



February 2017 – Education Month

Romans - Reading Plan

Author: Paul

Theme: The Righteousness of God in the Gospel of Christ

Date: A.D.56

Key Words: Righteousness, Faith, Justification, Law, Grace

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| Wed 1 st | Thurs 2 nd | Fri 3 rd | Sat 4 th | Sun 5 th | Mon 6 th | Tue 7 th |
| 1:1 - 16 | 1:17 - 32 | 2:1 - 16 | 2:17 - 3:3 | 3:4 - 19 | 3:20 - 4:4 | 4:5 - 20 |
| Wed 8 th | Thurs 9 th | Fri 10 th | Sat 11 th | Sun 12 th | Mon 13 th | Tue 14 th |
| 4:21 - 5:11 | 5:12 - 6:6 | 6:7 - 22 | 6:23 - 7:15 | 7:16 - 8:6 | 8:7 - 22 | 8:23 - 37 |
| Mon 15 th | Thurs 16 th | Fri 17 th | Sat 18 th | Sun 19 th | Mon 20 th | Tue 21 st |
| 8:39 - 9:13 | 9:14 - 28 | 9:29 - 10:10 | 10:11 - 11:4 | 11:5 - 19 | 11:20 - 34 | 11:35 - 12:13 |
| Mon 22 nd | Thurs 23 rd | Fri 24 th | Sat 25 th | Sun 26 th | Mon 27 th | Tue 28 th |
| 12:14 - 13:7 | 13:8 - 14:8 | 14:9 - 23 | 15:1 - 15 | 15:16 - 30 | 15:31 - 16:12 | 16:13 - 27 |

Sunday School: **Letter to the Romans**

Sunday 29th January, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th February, 10:30 am to 11:20 am

Bible Study: **Lessons from the book of Romans**

Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd February 2017 at 7:30 pm

The Epistle of Paul to the Romans

Background

When the Apostle Paul wrote Romans about A.D. 56 he had not yet been to Rome, but he had been preaching the gospel since his conversion in A.D. 35. During the previous ten years he had founded churches throughout the Mediterranean world. Now he was nearing the end of his third missionary journey. This epistle is therefore a mature statement of his understanding of the gospel. The church at Rome had been founded by other Christians (unknown to us, but see “visitors from Rome” in Acts 2:10); and Paul through his travels, knew many of the believers (16:35).

Purpose

In view of his personal plans, Paul wrote to introduce himself to a church he had never visited. At the same time he set forth a full and orderly statement of the great principles of the gospel that he preached.

Personal Application

Romans teaches us that we should not trust in ourselves for salvation, but in Christ (chs. 1 - 5); that we should imitate the faith of Abraham (ch. 4); be patient in times of trouble (5:1 – 11); rejoice in our representation by Christ (5:12 – 21); grow in daily death to sin (6:1 – 7:25); walk according to the Spirit each moment (8:1 – 17); hope in future glory and trust that God will bring good out of present sufferings (8:18 – 39); pray for and proclaim the gospel to the lost, especially Jews (9:1 – 11:32); and praise God for His great wisdom in the plan of salvation (11:33 – 36). Especially in chapters 12 – 15 the letter gives many specific applications to life, showing how the gospel works out in practice both in church and in the world. Finally, we can learn to imitate Paul’s deeply personal care for many individual believers (ch. 16).

MEMORY CHALLENGE – *to recite on Sunday 26th February 2017***Romans 8:31 - 39 (NKJV)***God's Everlasting Love*

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can* be against us?

³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies.

³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written:

*"For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."*

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.