

SELF-STUDY

# BIBLE COURSE ON ROMANS

REVEALING THE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

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# INTRODUCTION: INSTRUCTIONS TO THE STUDENT

Read these instructions before answering any questions.

## PURPOSE OF THIS BIBLE COURSE

Whenever I teach on the book of Romans, it is with a sense of excitement and great responsibility. I find the responsibility of interpreting this marvelous book to God's people a very serious one. It is my sincere desire and prayer that I will be both faithful to God's Word and sensitive to His Holy Spirit.

My purpose is to examine the book of Romans on an almost verse-by-verse level to reveal the very important truths that God has hidden in this letter, which was written by the apostle Paul. Repeatedly in this book, we read the phrase "*Do you not know...?*" and my experience is that, when Paul asks that question, Christians do *not* know. But that doesn't have to remain so. God has given us His Word, along with the Author, the Holy Spirit, to teach us "*all things*" (John 14:26; see also 2 Timothy 3:16). Let's open the Scriptures together and discover what God wants to teach us about the fullness of our righteousness\* in Christ and how to live the Spirit-filled life.

## SYSTEM OF BIBLE REFERENCES

This course uses the *New King James Version* (NKJV) of the Bible as its main translation, so, if you use a different version, the wording may be slightly different from the verses quoted in the lessons. We encourage you to obtain a copy of the *New King James Version* for working through this study so that the wording of your answers to the questions will correspond to the wording of the answers in the "Correct Answers with Notes" section, especially where there are fill-in-the-blank questions for Scripture verses. If you have access to the Internet, you can easily look up the *New King James Version* through a Bible search engine. However, the truths taught in this course are equally clear in any reliable Bible translation, such as the *New International Version* (NIV), the *New English Translation* (NET), or the *New American Standard Bible* (NASB). (While Bible paraphrases can be helpful for general Scripture reading and gaining a fresh perspective, they are not designed as study Bibles and thus are not recommended for this course.)

## WORD DEFINITIONS

The glossary at the end of the book provides simple definitions of various theological terms and other vocabulary found in these studies with which you may be unfamiliar. Every word with an asterisk (\*) next to it can be found in the glossary. Glossary words are designated only at the first appearance of a word in a lesson or

in the “Correct Answers with Notes” section for a lesson. (For simplification, plurals of glossary words are not designated with asterisks, although the glossary entries “Gentiles” and “Jews” are in the plural.)

## HOW TO COMPLETE EACH STUDY

Before attempting to answer any questions, read the introduction to the lesson, which summarizes the teaching content. With nearly every question, there are references to one or more Scripture verses, either from the book of Romans or from related passages in other books of the Bible. Write your answer in the space provided below the question or on the line(s) within the question, or circle the correct answer from either Yes/No or multiple-choice options. Sometimes the answer to one question is divided into two or more parts. In such cases, the individual parts of the answer are listed under lowercase alphabetical letters.

## MEMORY VERSES

At the beginning of each lesson, you will find a key Scripture verse or verses for memorization that you must learn by heart. The process of memorization is invaluable for our spiritual lives. Scripture is called “*the sword of the Spirit*” (Ephesians 6:17) and forms part of the armor of God that enables us to “*withstand in the evil day*” (verse 13).

Psalm 119:11 says, “*Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.*” When we memorize Scripture verses, those Scriptures become always available to us for reference, comfort, correction, and meditation. They become a wellspring that we can draw from day and night.

If you have had difficulty memorizing passages in the past, I would like to encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit for His help. As I indicated in the first section of this introduction, in the gospel of John, Jesus says the Holy Spirit will teach us “*all things*”: “*The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I have said to you*” (John 14:26). God will be faithful to help you hide His Word in your heart.

In addition, for your convenience, Scripture memory cards are included at the back of this book. Carry these memory cards with you wherever you go. Whenever you have a spare moment, review the verses. Regular review is the secret to successful memory work. In this way, you will learn portions of the Word by heart. God’s Word will give you guidance, strength, spiritual food, victory over the devil, and seed to sow into the hearts of others.

If you have a smartphone, you can download Bible memorization apps that can be useful in committing Scripture verses to memory.

## PROCEDURE FOR WORKING THROUGH THE COURSE

For each lesson, after you have read the introduction, worked on memorizing the verse(s), and written your answer to every question, write out the memory verse(s)—with your Bible closed—in the space provided at the end of the “Questions” segment (you may also write them from memory on the back of the Scripture memory cards).

Following this, turn to the “Correct Answers with Notes” section of the book so you can check your work. If your answer to a question does not agree with the correct answer, read the question and the corresponding Scripture(s) again until you understand the reason for the correct answer.

The answers section includes additional notes that will give you deeper insight and information. Read through these notes and look up any Scriptures that are listed.

Finally, mark the points that you earned for each answer. If an answer is valued at more than one point, do not allow yourself the full number of points unless your answer is as complete as the correct answer.

Remember that the points for reciting the memory verses are important!

As you complete each lesson, add up your points and then check the total by the standards given at the bottom of the “Correct Answers” portion for that lesson. You may evaluate your score in this way:

50 percent or more = Pass

70 percent or more = Very Good

80 percent or more = Excellent

While the points will indicate how well you understood the lesson prior to working through the “Correct Answers and Notes” section, they won’t reflect how much you understood *after* checking your answers against the model answers. Don’t become discouraged if you didn’t do as well as you had hoped; but, also, don’t be prideful if you did well, because the end purpose of Bible study is not just knowledge but practical application in our lives. The more we read and study God’s Word under the direction of the Holy Spirit, the more we will absorb it and be able to apply it.

And no cheating! Always write your own answers before checking the correct answers—including when you are writing out the memory verses.

When you have completed the final lesson, turn to the section entitled “Tally Sheet for Each Lesson” on page 253. Write in your score for each study in the space provided, add the scores for a cumulative total, and discover your overall achievement level.

## FINAL PERSONAL ADVICE

1. Begin each study with prayer, asking God to guide you and give you understanding.
2. Do not rush. Don’t try to accomplish the whole study in one sitting. Read through each passage of Scripture several times until you are sure of its meaning. It will often be helpful to read several verses that come before and/or after the given Scripture verse(s) in order to grasp the full meaning of the passage. As is the case for most students, with the amount of biblical material that you will be learning, you should do no more than one study per week in order to absorb the teaching properly. This means that the whole Bible course will take about six months or more to complete.
3. Write neatly and clearly. Do not make your answers longer than necessary.
4. Pay special attention to the memory verses.
5. Finally, pray daily for God to help you apply the truths that you are learning to your own life.

God bless you as you begin your journey through Romans and learn how to become established in Christ’s righteousness, walk in faith, and grow in grace.

## LESSON 1

# PRELUDE TO THE BOOK OF ROMANS

*Read Romans 1:1–17*

### INTRODUCTION

Through this *Self-Study Bible Course on Romans*, you are setting out on a journey in the realm of the Spirit that will both inspire and challenge you. At times, the going will be tough. This journey will take you down into the darkest depths of human depravity\* and then up to the glistening heights of God's grace and glory.

Paul's letter, or epistle\*, to the Romans is a unique combination of the spiritual and intellectual realms without parallel in human literature. It unfolds the most sublime\* spiritual truths in terms of the most flawless logic\*. It will not merely challenge your intellect; it will also illuminate your spirit.

For this reason, Romans will not yield its riches to careless or superficial reading. If you are to complete this pilgrimage successfully, you will need two essential items of spiritual equipment: prayer and perseverance.

Following the introductory passage of Romans 1:1–17, the first seven chapters of the book of Romans are divided into ten stages. We need to traverse each of these stages to reach the destination of the marvelous, Spirit-filled life described in Romans 8.

In chapters 9 through 11, Paul focuses on the destiny\* of Israel\*. Unless we comprehend God's plan for Israel, our understanding of the revelation of the gospel is incomplete. For too long, God's people have been denied the precious truths contained in these three chapters. Yet, without them, the church can never fully understand her own destiny.

Chapters 12 through 16 are where we are challenged to put our faith into action. They include down-to-earth truths on how to live out what we believe. As you face the mounting pressures of evil in these closing days of human history before Christ returns, you will find that these truths are nothing less than your key to survival!

Be encouraged by the words of the Lord to Joshua as he prepared to enter the promised land: "*Be strong and of good courage*" (Joshua 1:6). God went on to say that it would be by meditating on and obeying Scripture that Joshua would make his way prosperous and have good success. (See verse 8.) Let's keep our hearts and minds open to all that God wants to say to us through His Word and by His Spirit.



## MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16–17

[ ] Check here after memorizing the verses.

## QUESTIONS

### ANCIENT AND CONTEMPORARY LETTERS

Ancient letters, as they are found in the New Testament, are similar to today's business letters. Answer the questions below and use those same answers to fill in the blanks in the sample letter that follows to see how Paul's letter might look in a modern format.

1. What was the name of the person sending the letter to these first-century believers? (Rom. 1:1)

[1 point]

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2. To what particular ministry role was this person called? (Rom. 1:1) [1 point]

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3. Who was hosting the author of the letter? (Rom. 16:23) [1 point]

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4. In which city did the recipients of the letter live? (Rom. 1:7) [1 point]

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5. What were the believers receiving the letter called to be? (Rom. 1:7) [1 point]

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6. The writer of the letter was “*separated to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.*” (Rom. 1:1) [1 point]

7. Who transcribed the letter? (Rom. 16:22) [1 point]

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\_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>, Bondservant and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>

House of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>

Corinth, Greece

Circa\* AD 57

To all those loved by God in \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>, Italy

Called to be \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>

Re: The Promised \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> of God

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all....

—REST OF THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER—

...to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

Written down by \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>

### THE LETTER'S RECIPIENTS

8. To whom was Paul primarily called—to the Jews\* or to all nations (the Gentiles\*)? (Rom. 1:5)  
[1 point]

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9. In Romans 1:5, Paul's particular service is noted as bringing people to "\_\_\_\_\_ to the faith." [1 point]

10. In Romans 1:6–7, we learn certain facts about those to whom the letter was written:

- a. They were \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. [1 point]
- b. They were \_\_\_\_\_ of God. [1 point]
- c. They were called to be \_\_\_\_\_. [1 point]

### PAUL'S GREETING

11. The typical Hebrew greeting is “Shalom!” meaning *peace*. Paul indicated that, in the new covenant\*, \_\_\_\_\_ comes before peace. (Rom. 1:7) [1 point]

12. Paul’s greeting was not on his behalf alone but from “*God our Father and the \_\_\_\_\_* \_\_\_\_\_.” (Rom. 1:7) [1 point]

13. Paul gave thanks to God because the faith of the Roman believers was spoken of throughout the whole \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 1:8) [1 point]

### THE GOSPEL OF GOD

14. The word *gospel* simply means “good news” or “glad tidings.” In the book of Romans alone, this good news is expressed not only as “the gospel” but also as:

- a. The gospel of \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 1:1; 15:16) [1 point]
- b. The gospel of His \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 1:9) [1 point]
- c. The gospel of \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 1:16; 15:19; 15:29) [1 point]
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ gospel. (Rom. 2:16; 16:25) [1 point]
- e. The gospel of \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 10:15) [1 point]

15. Paul was careful to ensure that no one would think he had improvised this gospel. In Romans 1:2, he reassured his readers that this was the same message of hope that God had \_\_\_\_\_ beforehand through His \_\_\_\_\_, recorded in the Holy Scriptures. [2 points]

## CHRIST'S DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION

16. Jesus was “*declared to be the Son of God with \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_, by the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.*”  
(Rom. 1:4) [4 points]

17. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–4 and then complete the key facts of the gospel below:

- a. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins. (v. 3) [1 point]
- b. He was \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 4) [1 point]
- c. He \_\_\_\_\_ again the third day. (v. 4) [1 point]

## RESULTS OF THE GOSPEL

18. The gospel of Christ is “*the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone who believes.*” (Rom. 1:16) [2 points]

19. The gospel was for the \_\_\_\_\_ first and then also for the \_\_\_\_\_ (or Gentile).  
(Rom. 1:16) [2 points]

20. According to Romans 1:17, what is revealed from faith to faith? [1 point]

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## MEMORY WORK: ROMANS 1:16–17

Write out these verses from memory: [8 points]

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Check your answers on pages 161–63 in the “Correct Answers with Notes” section at the back of the book.

## PRAYER RESPONSE

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the opportunity to spend time with You through Your Word and under the guidance and companionship of Your Holy Spirit. I ask that You would help me to persevere through each lesson and to mine out every truth that You have hidden in the book of Romans for my benefit.

Thank You for the gospel—the wonderful message of reconciliation between You and me, Father—made possible through the priceless sacrifice of Jesus’s blood on the cross. Help me to live out this message of surrendering to God, dying to self, being buried through baptism, and being raised to life as a new creation in Christ. Amen.