



Recommended Resources

- **'Read Scripture: Romans' by The Bible Project**
These videos give an overview of the book of Romans, highlighting the context & key themes
 - o Part 1 (Chapters. 1-4) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej_6dVdJSIU
 - o Part 2 (Chapters 5-16) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SVTI4Xa5fY>
- **'Knowing Bible: Romans' by The Gospel Coalition**
An in-depth bible study on the whole book of Romans. Great for definitions of theological terms, as well as linking themes and concepts to other passages of Scripture.
 - o <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-bible-romans/>
- **'Introduction to Romans' by The Gospel Coalition**
An introduction to the context & themes of Romans.
 - o <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/introduction-to-romans/>
- **'Look at the Book' by John Piper**
Goes through each section of chapter 8 in detail, verse-by-verse video breakdowns
 - o <https://www.desiringgod.org/series/the-greatest-chapter/labs>

Structure of Romans (according to NIV Study Bible)

- 1:1-17 - Introduction of letter & main theme (righteousness of God)
- 1:18 - 3:20 – The Unrighteousness of All People
 - o Gentiles (1:18-32)
 - o Jews (2:1-3:8)
 - o Summary: All People (3:9–20)
- 3:21-5:21 – God's Righteousness Imputed: Justification
 - o Through Christ (3:21-26)
 - o Received by Faith (3:27 – 4:25)
 - o The Fruits of Righteousness (5:1-11)
 - o Summary: Human's Unrighteousness contrasted with God's Gift of Righteousness (5:12-21)
- 6:1 – 8:39 – God's Righteousness Imparted: Sanctification
 - o Freedom from Sin's Tyranny (ch. 6)
 - o Freedom from the Law's Condemnation (ch. 7)
 - o Life in the Power of the Holy Spirit (ch. 8)

1. Romans 1:1-17 – The Gospel Saves – Glenn (16th June)

Main Points

- Gospel is the power to save!
 - o Message > Method – dependence on God is a prime value at OHCC
 - o "Because in it the righteousness of God is revealed" (1:16-17)
 - Righteousness = "The quality of being morally right and without sin; one of God's distinctive attributes. God imputes righteousness to (i.e., justifies) those who trust in Jesus Christ."
 - o Paul's intro outlines the gospel (1:1-6) - it is all about Jesus!

Suggested Questions

- If you had to summarise the gospel in two minutes, what would you say?
- Why are we often ashamed of the gospel? How do we change this?

2. Romans 1:18 – 2:11 – No Excuses / Under Wrath – Andrew (23rd June)

Main Points

- Paul is unashamed of the gospel (1:16) – that includes a grand explanation of the sin of humanity, and the wrath & judgment of God. Vital we understand the ‘bad news’ so we can understand the ‘good news’.
- All people are without excuse, Gentiles & Jews (1:20, 2:1) – God has revealed Himself, and we are all guilty for exchanging the Creator for the created (1:18-23)

Suggested Questions

- Why do we not talk about the wrath of God, His judgment and the ‘bad news’?
- Why is exchange of worshipping the created rather than the Creator so bad?
- How has God been ‘clearly perceived’ (1:20; see Psalm 19:1) by all the world? *Concept of ‘general revelation’.*

3. Romans 2:12-3:31 – No One Is Righteous – Joel (30th June)

Main Points

- No one is righteous – all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (3:9-10, 23)
- But God... (3:24-25)
 - Justified by grace as a gift
 - Redemption found in Christ Jesus
 - God sent Jesus as a propitiation by his blood (*Propitiation = not just sin covered, but wrath appeased*)
 - All received by faith
- This all shows God’s righteousness (3:25) – he deals with sin, while remaining true to His covenant and character

Suggested Questions

- Can you define the terms used by Paul – justified, redemption, propitiation, righteousness? Why are they important?
- How does the life, death & resurrection of Jesus reveal God’s righteousness?

4. Romans 4 – Justified by Faith – Andrew (14th July)

Main Points

- If we are saved by works, we have something to boast about, we receive our wages, not as our gift but as our due (4:2-4). But salvation is a gift and our work is simply to believe (see John 6:29)
- All this means assurance – promises rest on grace, not our works, and is guaranteed to those who believe (4:13)
- Abraham’s faith is our example (4:16-22; Hebrews 11:8-12)
- Righteousness is ours, and we are part of God’s family, if we believe and have faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection (4:24-25)

Suggested Questions

- How do we grow strong in faith, like Abraham (4:20)?
- What are promises of God that we struggle to believe? How can we encourage to hold on in faith?

5. Romans 5 – Peace & Reconciliation – Joel (21st July)

Main Points

- We have peace with God, we have been reconciled to Him (5:1, 11)
 - Therefore, we stand in grace and rejoice in hope, because God's love has been poured out (5:2-8)
- God will carry us all the way – where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, leading to eternal life (5:20-21)

Suggested Questions

- What does it mean to have peace with God?
- According to Paul, why can we rejoice in our sufferings? (5:3-11)

6. Romans 6 – Dead to Sin - Andrew (28th July)

Main Points

- We are dead to sin, it has no dominion over you (6:7-14)
- We are raised with Christ, walk in newness of life (6:4,11)
- 'Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions...' (6:12)
 - We have a role to play, and the focus is on whether we 'present' ourselves to sin or to God (see Romans 12:1-2; the main verbs – 'to present' is active, while the verbs 'not conform' and 'be transformed' are passive. We present ourselves to God, but we allow God's power to do the work – see Session 1 & Romans 1:16)

Suggested Questions

- How do we 'not let sin reign in our mortal body'? What does this practically look like?
- What does it mean to 'walk in newness of life'? What does this practically look like?

7. Romans 7:1-8:11 – Living by the Flesh or the Spirit - Joel (4th August)

Main Points

- Our sinful flesh twisting the law, leading us into sin and an ongoing wrestle, doing what we shouldn't, and not doing what we should (7:13-20)
- But we are delivered from our flesh by God, and given a new life through the Spirit (7:24)
- The Spirit dwells in us, gives us life and we are to walk according to the Spirit, a new power within us (8:4-11)

Suggested Questions

- Why do we feel this inward wrestle between sin and the Spirit? Is there any hope for us?
- How do we move forward?

8. Romans 8:12-39 – God is For Us – Andrew (11th August)

Main Points

- We are children of God! This is the heart of the Gospel, that we can be called children of God (8:14-17; see John 1:12; 1 John 3:1)
- God is working all things together for good, His Spirit is interceding for us (8:26-28)
- If God predestined, he will call, and if he calls, he will justify, and if he justifies, he will glorify – 'He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?' (8:30, 32; see Philippians 1:6)
- God is for us, and nothing will separate us from His love (8:31-39)

Suggested Questions

- What do you feel reading this chapter? What stands out? What is your response?
- List through all the things in that chapter that God has done / is doing / will do.