

Romans

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Questions addressed in Romans

1. What is the subject of the letter? (1:1, 9, 15, 16)
2. What is the gospel? (1:1-17)
3. Why do men need the gospel? (1:18 – 3:20)
4. According to the gospel, how can ungodly sinners be justified by a holy God? (3:21-31)
5. Does the gospel agree with the OT scripture? (4:1-25)
6. What are the benefits of justification in the believer's life? (5:1-21)
7. Does the teaching of salvation by grace through faith permit or even encourage sinful living? (6:1-23)
8. What is the relationship of the Christian to the law? (7:1-25)
9. How is the Christian enabled to lead a holy life? (8:1-39)
10. Does the gospel, by promising salvation to both Jews and Gentiles, mean that God has broken His promises to His earthly people, the Jews? (9:1 – 11:36)
11. How should those who have been justified by grace respond in their daily lives? (12:1 – 16:27)

Outline

- I. DOCTRINAL: THE GOSPEL OF GOD (Chapters 1-8)
 1. Introduction to the Gospel (1:1-15)
 2. The Gospel Defined (1:16-17)
 3. The Universal Need for the Gospel (1:18 – 3:20)
 4. The Basis and Terms of the Gospel (3:21-31)
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- II. DISPENSATIONAL: THE GOSPEL AND ISRAEL (Chapters 9-11)
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- III. DUTIFUL: THE GOSPEL LIVED OUT (Chapters 12-16)
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