



## 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*

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

### Sunday School: **Letter to the Romans**

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

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

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017***Romans 8:31 - 39 (NKJV)***God's Everlasting Love*

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

<sup>32</sup> 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?

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

<sup>34</sup> 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.

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

<sup>36</sup> As it is written:

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

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

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

<sup>39</sup> 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.