



Bible Study Notes

Book of Romans Part 3
March 9, 2021

Book of Romans Fast Facts:

When: *Written in AD 57, during Paul's third missionary trip*

Where: *Written when Paul was in Corinth*

Who: *Written to the early church in Rome*

Why: *To present the basic gospel of Jesus Christ, God's plan of salvation and righteousness for all mankind, Jew and Gentile alike.*

Romans 1:18-23

God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

¹⁸ *The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

²¹ *For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.*

God is holy.

Leviticus 11:45

⁴⁵ *I am the LORD, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.*

God doesn't overlook sin.

Galatians 6:7

⁷ *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*

Even though there is grace, there are natural consequences with sin.

We don't fully understand the power of the Gospel until we realize our desperate need of the Gospel!

The gospel reveals how Christ turned things around.

God is repulsed by sin.

Sin separates us from God and leads to death.



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Romans 6:23

²³ *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

God loved us while we were sinners.

Romans 5:8-11

⁸ *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

The gospel reveals a God who loves people even when they are his enemies.

God wants us to escape the punishment!

Isaiah 5:20

²⁰ *Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for light
and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter.*

2 Timothy 4:3

³ *For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*

God's wrath is coming on a culture that shakes its fist at Him.

We should have the mind of Christ and grieve for the lost culture we live in.

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

¹⁸ *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*

We should look at our culture with compassion, not disdain.



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God made us with an inner conscience that knows there is a God simply by looking at His creation.

If there is a God, then there is accountability.

Psalm 14:1

¹ The fool says in his heart,
 “There is no God.”
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
 there is no one who does good.

To say “there is no God” forces one to stifle the inner consciousness in them that knows there is.

It takes more faith to say there is no God than to say there is.

Genesis 1:1 (Amplified Bible)

¹ In the beginning God (Elohim) created [by forming from nothing] the heavens and the earth.

Only God can create something out of nothing.

“Contrary to the belief of some cosmologists, something cannot come out of nothing. It’s hard to believe that at the time of the Big Bang, an explosion of unimaginable enormity occurred that created the Boson, the elementary particle of matter that scientists have been trying to chase in the Large Hadron Collider. Explosions don’t just pop out of nowhere.”

Elohim: the all-powerful God who created all things out of nothing!

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