



## Bible Study Notes

Book of Romans Part 6  
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### 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.*

***The fact that we acknowledge God does not mean we are free to point fingers.***

### Romans 2:17-29

<sup>17</sup> Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and boast in God; <sup>18</sup> if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; <sup>19</sup> if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, <sup>20</sup> an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— <sup>21</sup> you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? <sup>22</sup> You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup> You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? <sup>24</sup> As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

<sup>25</sup> Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. <sup>26</sup> So then, if those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? <sup>27</sup> The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker.

<sup>28</sup> A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. <sup>29</sup> No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.

***One of the greatest lies Satan tells us is that religion alone can save us.***

***When we rely on religion, we become blind to our sin.***

### Mark 7:6-8

<sup>6</sup> He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'

<sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."



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***Religion is about outward works, whereas God is interested in our hearts.***

### **Hebrews 4:12-13**

*<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

***No amount of rule-keeping or careful adherence to religious practices can reconcile a sinner to the holy God.***

***It's not about religion – it's about relationship.***

### **John 3:3**

*<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."*

***One of the most effective ways to dishonor the Lord and His name is with our hypocrisy.***

***Our top desire should be to bring honor to the Lord and His name.***

### **Genesis 17:10-14**

*<sup>10</sup> This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup> You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. <sup>12</sup> For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. <sup>13</sup> Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. <sup>14</sup> Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."*

***Circumcision: Cutting away of the flesh.***

### **Jeremiah 4:4**

*<sup>4</sup> Circumcise yourselves to the LORD,  
circumcise your hearts,  
you people of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
or my wrath will flare up and burn like fire  
because of the evil you have done—  
burn with no one to quench it.*



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## Deuteronomy 10:16

<sup>16</sup> *Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.*

## Romans 2:29

<sup>29</sup> *No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code.*

***We, in the new covenant, experience a spiritual circumcision.***

## Colossians 2:9-13

<sup>9</sup> *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

<sup>13</sup> *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ.*

## Joshua 5:2-3

<sup>2</sup> *At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again."<sup>3</sup> So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth.*

***We will not be able to effectively fight for the new while holding on to the old!***

***God had taken them out of Egypt – now He wanted to take Egypt out of them***

***God takes us out of our pasts, but sometimes, the past still has its grip on us. So God must take the past out of us.***

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