

QUIET TIME GUIDE  
ROMANS



OCTOBER 11, 2024-JANUARY 17, 2025

Dear Church Family,

The last 40 Days of Seeking has been a wonderful time of renewal for me personally and for us corporately. I know that some of you have established new spiritual disciplines (delights) that you want to continue. I encourage you to consider walking with me and others through the Book of Romans over the next 14 weeks.

Since I was 17 years of age I have used the steno pad method of Quiet Time. (Cool name, right? 😊) All you need is a Bible, the guide in your hand and a steno pad. We have given you an overview of the Book of Romans and broken it up for you in small bite size pieces. The following page in this brochure is how I approach the text. I will paraphrase the text in my own words or write the basic things taught. Then I write the personal application to my life followed by a one sentence summary insight as to the truth of the text or its application to my life. I then turn the page over and write out my prayer to the Father based upon the text and then whatever I am prompted to pray about. This method will lead you deeper into the text, allow the Holy Spirit to be your teacher and will keep you focused in prayer.

If you are new to the Scripture or desire another person's insight, I recommend the Enduring Word Commentary on Romans. You can access it by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page.

Another way to use your steno is to take sermon notes. Start with the back page and work forward each week. When your quiet times and your sermon notes meet, it's time for a new steno pad.

We have also added scripture memory suggestions for each week.

I pray this simple method will prove to be an incredible benefit for you in the years to come.

Pastor David



Enduring Word  
Commentary



The Bible Project Book  
of Romans Summary.  
Overview video, part 1.



The Bible Project Book  
of Romans Summary.  
Overview video, part 2.

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**BACK PAGE**

My Prayer Response to God:

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## SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE (ESV)

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

**Week 2** - Romans 2:4, *“Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”*

**Week 3** - Romans 3:10-12, *As it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”*

**Week 4** - Romans 4:20-21, *No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.*

**Week 5** - Romans 5:18, *“Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.”*

**Week 6** - Romans 7:4, *Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.*

**Week 7** - Romans 8:18, *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

**Week 8** - Romans 8:38-39, *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Week 9** - Romans 10:9-10, *“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”*

**Week 10** - Romans 11:25-26a, *Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved, ...*

**Week 11** - Romans 11:33-34, *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”*

**Week 12** - Romans 14:17, *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

**Week 13** - Romans 15:4, *For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

**Week 14** - Romans 16:17, *I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.*

## Romans

With Paul's writings we actually come to a different method of revelation. God has used many ways to communicate to man. God gave the Pentateuch - the Law - through Moses. He gave history, He gave poetry, and He gave prophecy. He gave the Gospels, and now we come to a new section: the Epistles, the majority of which were inspired (God Breathed) by God and written by Paul.

These letters that we have - these epistles - are so warm and so personal that, as far as you and I are concerned, it is just as if they came by special delivery mail to us today. The Lord is speaking to us "personally" in each one of these very wonderful letters – Epistles that Paul and the other apostles wrote to the churches.

Romans contains the great gospel manifesto for the world – for the church. To Paul the gospel was the great ecumenical movement and Rome, at that time, was the center of that world for which Christ died. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is both an epistle and a letter. Paul made this statement in Romans 15:15-16 [ESV], "But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit." Paul made it very clear here that he was the apostle to the Gentiles.

When you read the last chapter of Romans and see all those people that Paul knew, you will find that most of them were Gentiles. The church in Rome was largely a gentile church. Paul said that he was eager to go to Rome. "So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome." (Romans 1:15). Paul wanted to go to Rome to preach the gospel.

That leads me to say a word about Rome, and the question is: Who founded the church in Rome? I am going to make a rather unusual statement here: I believe Paul is the one who founded the church in Rome, and he founded it, as it were, by "long distance" and used the "remote control" of an apostle to write and guide its course. Rome was a remarkable city. Paul had never been there, no other apostle had been there, and yet a church came into existence. How did it come into existence? Well, Paul, as he moved throughout the Roman Empire, won men and women to Christ. Rome had a strong drawing power, and many people were in Rome who had met Paul throughout the Roman Empire.

Paul had visited Roman colonies such as Philippi and Thessalonica, and there he had seen Roman customs, laws, languages, styles, and culture on exhibit. He had walked on Roman roads, had met Roman soldiers on the highways and in the marketplaces, and he had slept in Roman jails. Paul had appeared before Roman magistrates, and he had enjoyed the benefits of Roman citizenship. You see, Paul knew all about Rome although he was yet to visit there.

From the vantage point of the world's capital, Paul wanted to preach the global gospel to a lost world that God loved so much that He gave His Son to die, that whosoever believed on Him might not perish but have eternal life. Rome was like a great magnet: it drew men and women from the ends of the then-known world to its center. As Paul and the other apostles crisscrossed this colossal empire, they brought multitudes to the foot of the cross. Churches were established in most of the great cities of this empire. In the course of time, many Christians were drawn to the center of this great empire. The saying that "all roads lead to Rome" was more than just an

axiom. As Christians congregated in this great metropolis, a visible church came into existence. Probably no individual man established the church in Rome. Converts of Paul and the other apostles from the fringe of the empire went to Rome, and a local church was established by them.

As we approach this great epistle, I feel totally inadequate because of its great theme, which is the righteousness of God. It is a message that we the church have attempted over the years to proclaim. It is the message that the world today as a whole does not want to hear, nor does it want to accept. The world likes to hear about the glory of mankind. It likes to have mankind rather than God exalted. I am convinced that any ministry today that attempts to teach the glory of man - which does not present the total depravity of the human family and does not reveal that man is totally corrupt and is a ruined creature, any teaching that does not deal with this great truth - will not lift mankind, nor will it offer a remedy. The only remedy for man's sin is the perfect remedy that we have in Christ, that which God has provided for a lost race. This is the great message of Romans. God takes lost sinners - like I am, like you are - and He brings them into the family of God and makes them sons of God. He does it because of Christ's death upon the cross - not because there is any merit in us whatsoever. This is the great message of Romans.

**It was Martin Luther who wrote that the Epistle to the Romans is “the true masterpiece of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, which is well worthy and deserving that a Christian man should not only learn it by heart, word for word, but also that he should daily deal with it as the daily bread of men’s souls. It can never be too much or too well read or studied; and the more it is handled, the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes.”**

One of the world's great scientists turned to this book, and he found that it gave a real faith. This scientist, Michael Faraday, was asked on his death bed by a reporter, “What are your speculations now?” Faraday said, “I have no speculations. My faith is firmly fixed in Christ my Savior who died for me, and who has made a way for me to go to heaven.”

This is the epistle that transformed a man by the name of John Bunyan. John Bunyan was no intellectual giant, nor was he a poet, but he wrote a book that has been exceeded in sales by only one other book, the Bible. That book is Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. It is a story of a sinner saved by grace, and that sinner was John Bunyan. And the record of history is that this man read and studied the Epistle to the Romans, and he told its profound story in his own life's story, the story of Pilgrim - that he came to the cross, that the burden of sin rolled off, and that he began that journey to the Celestial City.

Let me urge you to do something that will pay you amazing dividends: read the Book of Romans. This epistle requires all the mental make-up we have, and in addition, it must be bathed in prayer and supplication so that the Holy Spirit can teach us. Yet every Christian should make an effort to know Romans, for this book will ground the believer in the faith.

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<b><u>Week 1</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Week 11</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>
11-Oct	Romans 1:1-7	18-Nov	Romans 7:1-6	23-Dec	Romans 11:31-36
14-Oct	Romans 1:8-15	19-Nov	Romans 7:7-12	24-Dec	Romans 12:1-8
15-Oct	Romans 1:16-17	20-Nov	Romans 7:13-18	25-Dec	Romans 12:9-14
16-Oct	Romans 1:18-24	21-Nov	Romans 7:19-25	26-Dec	Romans 12:15-21
17-Oct	Romans 1:25-28	22-Nov	Romans 8:1-5	27-Dec	Romans 13:1-7
18-Oct	Romans 1:29-32				
<b><u>Week 2</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Week 12</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>
21-Oct	Romans 2:1-11	25-Nov	Romans 8:6-11	30-Dec	Romans 13:8-14
22-Oct	Romans 2:12-16	26-Nov	Romans 8:12-17	31-Dec	Romans 14:1-6
23-Oct	Romans 2:17-22	27-Nov	Romans 8:18-23	1-Jan	Romans 14:7-12
24-Oct	Romans 2:23-29	28-Nov	Romans 8:24-30	2-Jan	Romans 14:13-18
25-Oct	Romans 3:1-4	29-Nov	Romans 8:31-34	3-Jan	Romans 14:19-23
<b><u>Week 3</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Week 13</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>
28-Oct	Romans 3:5-8	2-Dec	Romans 8:35-39	6-Jan	Romans 15:1-7
29-Oct	Romans 3:9-14	3-Dec	Romans 9:1-7	7-Jan	Romans 15:8-13
30-Oct	Romans 3:15-20	4-Dec	Romans 9:8-14	8-Jan	Romans 15:14-21
31-Oct	Romans 3:21-31	5-Dec	Romans 9:15-21	9-Jan	Romans 15:22-27
1-Nov	Romans 4:1-6	6-Dec	Romans 9:22-29	10-Jan	Romans 15:28-33
<b><u>Week 4</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Week 14</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>
4-Nov	Romans 4:7-12	9-Dec	Romans 9:30-33	13-Jan	Romans 16:1-5
5-Nov	Romans 4:13-18	10-Dec	Romans 10:1-4	14-Jan	Romans 16:6-10
6-Nov	Romans 4:19-25	11-Dec	Romans 10:5-11	15-Jan	Romans 16:11-16
7-Nov	Romans 5:1-5	12-Dec	Romans 10:12-16	16-Jan	Romans 16:17-24
8-Nov	Romans 5:6-11	13-Dec	Romans 10:17-21	17-Jan	Romans 16: 25-27
<b><u>Week 5</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>		
11-Nov	Romans 5:12-16	16-Dec	Romans 11:1-5		
12-Nov	Romans 5:17-21	17-Dec	Romans 11:6-10		
13-Nov	Romans 6:1-7	18-Dec	Romans 11:11-17		
14-Nov	Romans 6:8-14	19-Dec	Romans 11:18-24		
15-Nov	Romans 6:15-23	20-Dec	Romans 11:25-30		