

Ivy Baptist Church
Wednesday Bible Study
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The Book of Romans Part 1

New Testament breakdown (by books)

- **Section # 1:** _____
- The word _____ means “good news”
- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
- The gospels describe the birth, life, ministry, death, burial & resurrection of _____.
- **Section #2:** History/Birth of the “church”: _____
- **Section #3:** The Apostle Paul’s _____: Romans-(Hebrews) (Paul’s letters are listed in order of length in the bible)
- **Section #4:** _____ Letters: James-Jude
- **Section #5:** Prophetic/Apocalyptic: _____

Background on Paul

- His name was originally _____.
- He was _____ one of the 12 original disciples.
- Saul was a strict Pharisee and initially saw the Christian movement as a _____.
- He was very zealous in persecuting _____.
- He was instrumental in having the first “deacon” (Stephen) _____.
- On his way to Damascus to have more Christians killed, Jesus appeared to him and he was blinded for _____ days.
- After his encounter with Christ, his name was later changed to _____ and he then became one of the leading figures FOR the Christian movement.

Why study Romans?

- **It’s Paul’s most developed thoughts on the following topics:**
- **Sin, Salvation, Righteousness, Faith, How to live for Christ.....**
- **Goal for this study:**
- **By the end of the study, we should better understand and be able to share our faith with others.**

A-A-A Method of Bible Study for the book of Romans (and for personal bible study).

- _____
- What do you see in the text (key words, repetitive phrases, what jumps out at you?)
- _____ (means to grasp something)
- What does it mean? What is the author trying to say?
- _____
- What can I take from the verse and use in my relationship with God?

Section #1: Romans 1:1-7 (Paul's Greeting)

Group Discussion:

- **1. In verse 1, Paul calls himself two things, what are they?**
- _____
- A _____ is a term that is equal to a _____.
- An _____ is a person that has been called by God to do a _____ assignment.
- **2. In verse 5, Paul declares that through Christ, "we" have received two things, what are they?**
- _____
- _____ means unmerited favor. _____ here is our right to do ministry in the name of the _____.
- **3. In verse 7, Paul shares who he is writing the letter to. What name does he give all of the people?**
- _____
- A _____ is not something that you work toward! A _____ is what you already are, but now we must live up to the way God already sees us!

Section #2: Romans 1:8-15 (Paul's Desire to Visit Rome)

- **Paul writes this section to let the Christians in Rome know how he:**
- **1.** Thanks God for the _____ of the Romans which is known throughout the world (vs. 8)
- **2.** Constantly _____ for the Christians in Rome (vs. 9)
- **3.** Desperately wants to come to Rome to fellowship with them and _____ the gospel (vs. 10-13).
- **4.** Has been called to preach the gospel to everyone regardless of _____ (vs. 14-15).

Section #3: Romans 1:16-17 (Paul and faith) (Group Discussion)

- **1. In verse 16, Paul says that he is not ashamed of what? Why?**
- The _____ of Jesus Christ. Why?
- The gospel is the _____ of God for salvation!
- **2. In verse 16, Paul says salvation is for everyone who does what?**
- _____
- **In verse 17, Paul cites an Old Testament verse that the "just" shall live by what?**
- The just shall live by _____!
- **Key concept: Our position and righteousness with God is not based on what we do, BUT IN WHO AND WHAT WE _____! I'M NOT WORKING TO GET IT, BECAUSE I BELIEVE, I ALREADY HAVE IT!**

Romans 1:1-17 Key Points:

- 1. Paul's love for _____ and his desire to share the gospel with everyone.
- 2. The saving work of _____ is available to everyone.
- 3. Righteousness in God is by _____ alone!