighting over?
- (7p) Compare Romans 7:7 with Exodus 20:17 and Deuteronomy 5:21.  
Does this in any way clarify Romans 7?
- (7q) Compare Romans 7:14 with 1 Kings 21:20-25 and 2 Kings 17:17. What did you learn?
- (7r) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 7 was about what would you tell them?
- (7s) What did you learn about Romans chapter 7 that you would like to remember?
- (7t) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 7 would be best to memorize? Why?
- (7u) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

**A prayer based on Romans 7:15-25:** What I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. I know that God's laws are right and good. This sin that seems to be dwelling in me is not me. While it is true that there is nothing good about me, that is not my desire. I want to do good always, but I do not. I too often practice the very evil that I hate. God principles and precepts give me joy. I recognize His glorious righteousness right down to the core of my being. There is a war in me, between good and evil. It is wretched to live in this battle zone, but I have a great Hope. God will set me free from this body of death. Thanks be to Him through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

## Romans Chapter 8

Please summarize Romans chapter 7 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 8 and answer the following questions:

[8A] Romans 8:1-2 What have we been set free from? \_\_\_\_\_

[8B] Romans 8:3-5 Who sent His own Son as an offering for sin? \_\_\_\_\_

[8C] Romans 8:6-8 Who can not please God? \_\_\_\_\_

[8D] Romans 8:9-11 How does God (Him who raised Christ Jesus from the dead) give life? \_\_\_\_\_

[8E] Romans 8:12-13 If you are living according to the flesh, what must you do? \_\_\_\_\_

[8F] Romans 8:14-17 Who are the sons of God? \_\_\_\_\_

[8G] Romans 8:18-22 Who besides us will be set free from its slavery to corruption? \_\_\_\_\_

[8H] Romans 8:23-25 What are we waiting eagerly for? \_\_\_\_\_

[8I] Romans 8:26-27 In what way does the Spirit intercede for us? \_\_\_\_\_

[8J] Romans 8:28-30 God causes all things to work together for good for who? \_\_\_\_\_

[8K] Romans 8:31-34 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? \_\_\_\_\_

[8L] Romans 8:35-36 What or who will separate us from the love of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

[8M] Romans 8:37-39 What or who will separate us from the love of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

[8N] If an unbeliever asked you to explain Romans 8:26-27 how would you do it? \_\_\_\_\_

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

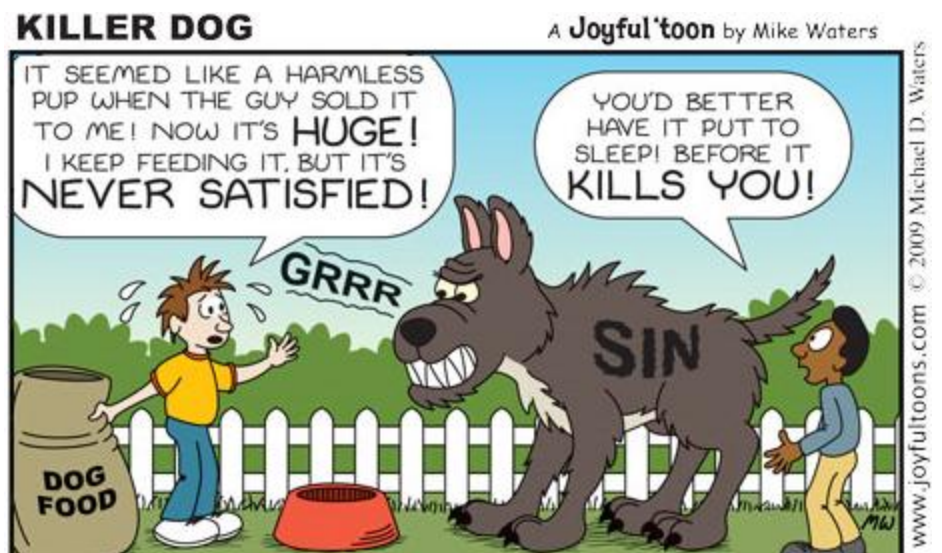
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For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

ROMANS 8:13 NIV



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**Romans Chapter 8**

[8A] Romans 8:1-2 What have we been set free from? The law of sin and of death

[8B] Romans 8:3-5 Who sent His own Son as an offering for sin? God

[8C] Romans 8:6-8 Who can not please God? Those who are in the flesh

[8D] Romans 8:9-11 How does God (Him who raised Christ Jesus from the dead) give life?

Through His Spirit who dwells within us

[8E] Romans 8:12-13 If you are living according to the flesh, what must you do? Die

[8F] Romans 8:14-17 Who are the sons of God? Those being led by the Spirit of God

[8G] Romans 8:18-22 Who besides us will be set free from its slavery to corruption? Creation itself

[8H] Romans 8:23-25 What are we waiting eagerly for? Our adoption and the redemption of our body

[8I] Romans 8:26-27 In what way does the Spirit intercede for us?

With groanings too deep for words according to the will of God

[8J] Romans 8:28-30 God causes all things to work together for good for who?

Those who love God and are called according to His purpose

[8K] Romans 8:31-34 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? This scripture does not answer, but

I think the answer is nobody will bring a charge successfully although Satan the accuser will try.

God is the only one with the power to condemn but instead He justifies.

[8L] Romans 8:35-36 What or who will separate us from the love of Christ? Nothing and no one

[8M] Romans 8:37-39 What or who will separate us from the love of Christ? Nothing and no one

[8N] 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. I urge you to ask Him to pray for you.

**For further thought:**

(8o) Romans 8:1 starts with "therefore." It is referring to something that was said prior. What?

(8p) In Romans 8:8 what does the phrase "in the flesh" mean?

(8q) Romans 8:24 asks a question. What is the answer to that question? How does this answer fit into the point Paul is making?

(8r) There is a progression in Romans 8:30 – predestined > called > justified > glorified. Where are you in this sequence? How do you know?

(8s) What is the answer to the questions in Romans 8:33 and 34?

(8t) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 8 was about what would you tell them?

(8u) What did you learn about Romans chapter 8 that you would like to remember?

(8v) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 8 would be best to memorize? Why?

(8u) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

**A prayer based on Romans 8:37-39:** I pray that all who read this will overwhelming conquer through Jesus Christ who loves us. I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. To the Glory of God, Amen.

## Romans Chapter 9

Please summarize Romans chapter 8 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 9 and the Old Testament verses and answer the following questions:

[9A] Romans 9:1-5 Who are Paul's relatives? \_\_\_\_\_

[9B] Romans 9:6-7 | Genesis 21:12 Through who would Abraham's descendants be named? \_\_\_\_\_

[9C] Romans 9:8-9 | Genesis 18:10 What was promised? \_\_\_\_\_

[9D] Romans 9:10-12 | Gen 25:21-23 Who would serve his brother? \_\_\_\_\_

[9E] Romans 9:13 | Malachi 1:2-4 Who was hated? \_\_\_\_\_

[9F] Romans 9:14-15 | Exodus 33:19 On whom will the Lord have mercy? \_\_\_\_\_

[9G] Romans 9:16-18 | Exodus 9:16 Why was Pharaoh given his throne? \_\_\_\_\_

[9H] Romans 9:19-26 | Hosea 1:10 They shall be called the sons of Who? \_\_\_\_\_

[9I] Romans 9:27-28 | Isaiah 10:22 How many will be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

[9J] Romans 9:29 | Isaiah 1:9 Who prevents total destruction from overtaking us? \_\_\_\_\_

[9K] Romans 9:30-33 | Isaiah 28:16 What happens to those who believe in Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[9L] In Romans 9:19-22 Paul asks a series questions. What are the answers to these questions?

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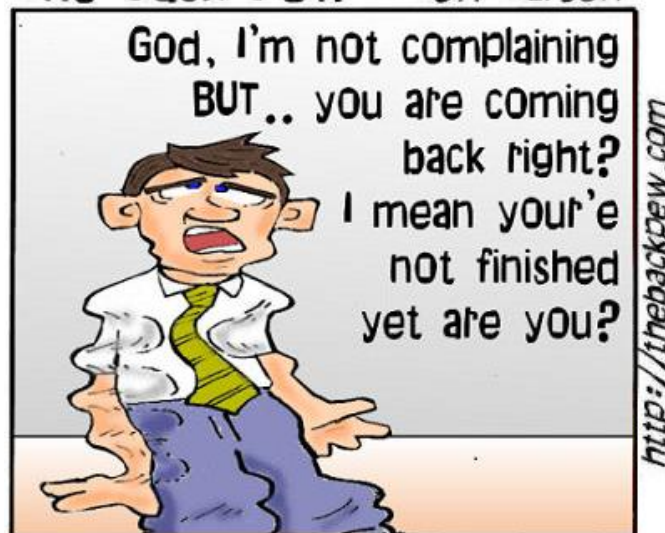
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### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



He is the potter, you are the clay.. and  
**YOU ARE A WORK IN PROGRESS. Is 29:16**

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**Romans Chapter 9**

- [9A] Romans 9:1-5 Who are Paul's relatives? Israelites (Rm 9:3-4)
- [9B] Romans 9:6-7 | Genesis 21:12 Through who would Abraham's descendants be named? Isaac
- [9C] Romans 9:8-9 | Genesis 18:10 What was promised? That Sarah would have a son
- [9D] Romans 9:10-12 | Gen 25:21-23 Who would serve his brother? The older, Esau
- [9E] Romans 9:13 | Malachi 1:2-4 Who was hated? Esau
- [9F] Romans 9:14-15 | Exodus 33:19 On whom will the Lord have mercy?  
On those on whom He has mercy
- [9G] Romans 9:16-18 | Exodus 9:16 Why was Pharaoh given his throne?  
So that God's power might be demonstrated
- [9H] Romans 9:19-26 | Hosea 1:10 They shall be called the sons of Who? The living God
- [9I] Romans 9:27-28 | Isaiah 10:22 How many will be saved? A remnant
- [9J] Romans 9:29 | Isaiah 1:9 Who prevents total destruction from overtaking us? The Lord of Hosts  
(the Lord of Sabaoth)
- [9K] Romans 9:30-33 | Isaiah 28:16 What happens to those who believe in Him?  
They are not disappointed
- [9L] In Romans 9:19-22 Paul asks a series questions. What are the answers to these questions?
- "Why does He still find fault? " We have faults. To ignore them would be dishonest. We are responsible for ourselves. To not hold us accountable would be wrong.
  - "For who resists His will? " No one resists His will.
  - "On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? " I can't speak for you, but I have no right to back talk God. I'm guessing you don't either.
  - "The thing molded will not say to the molder, 'Why did you make me like this,' will it?" I think my first question will be, "Why did you love a man like me with all these faults?"
  - "Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? Yes, the potter has the right to make the clay into anything He likes.
  - "What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? " See the next verses, Romans 9:23-24 -- it seems to me that God is making lemonade out of lemons. He is putting bad people to good use.

**For further thought:**

- (9n) Who do you think would do a better job of running the universe -- you or God? Why?
- (9o) Romans 7:7 says that Paul learned not to covet from the law that said "Do not covet." How did you learn the difference between right and wrong? How do you know your understanding is correct?
- (9p) In Romans 8:26 and Psalm 44:20-22 it says we are being killed for God's sake. What is it talking about?
- (9q) Some people believe in something called "double pre-destination" which means they think that God created some people for the purpose of populating hell. What do you think about this idea?
- (9r) What did you learn about Romans chapter 9 that you would like to remember?
- (9s) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 9 would be best to memorize? Why?
- (9t) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 9 was about what would you tell them?
- (9u) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

## Romans Chapter 10

Please summarize Romans chapter 9 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[10A] Romans 10:1-4 | Is 51:1 How should we seek righteousness? \_\_\_\_\_

[10B] Romans 10:5 | Lev 18:5 What happens if God's law is obeyed? \_\_\_\_\_

[10C] Romans 10:6-7 | Deut 30:11-12 Do we have to go to heaven to find God's law? \_\_\_\_\_

[10D] Romans 10:8-10 | Deut 30:14 Where is God's word? \_\_\_\_\_

[10E] Romans 10:11 | Is 28:16 What keeps us from being disturbed or disappointed? \_\_\_\_\_

[10F] Romans 10:12-13 | Joel 2:32 Who will be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

[10G] Romans 10:14-15 | Is 52:7 How do we hear about good news? \_\_\_\_\_

[10H] Romans 10:16-18 | Ps 19:4 Who has not heard? \_\_\_\_\_

[10I] Romans 10:19 | Deut 32:21 How are the Israelites made jealous? \_\_\_\_\_

[10J] Romans 10:20-21 | Is 65:1-2 Who found Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[10K] Romans 10:16 and Isaiah 53:1 ask similar questions. What are the answers to the questions?  
(Caution: This question is a tricky one.)

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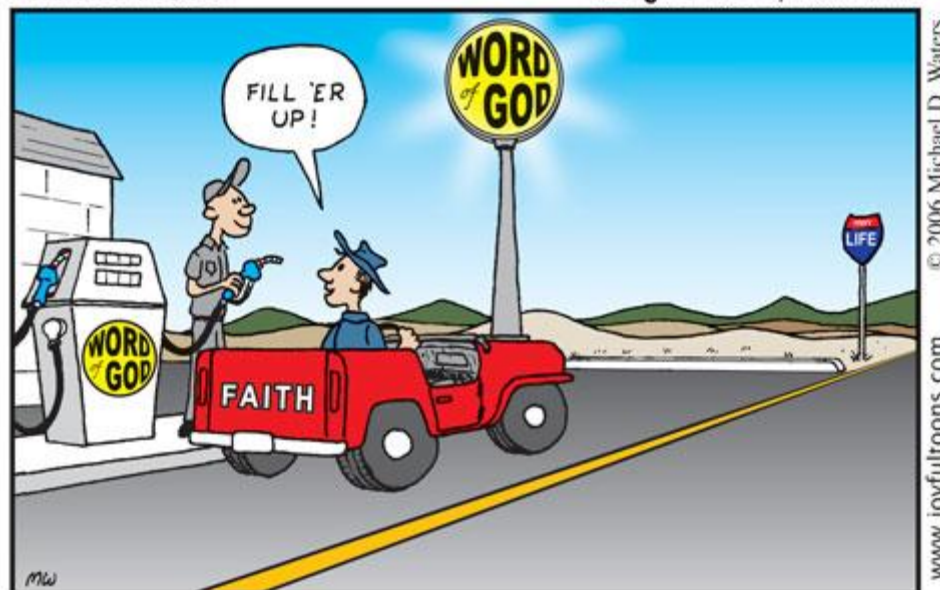
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### FAITH FUEL

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. ROMANS 10:17 NIV

**Romans Chapter 10**

- [10A] Romans 10:1-4 | Is 51:1 How should we seek righteousness? By submitting ourselves to God
- [10B] Romans 10:5 | Lev 18:5 What happens if God's law is obeyed? Life, survival
- [10C] Romans 10:6-7 | Deut 30:11-12 Do we have to go to heaven to find God's law? No
- [10D] Romans 10:8-10 | Deut 30:14 Where is God's word? In our heart
- [10E] Romans 10:11 | Is 28:16 What keeps us from being disturbed or disappointed? Faith
- [10F] Romans 10:12-13 | Joel 2:32 Who will be saved? Whoever calls on the name of the Lord
- [10G] Romans 10:14-15 | Is 52:7 How do we hear about good news? Someone tells us
- [10H] Romans 10:16-18 | Ps 19:4 Who has not heard? All have heard
- [10I] Romans 10:19 | Deut 32:21 How are the Israelites made jealous? By God's attention to others
- [10J] Romans 10:20-21 | Is 65:1-2 Who found Him? Those who did not seek Him

[10K] Romans 10:16 – "Who has believed our report?" From Romans all we can see is that some believed and some didn't. In the next verse Paul draws a conclusion from what has gone before that faith comes from hearing. He follows that with a discussion about whether Israel heard or not. Gradually it becomes clear that Paul is not talking about perceiving the words, but about understanding them. If we really understand Who God is and what He is doing salvation will certainly follow. However, often we are like those poor animals you see on those nature shows, which are stuck in quicksand but fight against their rescuers because they think they are being attacked. But how does this answer the question? Perhaps Isaiah will help.

Isaiah 53:1 – "Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" At first it is hard to see what this has to do with what Paul is trying to say. Why did Paul quote this one question from the middle Isaiah. It is important to understand that Paul expected his readers to either know or look up the context of the things he quoted from the Scriptures. They did not have chapter and verse references so the way they referred to lengthy passages was to quote the first and last verse. In Romans 10:15 Paul quotes Isaiah 52:7. He is not asking a question at all. He is referring to the passage Is 52:7-53:1. In Romans 10:17 when Paul says, "So faith comes from hearing ..." the "so" is referring to the whole passage in Isaiah which is talking about spreading the gospel.

**For further thought:**

- (10L) What does Isaiah 52:7 have to do with Romans 10:15-21?
- (10m) Compare Nehemiah 9:29 with Romans 10:5. What is the same? What is different?
- (10n) Compare Romans 10:8 & Deuteronomy 30:14 with Jeremiah 31:31-34. What did you learn?
- (10o) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 10 was about what would you tell them?
- (10p) What did you learn about Romans chapter 10 that you would like to remember?
- (10q) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 10 would be best to memorize? Why?
- (10r) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

**A prayer based on Romans 10 :** Lord, it is my heart's desire that the lost, particularly my loved ones who are lost, receive your salvation. I'm praying particularly for those who think they can save themselves with their own righteousness. The only hope is Jesus Christ. May they come to the end of themselves and believe in Him. Amen.



## Romans Chapter 11

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Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[11A] Romans 11:1-2 | 1 Kings 19:10-14 God has not rejected the Israelites, has He? \_\_\_\_\_

[11B] Romans 11:3-4 | 1 Kin 19:18 How many had not worshipped the idol Baal? \_\_\_\_\_

[11C] Romans 11:5-8 | Deut 29:4 Where do we get a heart of understanding? \_\_\_\_\_

[11D] Romans 11:9-10 | Ps 69:22-23 What did David pray would become a trap? \_\_\_\_\_

[11E] Romans 11:11-16 | Num 15:18-21 What is holy? \_\_\_\_\_

[11F] Romans 11:17-24 | Jer 11:16 What happens to worthless branches? \_\_\_\_\_

[11G] Romans 11:25-32 | Is 59:20 Who will remove ungodliness from Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

[11H] Romans 11:33 | Job 5:9 How deep does God's wisdom go? \_\_\_\_\_

[11I] Romans 11:34 | Is 40:13-14 Does God ask our advice? \_\_\_\_\_

[11J] Romans 11:35-36 | Job 35:7 What does God owe us? \_\_\_\_\_

[11K] Explain Romans 11:16-24. Does it mean we are heirs of Abraham? Why or why not?

(Hint John 15:1-12)

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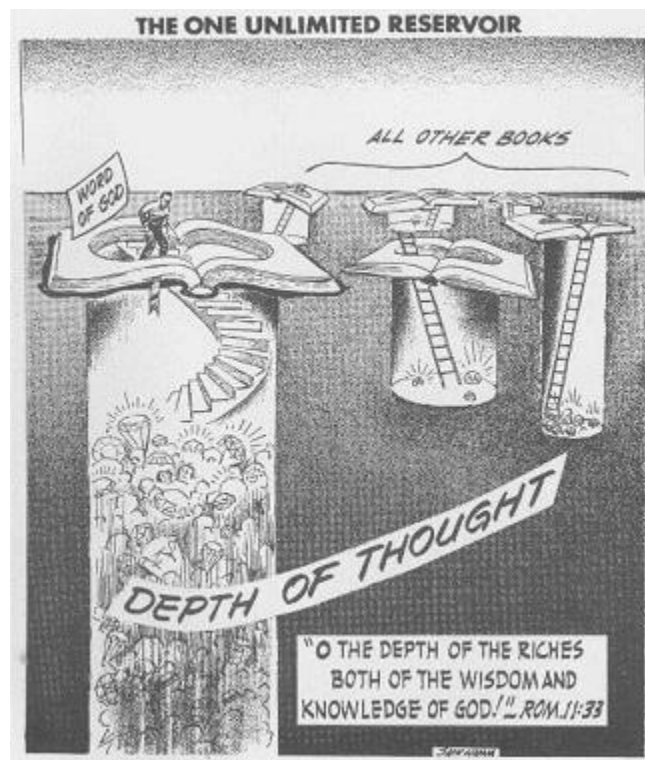
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**Romans Chapter 11**

[11A] Romans 11:1-2 | 1 Kings 19:10-14 God has not rejected the Israelites, has He? No, of course not

[11B] Romans 11:3-4 | 1 Kin 19:18 How many had not worshipped the idol Baal? 7,000, a remnant

[11C] Romans 11:5-8 | Deut 29:4 Where do we get a heart of understanding? The Lord

(See also Is 29:10)

[11D] Romans 11:9-10 | Ps 69:22-23 What did David pray would become a trap? Their table

[11E] Romans 11:11-16 | Num 15:18-21 What is holy? The first of the dough

(See also Neh 10:37, Ezek 44:30)

[11F] Romans 11:17-24 | Jer 11:16 What happens to worthless branches? They are cut off and destroyed

[11G] Romans 11:25-32 | Is 59:20 Who will remove ungodliness from Jacob? The Redeemer/Deliverer

[11H] Romans 11:33 | Job 5:9 How deep does God's wisdom go? We will never know

(See also Job 11:7 & Job 15:8)

[11I] Romans 11:34 | Is 40:13-14 Does God ask our advice? No

(but that doesn't stop us from giving it to Him, does it?)

[11J] Romans 11:35-36 | Job 35:7 What does God owe us? Nothing (See also Job 41:11)

[11K] Explain Romans 11:16-24. Does it mean we are heirs of Abraham? Why or why not?

(Hint John 15:1-12)

Jesus is the olive tree. The branches are His followers. The Jews were pruned to make room for the Gentiles. However, if they put their trust in Him, they will be grafted in again. Verse 24 is tying this picture in with the first part of the chapter, talking about first fruits being holy. We should keep in mind they came before us and are set apart by God for special blessings.

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.

**For further thought:**

(11l) Compare Romans 11:1, 1 Sam 12:22 & Psalm 94:14 with Jeremiah 31:37 & 33:24-26. What is the same? What is different? So what?

(11m) Compare Romans 11:14, Genesis 29:14 and 2 Sam 19:12-15. ("fellow countrymen" in Romans is literally "flesh.") What did you learn?

(11n) Thinking about Romans 11:16 and Ezekiel 44:30 | Do you give God your first? Why?

(11o) Explain Romans 11:25-27 (Hints Isaiah 59:20-21; Jeremiah 31:33-34 and Isaiah 27:9)

(11p) Compare Romans 11:28, Deuteronomy 7:8 and 10:15. What did you learn?

(11q) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 11 was about what would you tell them?

(11r) What did you learn about Romans chapter 11 that you would like to remember?

(11s) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 11 would be best to memorize? Why?

(11t) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

## Romans Chapter 12

Please summarize Romans chapter 11 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 12 and answer the following questions:

[12A] Romans 12:1 What sacrifice are we to offer to God? \_\_\_\_\_

[12B] Romans 12:2 We are to be transformed by what? \_\_\_\_\_

[12C] Romans 12:3 Who decides how much faith we will have? \_\_\_\_\_

[12D] Romans 12:4-5 Whose body are we? \_\_\_\_\_

[12E] Romans 12:6-8 Do we all have the same function, purpose and abilities? \_\_\_\_\_

[12F] Romans 12:9 Love is to be without what? \_\_\_\_\_

[12G] Romans 12:10-13 What are we to practice? \_\_\_\_\_

[12H] Romans 12:14 Who are we to bless? \_\_\_\_\_

[12I] Romans 12:15 What are we to do with those who rejoice? \_\_\_\_\_

[12J] Romans 12:16-17 Does this mean we are not to be wise? \_\_\_\_\_

[12K] Romans 12:18-19 Who are we to be at peace with? \_\_\_\_\_

[12L] Romans 12:20-21 How are we to overcome evil? \_\_\_\_\_

[12M] If you were teaching a class of teenagers how would you explain Romans 12:1-2?

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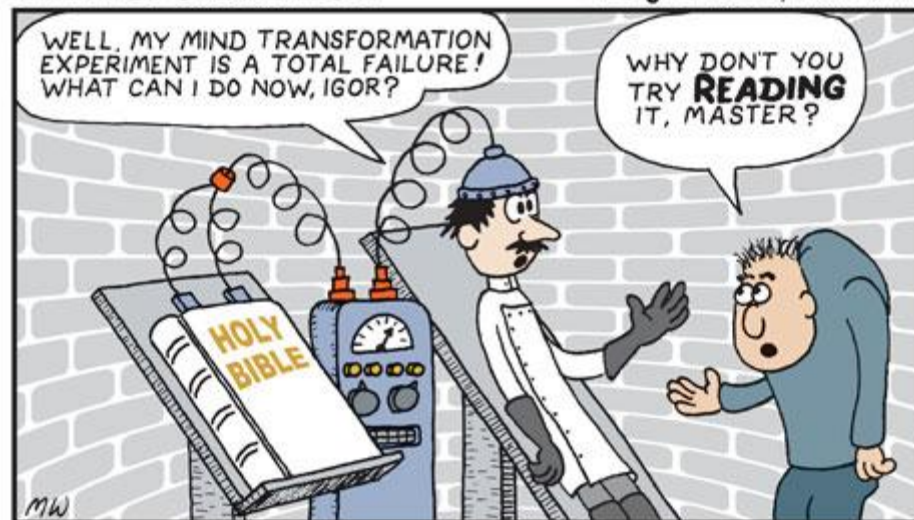
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### TRANSFORMATION

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

—ROMANS 12:2 NIV

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**Romans Chapter 12**

[12A] Romans 12:1 What sacrifice are we to offer to God? Our bodies, spiritual service of worship

[12B] Romans 12:2 We are to be transformed by what? The renewing of our mind

[12C] Romans 12:3 Who decides how much faith we will have? God

[12D] Romans 12:4-5 Whose body are we? Christ's

[12E] Romans 12:6-8 Do we all have the same function, purpose and abilities? No

[12F] Romans 12:9 Love is to be without what? Hypocrisy

[12G] Romans 12:10-13 What are we to practice? Hospitality

[12H] Romans 12:14 Who are we to bless? Those who persecute us

[12I] Romans 12:15 What are we to do with those who rejoice? Rejoice

[12J] Romans 12:16-17 Does this mean we are not to be wise? Not at all. We are just not to rely on our own wisdom. Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding."

[12K] Romans 12:18-19 Who are we to be at peace with? All men, if we can

[12L] Romans 12:20-21 How are we to overcome evil? With good

[12M] 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 understanding that their life has purpose and meaning 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. In order to maximize your usefulness and meaning you must die to self. "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, does it?

**For further thought:**

(12n) Thinking about Romans 12:1 | What does "by the mercies of God" mean?

(12o) Thinking about Romans 12:6-8 | What is your gift and purpose in the body of Christ?

(12p) Thinking about Romans 12:9 | How can you tell the difference between hypocritical love and sincere love?

(12q) Thinking about Romans 12:14 | Can you describe an incident from your own life where you had the opportunity to bless someone who persecuted you? Did you bless them?

(12r) Thinking about Romans 12:21 | Can you think of an example from your own life of good overcoming evil.

(12s) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 12 was about what would you tell them?

(12t) What did you learn about Romans chapter 12 that you would like to remember?

(12u) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 12 would be best to memorize? Why?

(12v) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

## Romans Chapter 13

Please summarize Romans chapter 12 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 13 and answer the following questions:

[13A] Romans 13:1 Where do governments get their authority? \_\_\_\_\_

[13B] Romans 13:2 If you resist lawful authority Who are you ultimately resisting? \_\_\_\_\_

[13C] Romans 13:3 If you do good will you have trouble with the government? \_\_\_\_\_

[13D] Romans 13:4 What happens when you do what is evil?  
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[13E] Romans 13:5 What are two reasons to be in subjection to authority?  
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[13F] Romans 13:6-7 To who are we to pay tax and honor? \_\_\_\_\_

[13G] Romans 13:8 What should we owe? \_\_\_\_\_

[13H] Romans 13:9 What is a good summary of the commandments? \_\_\_\_\_

[13I] Romans 13:10 Love is a fulfillment of what? \_\_\_\_\_

[13J] Romans 13:11 How near is salvation? \_\_\_\_\_

[13K] Romans 13:12 Lay aside what and put on what?  
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[13L] Romans 13:13-14 We are to put on who or what? \_\_\_\_\_

[13M] Explain Romans 13:8.

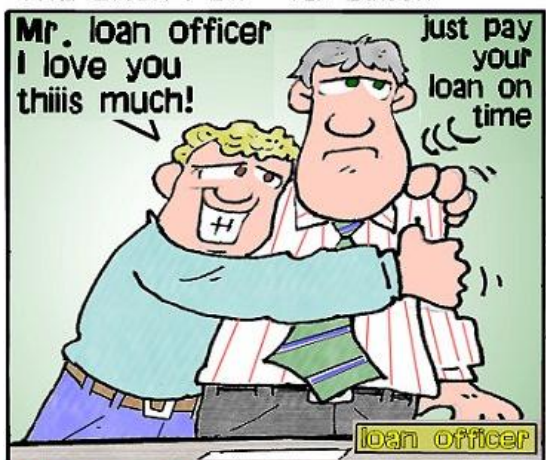
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THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



**Romans 13:8** Do not owe people anything, except always owe love to each other.

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**Romans Chapter 13**

- [13A] Romans 13:1 Where do governments get their authority? From God
- [13B] Romans 13:2 If you resist lawful authority Who are you ultimately resisting? God
- [13C] Romans 13:3 If you do good will you have much trouble with the government? Not much
- [13D] Romans 13:4 What happens when you do what is evil?  
You have to live in fear the government will punish you
- [13E] Romans 13:5 What are two reasons to be in subjection to authority?  
Fear of punishment, for our own conscience
- [13F] Romans 13:6-7 To who are we to pay tax and honor? To those to whom it is due
- [13G] Romans 13:8 What should we owe? Loving one another
- [13H] Romans 13:9 What is a good summary of the commandments? Love your neighbor as yourself
- [13I] Romans 13:10 Love is a fulfillment of what? The Law
- [13J] Romans 13:11 How near is salvation? Nearer than we believe
- [13K] Romans 13:12 Lay aside what and put on what?  
Lay aside the deeds of darkness on put on the armor of light
- [13L] Romans 13:13-14 We are to put on who or what? The Lord Jesus Christ
- [13M] Explain Romans 13:8.

Paul explains it in the next two verses. He gives enough examples of the Law to show that none of the commandments will be broken if you love your neighbor. If you read on, later in chapters 14 & 15 it talks about worshipping God. All we have here is the two great commandments. Love God with all your heart, mind and spirit and love your neighbor as yourself.

**For further thought:**

- (13n) Thinking about Romans 13:1-7 | Does this mean the American Revolution was wrong?
- (13o) Does Romans 13:8 imply we are not to use credit cards or borrow money?
- (13p) Explain Romans 13:12
- (13q) Thinking about Romans 13:14 | What does the phrase "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" mean?
- (13r) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 13 was about what would you tell them?
- (13s) What did you learn about Romans chapter 13 that you would like to remember?
- (13t) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 13 would be best to memorize? Why?
- (13u) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

**A prayer based on Romans 13:10-14:** Lord, give me grace to love enough to wrong no one. Only You can fulfill Your perfect law of love. I believe and hope we are living in the end times, and that You will arrive soon and suddenly. Awaken the walking dead to newness of life. Let the darkness of the devil be chased away by the dawn of You. Strip me of my deeds or darkness, I beg you, and clothe me instead in the armor of Your light. Guide me and strengthen me that I might behave as I ought, not falling back into my hurtful habits of the past. Let me ignore the lusts of my flesh and instead give glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Romans Chapter 14

Please summarize Romans chapter 13 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 14 and answer the following questions:

[14A] Romans 14:1-2 Who are we to accept? \_\_\_\_\_

[14B] Romans 14:3-4 To Whom are other people responsible? \_\_\_\_\_

[14C] Romans 14:5-6 What is each person to be? \_\_\_\_\_

[14D] Romans 14:7-8 Who should we live for? \_\_\_\_\_

[14E] Romans 14:9-10 Who is Christ Lord over? \_\_\_\_\_

[14F] Romans 14:11-12 To who will we give an account of ourselves? \_\_\_\_\_

[14G] Romans 14:13-14 What is unclean to us? \_\_\_\_\_

[14H] Romans 14:15 We are not to destroy by our example who? \_\_\_\_\_

[14I] Romans 14:16-17 What is the kingdom of God? \_\_\_\_\_

[14J] Romans 14:18-19 Who should we build up? \_\_\_\_\_

[14K] Romans 14:20-21 What is clean? \_\_\_\_\_

[14L] Romans 14:22-23 What is sin? \_\_\_\_\_

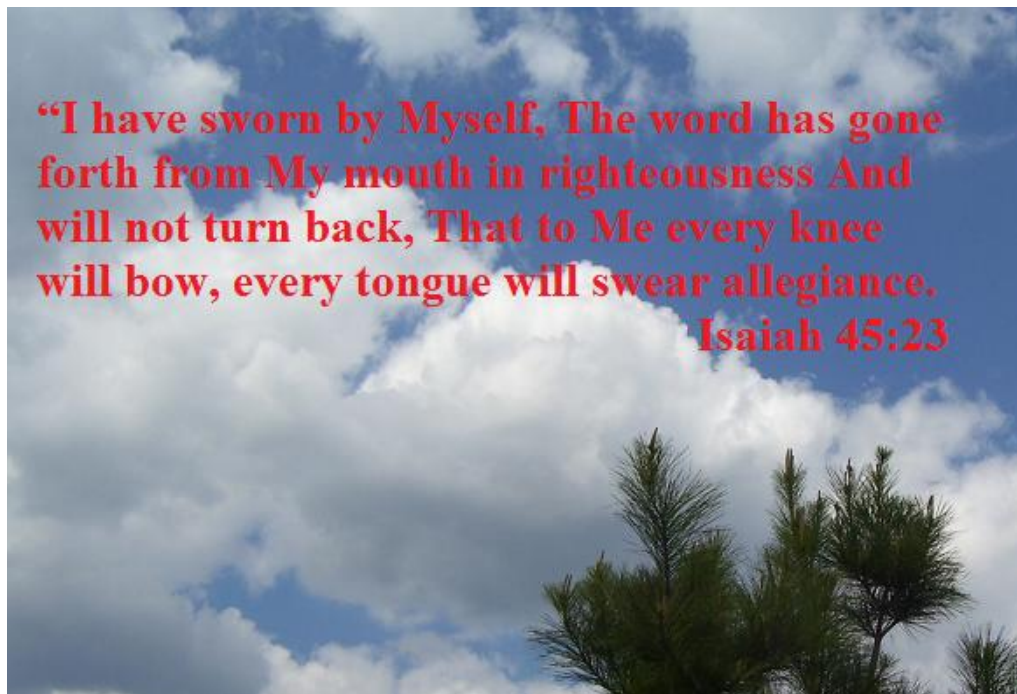
[14M] Romans 14:15 Who are those "for whom Christ died"?

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**Romans Chapter 14**

- [14A] Romans 14:1-2 Who are we to accept? The weak in faith
- [14B] Romans 14:3-4 To Whom are other people responsible? God, not me, not us
- [14C] Romans 14:5-6 What is each person to be? Convinced in their own mind
- [14D] Romans 14:7-8 Who should we live for? The Lord
- [14E] Romans 14:9-10 Who is Christ Lord over? The dead and the living
- [14F] Romans 14:11-12 To who will we give an account of ourselves? God
- [14G] Romans 14:13-14 What is unclean to us? Anything we think is unclean
- [14H] Romans 14:15 We are not to destroy by our example who? Those for whom Christ died
- [14I] Romans 14:16-17 What is the kingdom of God? Righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit
- [14J] Romans 14:18-19 Who should we build up? Each other
- [14K] Romans 14:20-21 What is clean? All things until they damage others
- [14L] Romans 14:22-23 What is sin? Whatever is not from faith
- [14M] Romans 14:15 Who are those "for whom Christ died"?

[14M] John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

**For further thought:**

- (14n) Thinking about Romans 14:1-4 | Does this imply it shows weakness of faith if you do not eat meat?
- (14o) Thinking about Romans 14:9 | Does this mean the lost & the saved, or those whose hearts have stopped beating & those who are still breathing? How do you know?
- (14p) Thinking about Romans 14:18 | Does this suggest we should seek the approval of men?
- (14q) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 14 was about what would you tell them?
- (14r) What did you learn about Romans chapter 14 that you would like to remember?
- (14s) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 14 would be best to memorize? Why?
- (14t) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

**A prayer based on Romans 14:1-23:** Lord, I ask that you would please keep me from being a stumbling block to anyone. Help me to keep my eyes focused entirely on You so that no one else will become a bad influence on me. Give me wise discernment so that I might let Godly people influence me, while at the same time not rendering condemnation on anyone. Let me be a peacemaker. Give me convictions concerning Your truth, and only Your truth. Let me abide entirely in faith. I trust you, God, teach me to trust you more. Amen.

## Romans Chapter 15

Please summarize Romans chapter 14 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[15A] Romans 15:1-3 | Ps 69:9 Who should bear the weaknesses of those without strength? \_\_\_\_\_

[15B] Romans 15:4-6 Why was the Old Testament written? \_\_\_\_\_

[15C] Romans 15:7-9 | 2 Sam 22:50 Of the many reasons to worship God which one is mentioned here? \_\_\_\_\_

[15D] Romans 15:10 | Deut 32:43 Who should rejoice? \_\_\_\_\_

[15E] Romans 15:11 | Ps 117:1 Who should praise God? \_\_\_\_\_

[15F] Romans 15:12-13 | Is 11:10 Who will hope in the root of Jesse? \_\_\_\_\_

[15G] Romans 15:14-17 How does Paul characterize his writing in this epistle? \_\_\_\_\_

[15H] Romans 15:18-21 | Isaiah 52:15 How did Paul select where he would preach? \_\_\_\_\_

[15I] Romans 15:22-28 What was Paul's planned itinerary? \_\_\_\_\_

[15J] Romans 15:29 When Paul gets to Rome what does he expect to have with him? \_\_\_\_\_

[15K] Romans 15:30-33 What was Paul's prayer request? \_\_\_\_\_

[15L] Romans 15:27 What does this verse tell us regarding gratitude for our spiritual mentors? \_\_\_\_\_

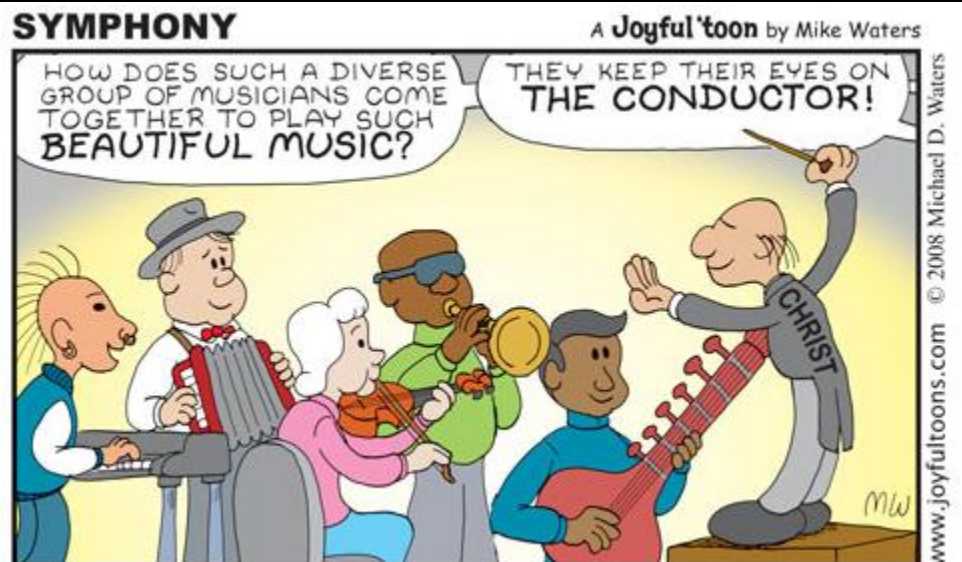
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May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.

- ROMANS 15:5 NIV



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**Romans Chapter 15**

[15A] Romans 15:1-3 | Ps 69:9 Who should bear the weaknesses of those without strength? The strong

[15B] Romans 15:4-6 Why was the Old Testament written?

Our instruction, for encouragement and hope

[15C] Romans 15:7-9 | 2 Sam 22:50 Of the many reasons to worship God which one is mentioned here?

His mercy (See also Ps 18:49)

[15D] Romans 15:10 | Deut 32:43 Who should rejoice? The Gentiles, the nations

[15E] Romans 15:11 | Ps 117:1 Who should praise God? Everyone

[15F] Romans 15:12-13 | Is 11:10 Who will hope in the root of Jesse? The Gentiles

(Everyone who is not a Jew)

[15G] Romans 15:14-17 How does Paul characterize his writing in this epistle?

Bold by the grace of God

[15H] Romans 15:18-21 | Isaiah 52:15 How did Paul select where he would preach?

Where the gospel was unheard

[15I] Romans 15:22-28 What was Paul's planned itinerary? To stop by Rome on his way to Spain after he dropped a contribution off in Jerusalem from the Christians in Macedonia and Achaia.

(Scholars are divided on whether Paul ever made it to Spain or not.)

[15J] Romans 15:29 When Paul gets to Rome what does he expect to have with him?

The fullness of the blessing of Christ

[15K] Romans 15:30-33 What was Paul's prayer request?

Safety on his journey, that his service would be acceptable, and that he would come to them in joy.

[15L] I believe Paul is referring to one of the themes of this epistle. Romans 3:1-2 "Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God." For two thousand years God's chosen people were responsible for the Scriptures, for demonstrating the love of God, and for carrying on the lineage of the Messiah. It was a challenging responsibility, and it seemed right and proper to Paul that the Gentiles show some gratitude by contributing to their needs.

**For further thought:**

(15m) Thinking about Romans 15:4 | Clearly Paul is referring to the Old Testament. What encouraging passages do you find in the Old Testament?

(15n) Explain Romans 15:17-18.

(15o) Romans 15:22 starts with, "for this reason." What reason?

(15p) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 15 was about what would you tell them?

(15q) What did you learn about Romans chapter 15 that you would like to remember?

(15r) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 15 would be best to memorize? Why?

(15s) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

**A prayer based on Romans 15:30:** Father God, I lift up to you those who serve in full time ministry. Put your mighty angels all about them to protect them. Please give them faith, wisdom, hope, boldness, love, courage, and comfort. Amen.

## Romans Chapter 16

Please summarize Romans chapter 15 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read Romans Chapter 16 and answer the following questions:

[16A] Romans 16:1-2 Who was Phoebe? \_\_\_\_\_

[16B] Romans 16:3-5 Who was Epaenetus? \_\_\_\_\_

[16C] Romans 16:6-15 How many relatives of Paul are listed here? \_\_\_\_\_

[16D] Romans 16:16 How are we to greet one another? \_\_\_\_\_

[16E] Romans 16:17-18 Who are the people described here slaves of? \_\_\_\_\_

[16F] Romans 16:19-20 When will Satan be crushed beneath our feet? \_\_\_\_\_

[16G] Romans 16:21-24 The grace of Whom is to be with us all? \_\_\_\_\_

[16H] Romans 16:25-27 How has the revelation of the mystery of the gospel made know to the nations? \_\_\_\_\_

[16I] Doesn't Romans 16:22 contradict Romans 1:1-7? Here Tertius is the author but in the chapter 1 Paul is the author. Please explain.

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... the Scriptures of the prophets, ...

Romans 25-27 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

## Romans Chapter 16

[16A] Romans 16:1-2 Who was Phoebe? A servant of the church at Cenchrea

[16B] Romans 16:3-5 Who was Epaphroditus? The first Christian from Asia.

[16C] Romans 16:6-15 How many relatives of Paul are listed here? Three, four or five – Andronicus, Junias, Herodion; three for sure are called kinsmen. But in verse 13 is a puzzle. If Paul means that Rufus and he share the same mother then add two. If Paul means Rufus's mother and his own mother add one. If Paul means "mother" in the sense that Rufus' mother "mothered" him, than stop at three. Does it matter?

[16D] Romans 16:16 How are we to greet one another? With a holy kiss I wonder what that means?

[16E] Romans 16:17-18 Who are the people described here slaves of? Their own appetites

[16F] Romans 16:19-20 When will Satan be crushed beneath our feet? Soon

[16G] Romans 16:21-24 The grace of Whom is to be with us all? Our Lord Jesus Christ

[16H] Romans 16:25-27 How has the revelation of the mystery of the gospel made known to the nations?  
By the Scriptures

[16I] No contradiction. Tertius was the scribe to whom Paul dictated the letter. The letter was probably dictated with a group of people present and when Paul got to Romans 16:20 everyone thought he was done and started speaking up and adding their own greetings which Tertius inscribed, including his own. After they quieted down Paul finished the letter as he intended. However, this is all speculation except for Tertius being the scribe who put it on paper for Paul, which is obvious.

### For further thought:

(16j) Thinking about Romans 16:1 | The word "servant" here is the Greek feminine form of deacon. Some use this verse to justify having women deacons in their church. What do you think and why?

(16k) Compare Romans 16:3 with Acts 18:2. What did you learn?

(16l) Thinking of Romans 16:7 | Does this mean that Andronicus and Junias were apostles? Aren't there only supposed to be 12? What do you think and why?

(16m) If someone asked you what Romans chapter 16 was about what would you tell them?

(16n) What did you learn about Romans chapter 16 that you would like to remember?

(16o) What verse or passage from Romans chapter 16 would be best to memorize? Why?

(16p) What poetical passages or literary devices do you find in this chapter?

(16q) If someone asked you what Romans was about what would you tell them?

(16r) What did you learn about Romans that you would like to remember?

(16s) What verse or passage from Romans would be best to memorize? Why?

**A prayer based on Romans 16:25-27:** Only wise God, please bless everyone who uses this course to study your Word. Establish them on the foundation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, a mystery kept secret for so long, but made clear in your Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments. Let them forget what I have written except in so far as it was in agreement with Your word. Use their study to lead them to the obedience of faith.

Amen.