

WEEK 12

Romans chapters 1-8 discussion and chapters 9-16 background

Ch. 1-8 discussion

Theme

Ryrie: righteousness of God

Haley: not sure he'll get out of Jerusalem alive, so leaves in Rome a written explanation

of the nature of the gospel of Christ. Main point is that man's justification before God rests on the mercy of Christ, not the law of Moses.

Jensen: God's righteousness imparted to the sinner who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ

Bible discussion questions

What did you think was the theme of Romans 1-8 ?

What picture do you have of the church/believers after reading Romans 1-8 ?

How is that the same/ different from our experience today?

Which passages encouraged you?

Which passages challenged you?

Ch. 1--In 1:12, how can we be mutually encouraged by each others' faith?

What does 1:17 teach us about righteousness?

Is it fair that those who never hear the gospel message be condemned? 1:18- 23

Ch. 2--What do you think is the main point of chapter 2? 2:28-29

Paul starts refuting the Judaizers right away. See 2:23—they brag about the law, yet

They break the law! (More refutation in 4:10-12)

Ch. 3--So what is the advantage of being Jewish or of being circumcised?

the Very Words of God—remember what people would do to hear a word from an oracle?

3:8 he refutes the slander about sinning more, so that there will be more grace, and therefore

more glory to God for forgiving such a great sinner! Also addressed in 5:20 – 6:2

What was the purpose of the law? 3:20

3:21-22 here's where righteousness comes from

How are both Jews AND Gentiles justified and saved? 3:30

Ch. 4--What do we learn from Abraham? righteousness came from his faith, not works (circumcision)

Who is Abraham really the father of, if not all the Jews? 4:11-12

Ch. 5--What is the purpose of suffering? 5:3-5

How is Adam's action different than what Christ did for us?

Ch. 6--What does Paul say about being slaves? 6:15-18

"If we are going to be forgiven anyway, why not just sin and do what we want?" 6:15-16

what are the benefits of sin vs. the benefits of holiness? 6:21-22

CH. 7—How does the devil use the law for his own evil purposes ? 7:10-11

7:15 I'm so glad Paul was being so transparent

What is this great struggle that we all have within us?

In chap. 8, what are the differences between the mind controlled by the sinful nature

and the mind controlled by the Spirit?

Isn't 8:18 a great encouragement in times of trouble?

look at 8:28- - Only our God could take things that are inherently NOT GOOD and turn them around

to work FOR our good, remembering that His purpose is to conform us

to the image of Christ

They lived in dangerous and uncertain times for Christians. What promises can be a help

in those times? 8:35-39 These were very real dangers to them

Romans 9-16 background

Timeline

Paul thru Achaia (incl. Corinth), heading toward Jerusalem; wants to go to Rome

58 Romans (prior to first visit to Rome) written from Corinth, sent by Phoebe from

Cenchreae (suburb of Corinth)

Who wrote it? Paul

About the epistle

Written prior to Paul's first visit to Rome

Written from Corinth; Paul was collecting money for the poor believers in Judea

About the church

Mainly Gentiles

But certain Jewish leaders who were determined that Christianity remain Jewish. (Judaizers)

Other info

Roman culture had iron-clad social structure, from the highest ranking officials down to the lowest slave. People didn't rise above their social level.

Slavery was considered the punishment of a weak and inferior culture.

Difficult passages

9:11-13,18 Jacob I loved, Esau I hated; God hardens whom He wants to harden

Keep God's perspective; it's not that some are damned, but that ANY are saved

10:10 confess and are saved

believing and confessing are all part of the salvation experience. They happen at the same time.

11:22 being cut off/ ?losing your salvation?

See 11:29 God's gifts and calling are irrevocable!