



The Message of the Bible

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## Week 28: Romans

### The Structure of Romans

<b>Intro</b> <b>1:1–17</b>	<b>The</b> <b>Revelation of</b> <b>Righteousness</b> <b>1:18–4:25</b>	<b>Implications</b> <b>of</b> <b>Righteousness</b> <b>5–8</b>	<b>The</b> <b>Question</b> <b>of Israel</b> <b>9–11</b>	<b>Exhortations</b> <b>&amp; Closing</b> <b>Words</b> <b>12–16</b>
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### The Teaching of Romans

*Introduction (1:1–7)*

*Paul and the Roman Church (1:8–15)*

1. Paul thanked God for the faith of the Roman Christians (v. 8)
2. Paul expressed his desire to visit the church at Rome (vv. 9–15)

*The Theme of the Book (1:16–17)*

*<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

*The Revelation of Righteousness (1:18–4:25)*

1. The Portrait of the Pagan Gentile (1:18–32)
2. The Unfaithful Jew (2:1–3:20)
3. The Righteousness that is from God (3:21–26)
4. The Exclusion of Boasting (3:27–31)

5. The Case of Abraham (4:1–25)

*Implications of Righteousness in the Life of the Believer (5–8)*

1. Reconciliation – 5:1–21

Reconciliation is the doing away of enmity, the bridging over of a quarrel. Justification and reconciliation are spoken of as two distinct elements in the work of the death of Christ.

On the basis of Christ's death, God has declared that believers are righteous.

On the basis of Christ's death, God's wrath was satisfied and the cause of enmity was removed, making peace.

2. Sanctification – 6:1–8:39

a. Dying to Sin – 6:1–14

b. Slaves to Righteousness – 6:15–23

c. The Believer's Relationship to the Power of God's Love – 7:1–6

d. The Nature and Function of God's Law in Relationship to the Believer – 7:7–25

e. The Leading of God's Spirit – 8:1–39

*The Question of Israel (9–11)*

1. Introduction of the Problem – 9:1–6a

2. The Clarification of the True Israel – 9:6b–13

3. Divine Sovereignty and Israel's Election – 9:14–29

4. Israel's Unbelief – 9:30–10:21

5. Israel's Present and Future Status in God's Plan – 11:1–36

f. The Concept of a Remnant in Israel – 11:1–7b

g. The Hardening of the Rest – 11:7c–10

h. The Result of Israel's Hardening – 11:11–24

i. The Future of Israel – 11:25–36

*Exhortations (12:1–15:13)*

1. Introduction – 12:1–2

2. A Realistic Look at Oneself within the Body of Christ – 12:3–8

3. General Principles – 12:9–21

4. Obedience to Authorities – 13:1–7

5. The Centrality of Love in the Life of Christians – 13:8–10

6. The Christian's Perspective on Time – 13:11–14

7. The Question of Doubtful Things – 14:1–15:13

*Closing Words (15:14–16:27)*

## **The Purposes of Romans**

1. Salvation (for both Jew and Gentile) results in acceptance before God based on righteousness received by faith in Christ.

## **How should I respond?**

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