

Foundations:

How to Live by Faith

Paul's Letter to the Romans

Why do I want to take this class anyway?

1. To get to know Jesus better.
2. To learn to walk by faith!
3. Walking by faith allows you to experience and express the fruit of the Spirit. That makes life sweet.
4. To overcome sin in your life - even really hard old habits.
5. To get to know Romans and the New Testament better.

Preface: The Fame of Romans

- Tyndale says, "Romans is the chief book of the New Testament and introduces the Old Testament." (because of verse 1:2).
- Luther says: "...it is, in itself a bright light, almost enough to illumine all the Scripture."
- Wesley was saved hearing the preface to Romans by Luther
- Newell (a famous Bible teacher from the 1800's) taught it 80+ times; "The pastures are still green"

Author: Paul the Apostle 1:1-7, critics answered.

Date & Occasion: 57AD Paul is on his way to Spain. He wants to pass through Rome to establish them more firmly. The church at Rome was the only church mentioned in the N.T. that had not been planted by an apostle. Paul wants to make sure they get a good solid foundation. He already knows quite a few people who live in Rome who are members of that congregation. He wants them to help him on his trip to Spain so that He can "conquer fresh lands for Christ". Rome was the cherry of gentile cities. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, drooled at the possibilities.

Location of writing: Corinth, during his third missionary journey. He had covered the ground of Asia minor and Southern and Eastern Europe, He wanted to move to the west through Rome

Purpose and Theme(s)

The purpose of a book is the desired effect the book is to have on its audience. The Theme is the main idea(s) used by the author to accomplish the desired effect.

Purpose: To firmly establish the obedience by faith among the believers in the congregation at Rome. Romans 1:5, 11; Acts 9:15, 13:46,47; 15:7; Acts 22:21

Primary Theme: Live by faith

Key Verse: 1:17 The Righteous or the Just(ified) shall live by faith

Parallelism and Chiasms Romans 10:9,10 Romans 3:10-18 Proverbs 14:8, 17

Find common ideas in these sections:

Group 1	Group 2
A 1:1-8	A ¹ Ch 16
B 1:8-15	B ¹ 15:22-33
C 1:18-32	C ¹ 12:1-15:21
D Ch 2-4	D ¹ Ch 9-11
E 5:1-11	E ¹ 8:18-39
F 5:12-21	F ¹ 8:1-17
G 6:1-23	G ¹ 7:1-25

How to Learn to Walk by Faith?

1. Stay Together! or "Faith to Faith"

1:1-7, 8-15 & Ch 16

1. How does Paul feel about these people? Why?
2. How do they feel about Paul? Why?
3. Buddies: - Tertius, Gaius, Erastus, Quartus
4. John 1:35-51 We meet Jesus by bringing each other to Him.
5. Do you know the person sitting next to you? ...

2. Read Romans 30 times. Make 4 grids on a card. Make the grid 5 rows with six columns; 1 grid per 4 chapters: 1-4, 4-8, 9-12, 13-16. Read each section and mark it off. This is not a calendar. There is no guilt trip here. This will help you learn Romans as few Christians ever will.

Romans 1-4

3. Commitment: Come to Our Fellowship Every Week You Can!

Assignment: Read Romans all the way through this week. If you can, read it out loud, even better, read it to your spouse, friend, or roommate. Be brave, try to read it 30 times this winter!

The Outline of Romans¹

A. Greeting 1:1-7

B. A Visit Desired 1:8-15

Key Verse: The Just Shall Live by Faith 1:16,17

C. The Life of the Faithless 1:18-32

D. Don't Get Uppity with the Gentiles Ch 2-4

E. Security: Love and Tribulation 5:1-11

F. The Saved and Non-saved: In Adam or In Christ 5:12-21

G. Righteousness by Faith not Licentiousness 6:1-23

G. Righteousness by Faith not by Legalism 7:1-25

F. The Saved and Non-saved: In the Flesh or In the Spirit 8:1-17

E. Security: Love and Tribulation 8:18-39

D. Don't Get Uppity with the Jews Ch. 9-11

C. The Life of the Faithful 12:1-15:21

B. A Visit Planned 15:22-33

A. Greetings Ch 16

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