

Paul's Letter to the Romans; Part II

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Description

Romans is, almost without question, one of the most important books in the Christian Bible. In this letter the Apostle Paul systematically lays out his understanding of the gospel, particularly how through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God has fulfilled his plans and purposes of the world. Throughout Church history, fresh readings of Romans has led to widespread revival. It is our desire to understand how the cross of Jesus has become the climax of history and how that event ought to shape us as individuals and as the Church.

Part II will run over 12 weeks, from January 4th to April 5th. Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm as we trace Paul's thought and think about how it informs us today. Participants should also purchase Fleming Rutledge's book *Not Ashamed of the Gospel*. For more information please contact Pastor David: david@northview.sk.ca.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course participants should:

- Be able to trace the first part of Paul's argument for how the gospel of Jesus reveals the righteousness of God
- Understand how the gospel of Christ brings peace with God
- Have a better understanding or the role of the law in God's divine plan

Weekly Schedule

WEEK	DATE	TEXT	NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL
Week 1	January 4, 2017	Romans 8:1-17	Heirs of God, pg. 245
Week 2	January 11, 2017	Romans 8:18-37	Who is to Condemn?, pg. 265
Week 3	January 18, 2017	Romans 9:1-18	The Clue on the Beach, pg. 273
Week 4	January 25, 2017	Romans 9:19-33	The Better Bet, pg. 280
Week 5	February 1, 2017	Romans 10:1-21	Preaching Without Distinction, pg. 305
Week 6	February 8, 2017	Romans 11:1-24	Gold Medals for Everybody, pg. 318
Week 7	February 15, 2017	Romans 11:25-36	God to the Rescue, pg. 347
Week 8	February 22, 2017	Romans 12:1-21	Presenting Ourselves, pg. 353
Week 9	March 8, 2017	Romans 13:1-14	Between the Two Thirteens, pg. 376
Week 10	March 22, 2017	Romans 14:1-23	Judgement and Grace, pg. 391
Week 11	March 29, 2017	Romans 15:1-22	Written Out, Written In, pg. 397
Week 12	April 5, 2017	Romans 15:23-16:27	Who Is Judged?, pg. 406

Participants

This class is operated on a drop in, drop out basis. Participants are not required to come to every class, simply as they desire or are able to. It would be helpful if participants brought a bible or a copy of the letter in order to follow along with the discussion. Participants may also benefit from bringing a means to take notes as there will be a lot of information. Finally, for those who want to go deeper and get more out of this course, it is recommended that they:

- Read through the letter in one sitting at least once per week. Reading out loud versus silently would also be a benefit in this area. This will give an increased familiarity with the letter and will help to capture the whole.
- Label the paragraphs. Following the schedule above, participants can label each paragraph as they appear in their bible. Labels should be concise (not a description or a summary of the paragraph) and specific (should describe only this paragraph and no other, i.e. not general). This can be done on your own or it can be handed to the facilitator to receive feedback.
- Read the letter in several versions. This will benefit because translating is always subjective. Different translations will bring out different words that translates the original Greek. By identifying the difference, participants will have a fuller appreciation for the range of meanings of the original language.
- Read a book or commentary on the letter.

This course is not a bible study, rather it is presented in course format as a Text and Interpretation: Romans, such as you might take at the Bible College or university level (though no papers, exams or grades!). As such, it is lecture based though we welcome questions through out the entire class. We have scheduled our time so that we spend an hour of working through the material and then have thirty minutes for questions and answers or general discussion.

At the end of the course participants will be asked to provide feedback on the course so we might adjust the format for future classes. If participants desire to give feedback as the course progresses or if they have question that come up outside of class time they are encouraged to email David at david@northview.sk.ca.