



Community Church of Douglas



# ROMANS

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The Simple Gospel

SERMON SERIES GUIDE

Just about everyone has heard the word “gospel” before. There is “gospel” music and you’ve heard someone swear it was, “the gospel truth.” If you are a Christian you’ve probably heard the gospel referred to as some kind of summary of Christian belief such as, “Jesus died for your sins.” But the gospel is much bigger and much more powerful than we can imagine.

The word “gospel” means “good news” or even “good announcement.” It is not like just any good news such as a positive social media post or an uplifting news headline. “Gospel” has the weight of a Royal Proclamation... something momentous, life-altering, and of greatest significance to everyone in the kingdom.

The Apostle Paul, writes this letter of Romans because the persecuted church there consists of two clashing cultures - Jewish and Gentile. Paul, helps them understand the heart of the Good News: all humans are afflicted with sin and brokenness, and Jesus alone saves us if we trust in Him. But the effect of the Good News reaches far beyond our personal salvation, it heals the sin-sick world, and calls us to be a community of Good News and ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

The book of Romans is essential for every Jesus follower not just to read, but to understand, digest, and put into practice. Throughout the sermon series, and bible reading ask yourself these questions:

- 1. How has sin and brokenness marked my life?**
- 2. What has Jesus done and what is he doing about it?**
- 3. Do I trust Jesus with my own sin problems and those affecting the world around me?**
- 4. How am I going to change because of the Good News?**
- 5. How am I going to share the Good News with someone else?**

**for more about the Gospel click the link below ▼**

**<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/euangelion-gospel/>**



The apostle Paul wrote this letter to the Christians of Rome. It was probably written from Corinth on this 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey, in AD 57 (See Acts 20:2-3)

### THEME

The gospel of Jesus is powerfully active redeeming a sin-sick world (both Gentile and Jewish) as a free gift empowering us to become a community of ambassadors of God's faithful love.

### PURPOSE

The small church (or network of Christians) in Rome had suffered persecution and was now re-assembling. But, there was division between Christians with Jewish backgrounds and Gentile (non-Jewish) backgrounds. This division revealed that they were not understanding or practicing the heart of the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus. Paul writes with a 3-fold purpose:

- 1) To clearly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- 2) To heal and strengthen the troubled Roman church
- 3) To establish the Roman church as a launch-pad for a future

missionary ministry in Spain/France.

### KEY VERSES (*memorize these*)


**Romans 1:16** For, I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also for the Greek.

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**Romans 10:9-10** If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

**Romans 12:2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

# ROMANS Bible Reading Plan

WEEK 1			WEEK 2			WEEK 3		
Day 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 9:1-31	Day 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 3:1-8	Day 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 5:1-11
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Day 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 2:17-29	Day 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 4:13-25	Day 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 1, 2, & 3
Day 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 1 & 2	Day 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 3 & 4	Day 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 4, 5, & 6
Day 7		<i>Reflect</i>	Day 7		<i>Reflect</i>	Day 7		<i>Reflect</i>
WEEK 4			WEEK 5			WEEK 6		
Day 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 7:1-13	Day 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 9:1-9	Day 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 11:1-10
Day 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 7:14-25	Day 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 9:10-21	Day 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 11:11-24
Day 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 8:1-17	Day 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 9:22-33	Day 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 11:25-36
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Day 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 8:31-39	Day 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 10:10-21	Day 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 12:11-21
Day 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 7 & 8	Day 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 9 & 10	Day 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 11 & 12
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Day 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 13:1-7	Day 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 15:1-13			
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Day 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 12	Day 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rms 15 & 16			
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## 8 WEEKS THROUGH ROMANS

Use the reading plan to read through the whole book of Romans getting a deep sense of the entire message. When we read scripture:

- 1) We read to understand the message of the writer to the original audience.
- 2) We read to understand what the Holy Spirit is saying to us today.
- 3) We read to begin a conversation with God about the Word he is planting in our hearts.
- 4) We read to be able to share the Good News with others.

For a deeper experience, we encourage you to journal or take notes. Each day, use the “SOAP” method to go deeper with God:

**S - Scripture:** Open your Bible to the reading for the day. Take your time reading and allow God to speak to you; don't rush. Look for ONE verse or phrase that particularly stands out. Write it down in a journal or notebook.

**O - Observation:** What do you think God is saying in this scripture reading? In your own words, write down what you think the overall message of the passage is.

**A - Application:** Personalize it by asking yourself how this applies to your personal life - right now, today. How will you be different today because of what you have read and what the Holy Spirit is saying to you?

**P - Prayer:** Most importantly talk to God about what you are reading... don't worry about what you have written or finding correct answers. Get your heart and mind right with Jesus. Talk to God. After spending time talking to God make sure to jot down the few notes from your conversation with him.

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## MEMORIZE KEY VERSES

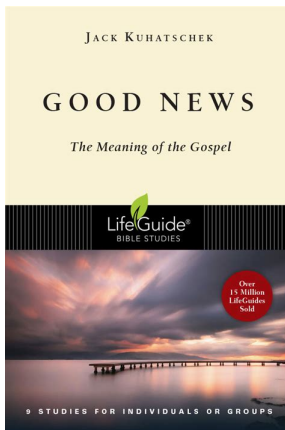
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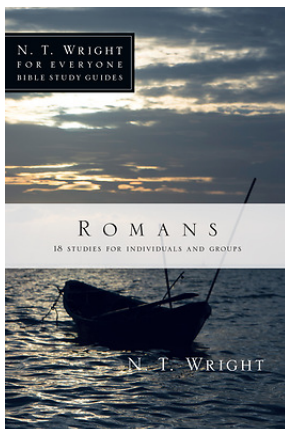
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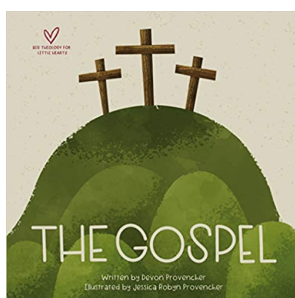
Discipleship Hour:  
(Sunday morning 9:00am-9:45am)

**GOOD NEWS:**  
**The Meaning of the Gospel**  
*by Jack Kuhatschek*



Coffee Break Bible Study:  
(Wednesday morning 9:30am-11:00am)

**Romans For Everyone**  
*by N.T Wright*



At Home With Young Children:  
(Big Theology For Little Hearts, series)

**THE GOSPEL (a board book)**  
*by Devon Provencher*

*[also in the series: GOD; JESUS]*

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