



**The Temple of Praise
Wednesday Night Bible Study
Study Guide
The Book of Romans**

Why Romans and the Pauline Epistles Matter

The Epistle to the Romans

Author: Paul the Apostle

Date: Around A.D. 57

Audience: Jewish and Gentile believers in Rome

Purpose: To explain the gospel clearly and unify the church around the truth of salvation by grace.

- The Book of Romans and the letters written by the Apostle Paul provide some of the clearest teaching in the Bible about salvation and how believers should live.
- While the Book of Acts shows how the early church began and spread, Romans and the other Pauline epistles explain how followers of Jesus should grow spiritually and live transformed lives.
- Paul wrote these letters to real churches facing real challenges of conflict, temptation, cultural pressure, and spiritual confusion.
- His teachings help believers understand how faith in Jesus changes both our hearts and our behavior.

Romans 1–3: Understanding Human Sin

- Romans begins by explaining humanity's biggest problem: sin.
- Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Paul teaches that no person is naturally righteous.
- Sin affects our thoughts, actions, and choices. For believers, this truth helps us understand that everyone needs grace. No one earns salvation through good behavior.



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- Instead, we recognize our need for God's forgiveness and mercy.

Romans 3–5: Justification by Faith

- Romans explains that people are made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Justification means God declares believers righteous because of Christ.
- This truth teaches that salvation is a gift.
- When believers trust in Jesus, their relationship with God is restored.

Romans 6–8: Living a New Life

- After explaining salvation, Paul focuses on transformation.
- Romans 6 teaches that believers should not continue living in sin because they have been given new life through Christ.
- Romans 8 explains that the Holy Spirit helps believers overcome sin and live according to God's will.
- The Spirit guides believers, strengthens them, and reminds them of their identity as children of God.

Romans 12: The Christian Lifestyle

- Romans 12 provides one of the most practical guides for Christian conduct.
- Paul urges believers to offer their lives as a "living sacrifice."
- Romans 12:2 teaches believers to renew their minds, so they are not shaped by the world's values.
- This chapter emphasizes humility, service, love, generosity, and peace.
- It encourages believers to treat others with compassion and to overcome evil with good.



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Christian Conduct in the Pauline Letters

- Paul's other letters reinforce the lifestyle described in Romans.
- Galatians teach the fruit of the Spirit love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Ephesians teach believers to live in unity, humility, and love.
- Philippians highlights joy, gratitude, and perseverance.
- Colossians teaches believers to set their minds on Christ rather than worldly values.

Living Out the Gospel as Believers

- The teachings of Romans and the Pauline letters offer guidance for everyday life.
- Faith should influence how we treat people, how we respond to challenges, and how we make decisions.
- Paul reminds believers that spiritual growth is a process.
- Through prayer, Scripture, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Christians learn to develop character that reflects Jesus.



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The Gospel Journey in Romans





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Christian Conduct from Romans





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Character According to the Pauline Letters



Key Scriptures to Remember


- Romans 1:16 – The power of the gospel.
- Romans 3:23 – Humanity’s need for salvation.
- Romans 5:1 – Peace with God through faith.
- Romans 8:1 – No condemnation in Christ.
- Romans 12:1–2 – Living transformed lives.
- Galatians 5:22–23 – The fruit of the Spirit.



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CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

1. Understanding Transformation

 *Romans 12:1–2*


Question:

Paul instructs believers to present their bodies as a *living sacrifice* and to be transformed by the renewing of their minds. What does it practically mean to renew your mind, and how can this transformation affect your daily decisions, relationships, and lifestyle?

Reflection Goal:

Understand how spiritual transformation begins internally and influences outward behavior.

2. Living Out Genuine Love

 *Romans 12:9–10; First Epistle to the Corinthians 13:4–7*

Question:

Paul emphasizes that love should be sincere and without hypocrisy. How does Paul describe genuine love, and what are some real-life situations where believers must practice this type of love?

Reflection Goal:

Explore how Christian love is demonstrated through humility, patience, forgiveness, and service.

3. Producing the Fruit of the Spirit

 *Epistle to the Galatians 5:22–23*

Question:

Paul teaches that the Holy Spirit produces qualities such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-



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control. Which of these spiritual qualities do you see growing in your life, and which areas need intentional spiritual development?

Reflection Goal:

Encourage personal spiritual evaluation and growth.

4. Overcoming Evil with Good

 *Romans 12:17–21*

Question:

Paul instructs believers not to repay evil for evil but to overcome evil with good. Why is this principle challenging in everyday life, and how can Christians practically apply this teaching when facing conflict, injustice, or criticism?

Reflection Goal:

Help believers apply biblical principles when dealing with difficult situations.