

# New Testament Survey NTS.7

*"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Trials, Journey to Rome, and the Book of Romans





# Logistics & Learning Objectives:

1. Learning Objectives. Participants will gain a high level understanding of:
  - a. Paul's Trials
  - b. Paul's Journey to Rome
  - c. Paul's Letter to the Romans
2. For more information please visit [www.studioscriptura.com](http://www.studioscriptura.com)

## The New Testament Survey

seeks to present Christianity's core tenets and doctrines for all that are interested in learning about Christianity. We seek to provide tools for believers to build a strong foundation and thereby help them bolster their faith in Christ. We seek to be purposeful and diligent in teaching the foundations of our beliefs, so we can earnestly contend for our faith.



# Key Sources:

1. **New King James Version. 1988. Nashville: Holman Bible Publishers.**



## Acts 21 "Up to Jerusalem"

And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. Acts 21:30-31

Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, "May I speak to you?" Acts 21:37

So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying, Acts 21:40



## The Trials

1. Paul before the people
  - a. Paul shares his testimony
2. Paul before the high priest
  - a. Paul presents the resurrection
3. Paul in prison and his nephew alerts Paul & the Commander to the plot
4. From Jerusalem to Caesarea
  - a. Paul before Felix
  - b. In 5 days the high priest and a certain orator named Tertullus arrive
  - c. Paul presents the resurrection
5. Felix waits for Lysias the commander to come
  - a. Felix hopes for a bribe
6. After 2 years Porcius Festus succeeds Felix
7. High priest tries to get Paul back to Jerusalem
8. Another trial, this time in front of Festus
  - a. Paul appeals to Caesar rather than go back to Jerusalem
9. Festus alerts Herod Agrippa of Paul. Agrippa states:
  - a. "I also would like to hear the man myself."
  - b. Paul shares his testimony
10. Agrippa concludes:
  - a. "This man might have been set free..."
  - b. "... if he had not appealed to Caesar."



A photograph of a stone archway leading to a wooden walkway with a metal railing. The scene is set in a stone building with multiple arches. The walkway is made of dark wood and has a metal railing on the right side. The lighting is warm and natural, suggesting an outdoor or well-lit indoor setting.

## Acts 22 "A Good Testimony"

"Brethren and fathers, hear my defense before you now." And when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent. Acts 22:1-2

So I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.' Acts 22:8

And they listened to him until this word, and then they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he is not fit to live!" Acts 22:22

The commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, and said that he should be examined under scourging, so that he might know why they shouted so against him. Acts 22:24

When the centurion heard that, he went and told the commander, saying, "Take care what you do, for this man is a Roman." Acts 22:26

The next day, because he wanted to know for certain why he was accused by the Jews, he released him from his bonds, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down and set him before them. Acts 22:30



## Acts 23 "Paul the Prisoner"

Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." Acts 23:1

But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!" Acts 22:6

Now when there arose a great dissension, the commander, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the barracks. Acts 22:10

But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome." Acts 22:11

So when Paul's sister's son heard of their ambush, he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. Then Paul called one of the centurions to him and said, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has something to tell him." Acts 22:16-17

And he called for two centurions, saying, "Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third hour of the night; and provide mounts to set Paul on, and bring him safely to Felix the governor." Acts 22:23-24

And when the governor had read it, he asked what province he was from. And when he understood that he was from Cilicia, he said, "I will hear you when your accusers also have come." And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's Praetorium. Acts 22:34

## Acts 24 "When Felix Heard"

Now after five days Ananias the high priest came down with the elders and a certain orator named Tertullus. These gave evidence to the governor against Paul. And when he was called upon, Tertullus began his accusation, saying: "Seeing that through you we enjoy great peace, and prosperity is being brought to this nation by your foresight, Acts 24:1-2

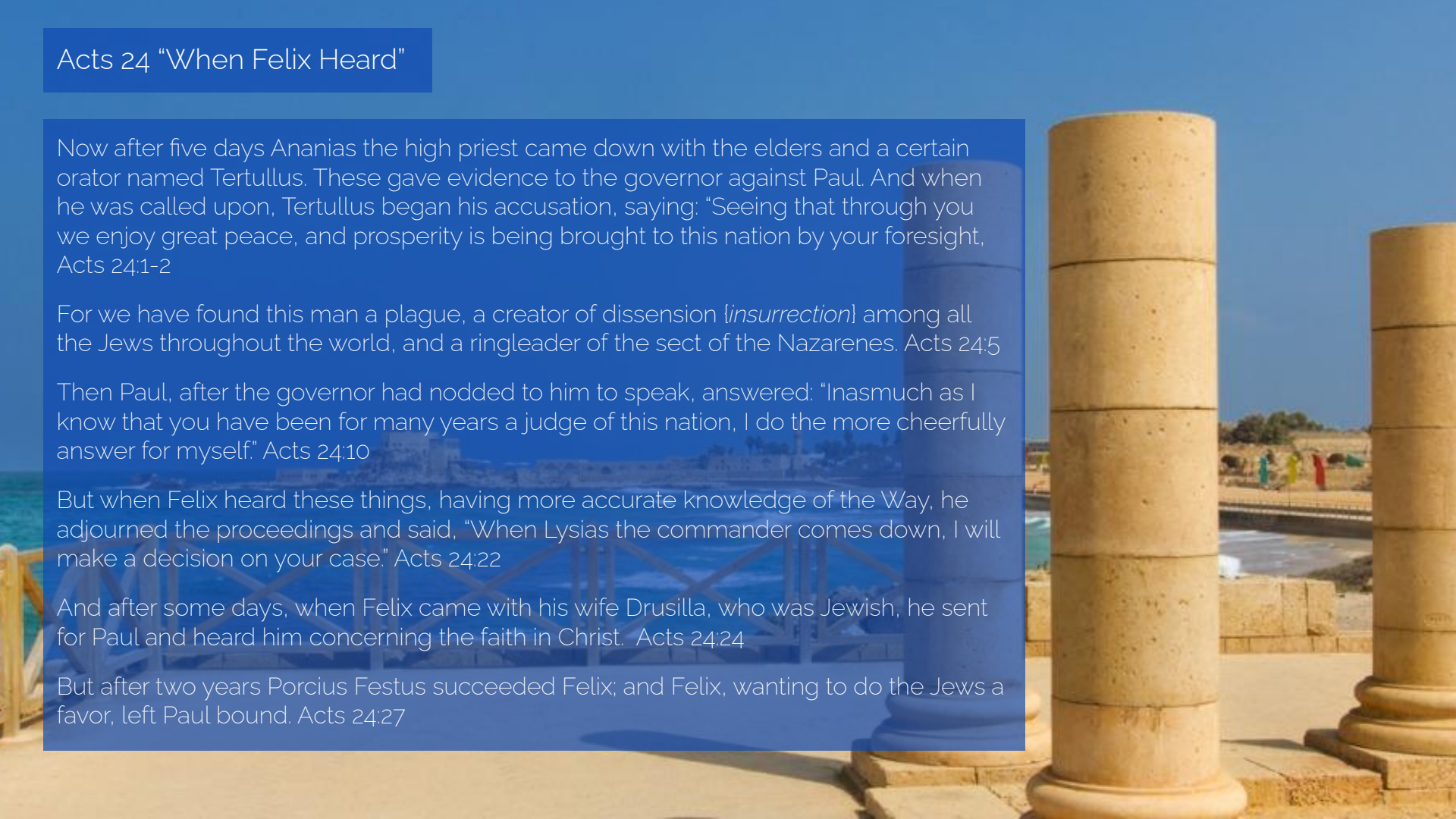
For we have found this man a plague, a creator of dissension [*insurrection*] among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. Acts 24:5

Then Paul, after the governor had nodded to him to speak, answered: "Inasmuch as I know that you have been for many years a judge of this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself." Acts 24:10

But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of the Way, he adjourned the proceedings and said, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will make a decision on your case." Acts 24:22

And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. Acts 24:24

But after two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix; and Felix, wanting to do the Jews a favor, left Paul bound. Acts 24:27





## Acts 25 "I appeal to Caesar"

But Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself was going there shortly. "Therefore," he said, "let those who have authority among you go down with me and accuse this man, to see if there is any fault in him." Acts 25:4-5

But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?" Acts 25:9

So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know. For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar." Acts 25:10-11

Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he said, "you shall hear him." Acts 24:22

I have nothing certain to write to my lord concerning him. Therefore I have brought him out before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the examination has taken place I may have something to write. For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner and not to specify the charges against him." Acts 25:26-27

## Acts 26 "Almost persuade me"

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself: "I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, Acts 26:1-2

And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers. Acts 26:6

"Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Acts 26:9

"While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, Acts 26:12

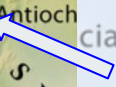
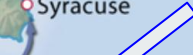
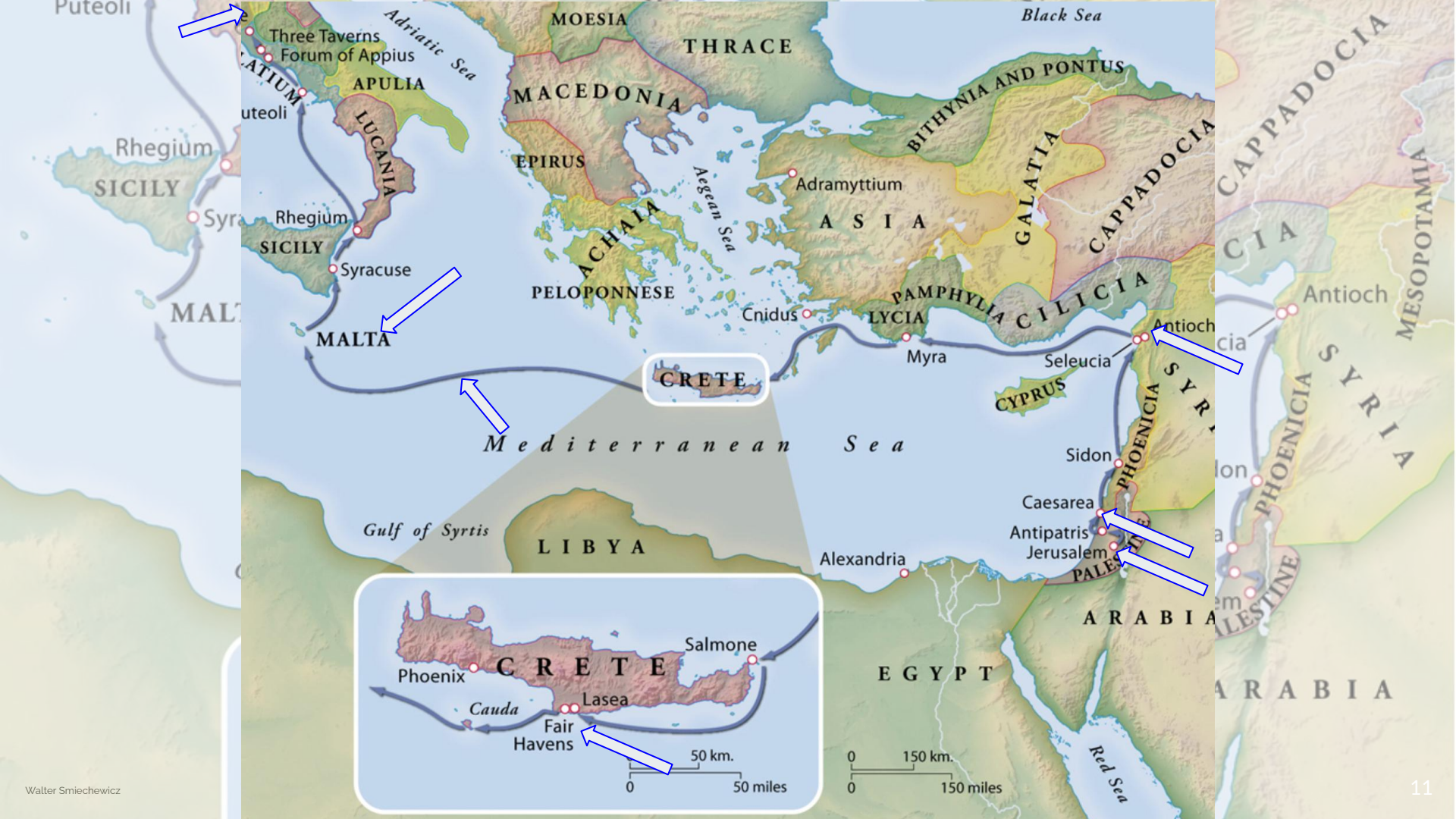
To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' Acts 26:18

Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!" But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. Acts 26:24-25

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian." Acts 26:28

Then Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar." Acts 26:32





























## Acts 27 "The winds were contrary"

And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to one named Julius, a centurion of the Augustan Regiment. Acts 27:1

Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous because the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, saying, "Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives." Acts 27:9

Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul. Acts 27:11

But not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon. Acts 27:14

And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. Acts 27:22

And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat. Acts 27:35

And the soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim away and escape. But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, kept them from their purpose, and commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land, and the rest, some on boards and some on parts of the ship. And so it was that they all escaped safely to land. Acts 27:42-44













## Acts 28 "Came to Rome"

Now when they had escaped, they then found out that the island was called Malta. Acts 28:1

Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him. Acts 28:16

So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. Acts 28:23

Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him. Acts 28:30-31



...agreed among themselves and be-  
...ave after Paul had made this final  
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Go to this people and say,

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be  
an apostle and set apart for the gospel of  
— <sup>2</sup>the gospel he promised beforehand  
through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures  
concerning his Son, who as to his human na-  
ture was a descendant of David, <sup>4</sup>and who  
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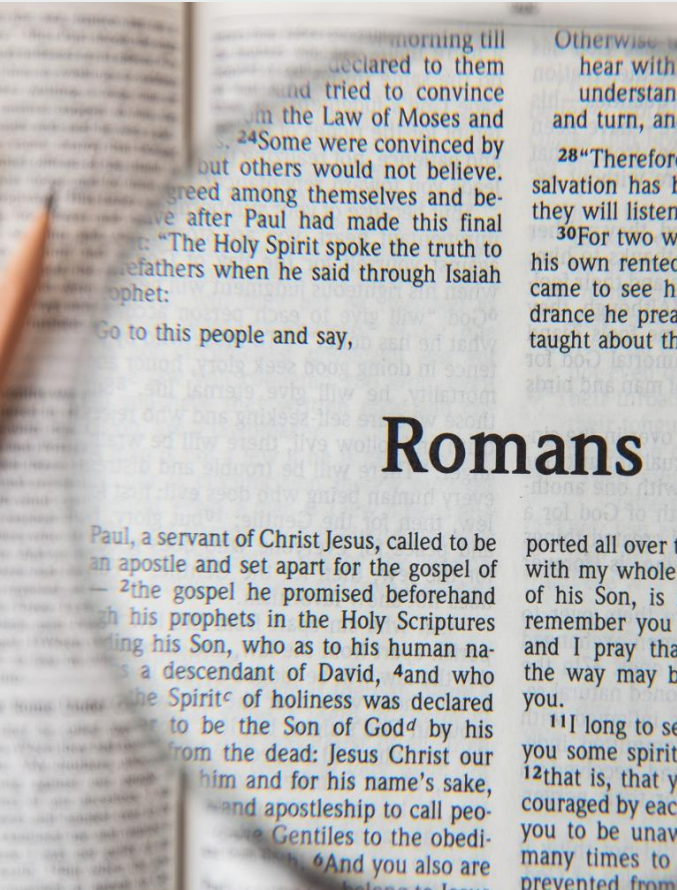
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# Romans

ported all over the world. <sup>9</sup>God, who  
with my whole heart in preaching  
of his Son, is my witness how  
I remember you <sup>10</sup>in my prayers at  
and I pray that now at last by  
the way may be opened for me to  
you.

<sup>11</sup>I long to see you so that I may

# Romans *(continued)*



## Romans

- ⇒ We have no definite evidence about the origin of the church in Rome or about its composition at the time when Paul wrote to it.
- ⇒ Romans embraced faith of/in Christ without seeing any sign of mighty works or any of the apostles.
- ⇒ If we are to speculate, the most likely scenario is that Jews who were converted on the Day of Pentecost (see Acts 2:10) were the ones to bring the gospel to Rome.
- ⇒ It appears that Paul is addressing both Jewish and Gentile Christians in Romans.
- ⇒ Romans is the longest and most theologically significant of the letters of Paul, "the very purest gospel" (Luther).



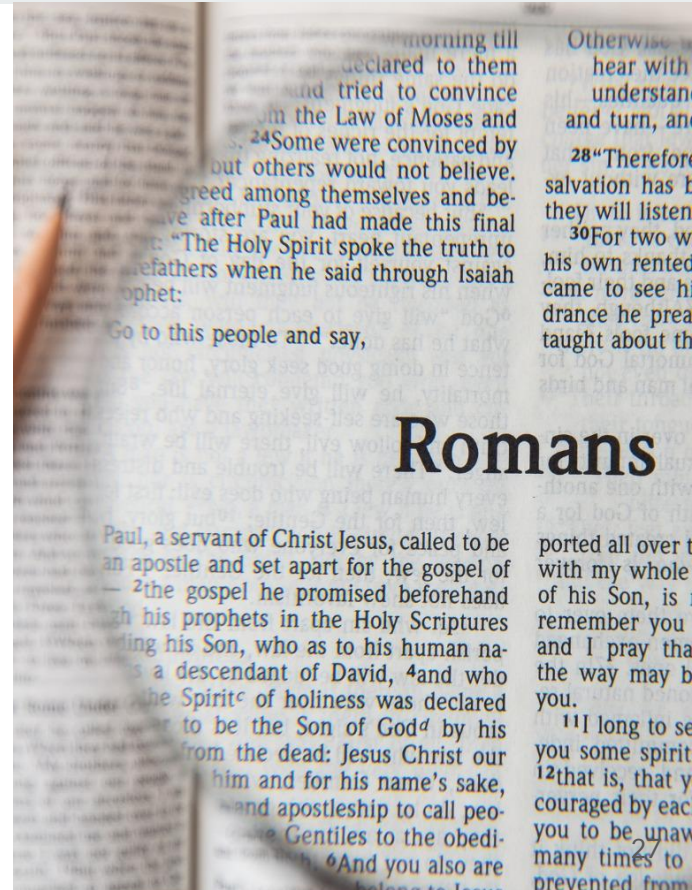
# Romans

## Theology So What

- The gospel as the righteousness of God - from faith to faith (1:18–4:25)
- The gospel as the power of God for salvation (5:1–8:39)
- The gospel and Israel (9:1–11:36)

## Application Now What

- The gospel and the transformation of life (12:1–15:13)



## Romans *(continued)*

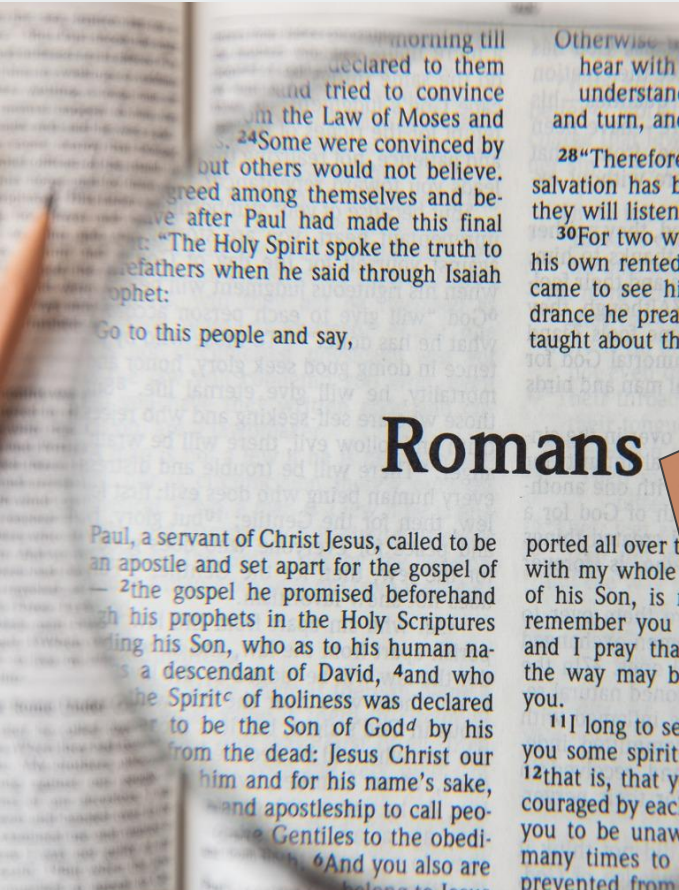
"The apostle Paul peremptorily, over and over again, tells us that salvation is not by works; nay, he tells us that it is not by works and grace put together; he testifies that the two principles neutralise and kill each other, and that a man must either be saved wholly as the result of God's favor, or else he must be saved altogether as the result of his own merit, for the two principles cannot in any way be combined."

Charles H. Spurgeon, Commentary on Romans





# Romans



## Romans

- ⇒ The word of faith which we preach: that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- ⇒ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- ⇒ For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.
- ⇒ For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:8b-13

## Romans 1

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. Romans 1:8

Making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. Romans 1:10

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." Romans 1:16-17

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, Romans 1:18

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, Romans 1:20

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, Romans 1:24

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; Romans 1:28





## Romans 2

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. Romans 2:2

But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, Romans 2:5

For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law. Romans 2:12

You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? Romans 2:21

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God. Romans 2:28-29



## Romans 3

What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. Romans 3:1-2

What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; Romans 3:9-10

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Romans 3:20

Even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Romans 3:22-24





For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Romans 4:2-3

But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: Romans 4:5-6

Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised. Romans 2:9-10

Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all Romans 2:16

He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." Romans 2:20-22

A silhouette of a hand holding a heart against a sunset background. The hand is on the left, and the heart is in the center, with the sun setting behind it, creating a warm, golden glow. The background is a soft gradient of orange and pink.

## Romans 5

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ  
Romans 5:1

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6-8

But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. Romans 5:15

Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. Romans 5:18



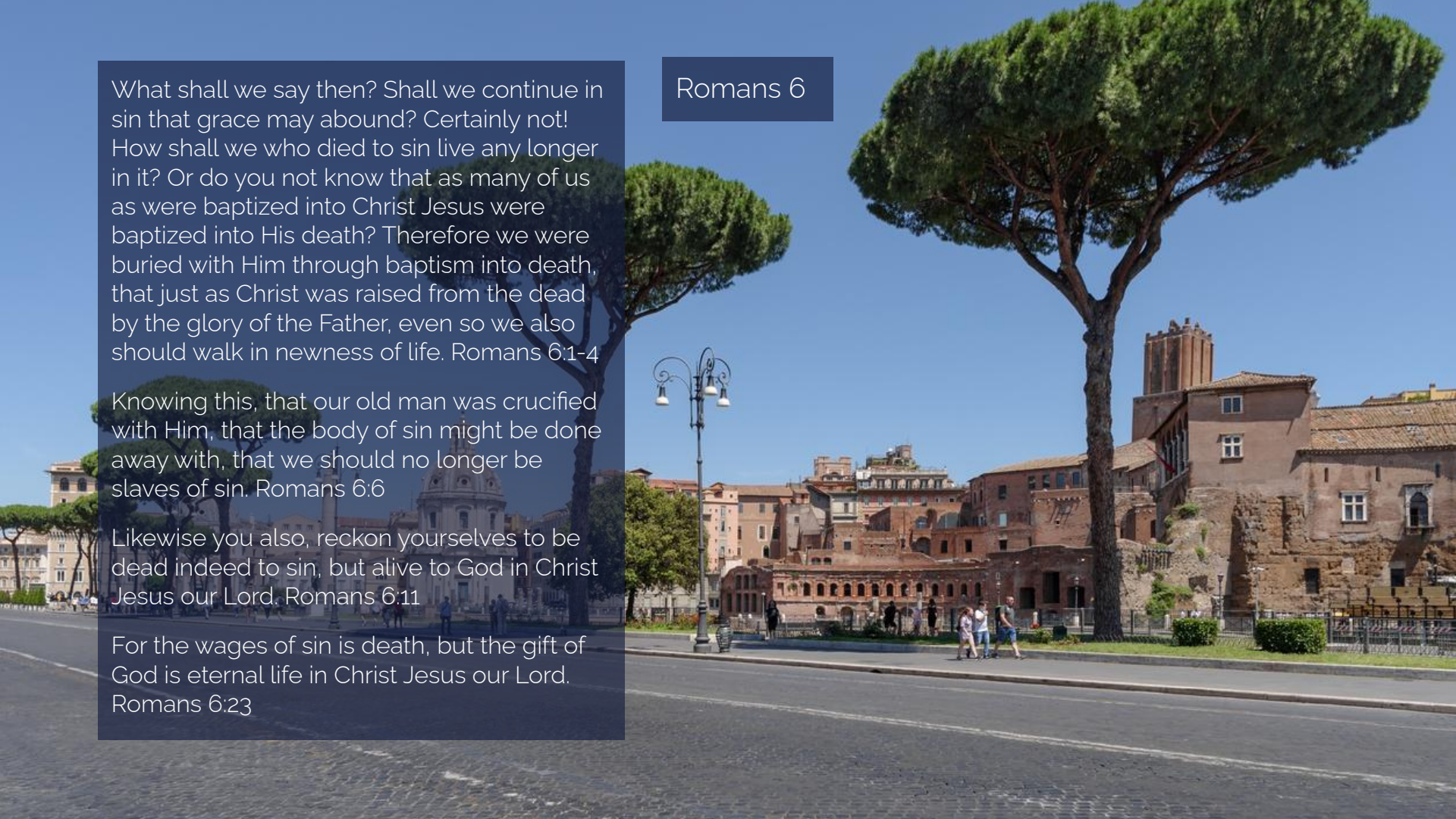
## Romans 6

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:1-4

Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. Romans 6:6

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:11

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23



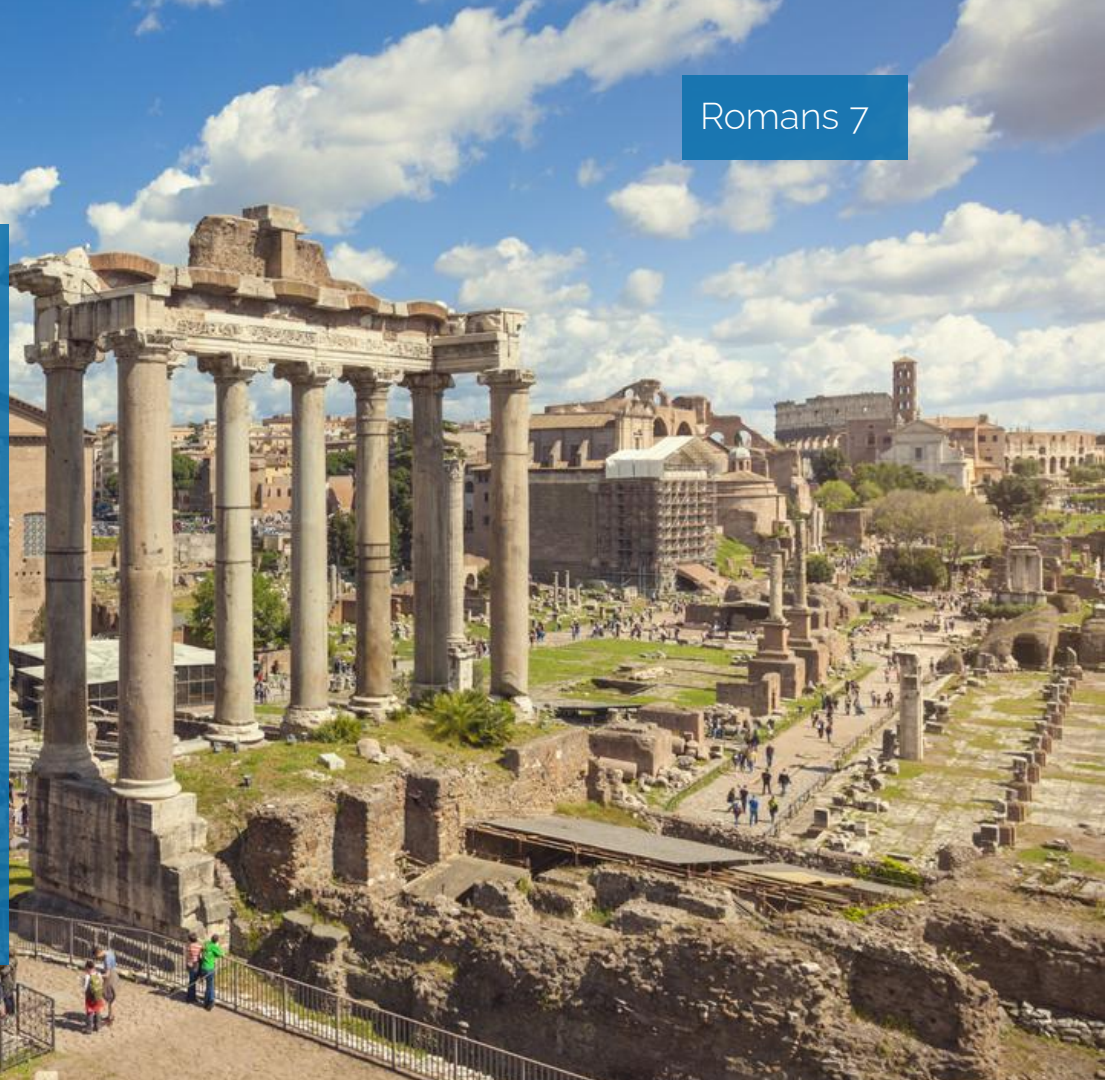


Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.  
Romans 7:4

For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.  
Romans 7:5

For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.  
Romans 7:19

O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!  
Romans 7:24-25





An aerial photograph of the Forum of Trajan in Rome, Italy. The image shows the extensive ruins of the forum, including the large, multi-arched structure of the Trajanic Forum. In the background, the city of Rome is visible, with a prominent bell tower (St. Peter's Basilica) and other buildings. The sky is blue with some clouds. A green semi-transparent box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

## Romans 8

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:1

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, Romans 8:3

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

## Romans 9

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, Romans 9:1-3

Who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. Romans 9:4-5

But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, Romans 9:6

But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? Romans 9:20-21

Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. Romans 9:32

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## Romans 10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. Romans 10:1-3

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Romans 10:14-15

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Romans 11:1-2a

I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Romans 11:11

And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you. Romans 11:17-18

And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins." Romans 11:26-27

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! Romans 11:33





## Romans 12


I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. Romans 12:3

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Romans 12:10-13

If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Romans 12:18

## Romans 13



Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Romans 13:1

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Romans 13:11-13



# The Church & State

## Foundational Passage(s)

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Romans 13

"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor."

Romans 13:1-7



# The Church & State *(continued)*

## Foundational Passage(s)

1 Peter 2

11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. 13 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— 16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. 17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.





# The Church & State *(continued)*

## Ground Rules From the Beginning

### Genesis 1

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."









# The Church & State *(continued)*

## Respect & Prayer

Acts 23

Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." 2 And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. 3 Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?" 4 And those who stood by said, "Do you revile God's high priest?" 5 Then Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"

1 Timothy 2

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,





# The Church & State *(continued)*

## Jesus' Kingdom & Our Focus

John 18

33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"  
34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"  
35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"  
36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."  
37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."  
38a Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"



# The Church & State *(continued)*

## Jesus' Kingdom & Our Focus

Revelation 11

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" 16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. 18a The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come,





# The Church & State *(continued)*

## Lessons from Daniel / When you face opposition or an ungodly request

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Daniel 1:8

Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up." Daniel 3:15-18



# The Church & State *(continued)*

## Lessons from Daniel / When you face opposition or an ungodly request

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. 12 And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day." And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him. Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed." So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." Daniel 6:10-16





# The Church & State *(continued)*

## Having Done All, Stand

Acts 4

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ... 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. 14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. ... 18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."



A vibrant market stall scene. In the foreground, several large, round, woven baskets filled with produce, including what appears to be a large ham or cured meat, are hanging from a metal rack. Below them, a counter displays various breads, some in plastic bags, and a stack of boxes. A person wearing a dark jacket and a face mask is seen from the side, looking at the goods. In the background, other market stalls and people are visible, creating a bustling atmosphere. The lighting is warm and focused on the products.

## Romans 14

Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. Romans 14:1

So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way. Romans 14:12-13

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

For whatever is not from faith is sin. Romans 14:23b





Romans 15

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:4-6

And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" Romans 15:11

Now may the God of hope fill you with all **joy** and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:4-13

Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God, Romans 15:15

But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you, whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while. Romans 15:23-24

That I may come to you with **joy** by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you. Romans 15:32

A close-up photograph of two men smiling warmly at each other. The man on the left is younger, with dark hair and a beard, wearing a blue shirt. The man on the right is older, with white hair and glasses, also wearing a blue shirt. The background is softly blurred, suggesting an indoor setting with natural light.

## Romans 16

**Greet** Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise **greet** the church that is in their house. **Greet** my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ. Romans 16:3-5

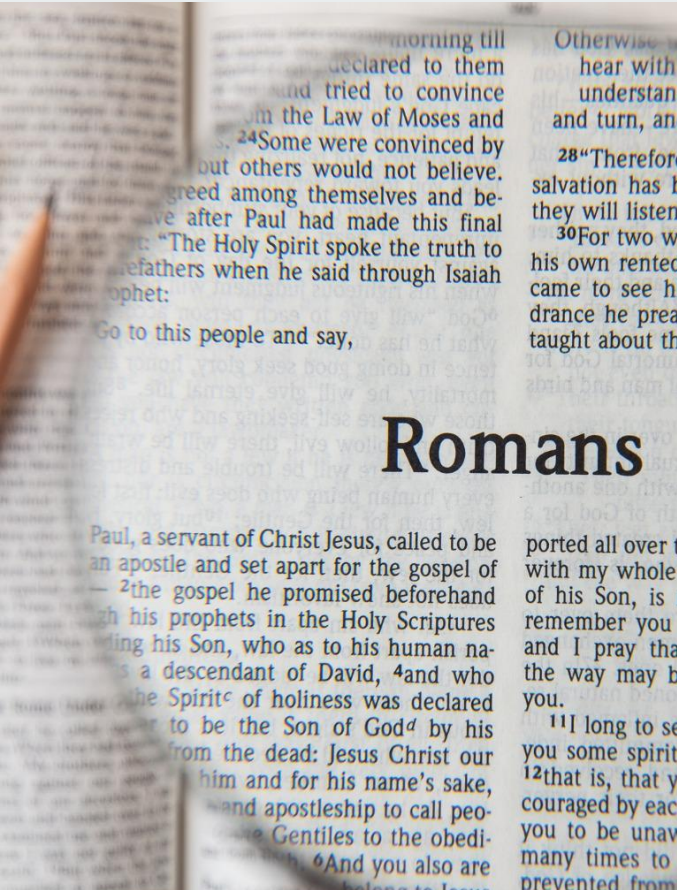
Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. Romans 16:17

I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord. Romans 16:22

To God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen. Romans 16:27



# Romans



## Romans

1 - 8

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

9 - 11

My heart's desire and prayer to God for **Israel** is that they may be saved. Romans 10:1

12 - 15

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable **service**. Romans 12:1



Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39



1. What did Paul normally revert to when challenged by others? Why?
2. How might God's providence be unfolding in your life right now?
3. Which verses/lessons from our high-level study of Paul's Letter to Rome impacted you the most? Why?
4. Could you use Paul's arguments in Romans to present the Gospel to a non-believer?
5. How does/should the theology Paul presents in Chs 1-11 and the *applications* of Ch 12ff impact your life?
6. What part(s) of your life need to be *transformed*?

So What &  
Now What?

