

PRAYER: Read Romans 8:26-27

Father, I Pray that Your Spirit will always help me to pray according to Your gracious will. As I begin to study this wonderful book of Romans, open my eyes to all the eternal truths of Your Word. Keep me mindful of the grace in Jesus Christ that I need everyday of my life. Show me how to share the joy of Christ with others. In Christ I pray. Amen.,

Notes on Romans: Romans, the first of Paul's many New Testament letters is without parallel in the Bible as to its full explanation of the work of God for man through Jesus Christ. If you were to pick one book to tell what it is to be a Christian and how to live for Christ, it would be Romans. Most likely the book was written in 57, while Paul was in Corinth during his third missionary journey.

Paul had never been to Rome. His letter would be a complete explanation of the basic doctrines of the faith. Both Jews and Gentiles would see their places in the Lord's great plan of salvation. The great theme of Romans is found in 1:16-17. In 1:17, Paul quotes from the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk 2:4, "The righteous will live by faith." The letter to the Romans would prepare the way for Paul and it will serve as the Lord's textbook on the faith until His return.

Questions on Romans: In the Spring of 1987 I taught a class on the book of Romans. I had the class "vote" on their favorite portions of each of Roman's 16 chapters. The questions for this lesson are based on those verses. Be sure to read the context of each chapter before you answer.

1. Chapter 1:16-17 - Our Church is built on the principle of "sola fide", faith alone. Where does faith get its power?
2. Chapters 2:11 – What does this verse tell us about who is to be reached with the Good News of Christ?
3. Chapter 3:22-24 – How do these verses show us that we cannot stand on our own merits before God?
4. Chapter 4:7-8 – (Paul quotes Psalm 32:1-2) How does the promise of release from past sins help you live for Christ?
5. Chapter 5:1-2 – In verse one it says, "we have been ***justified*** through faith." From the context and your experience, what does justified mean?

6. Chapter 6:23 – Explain in your words, “wages of sin,” and “gift of God.”

7. Chapter 7:19 – What is something in your spiritual life you are struggling with?

8. Chapter 8:31b – “If God is for us, who can be against us?” How does this verse assure us in our battle against the devil, the world and our flesh?

9. Chapter 9:31-32 – What are some examples of people trying to work their way into heaven?

10. Chapter 10:9 – How does this verse give you assurance that your faith is real?

11. Chapter 11:36 – Relate to John 1:1-14 – What are some ways we can give glory to Christ”?

12. Chapter 12:12 – As Christians, what makes it possible for us to be joyful, patient, and faithful, no matter what is happening?

13. Chapter 13:10 – What other Scriptures come to mind as you read this one?

14. Chapter 14:8 – In what way is the resurrection of Christ tied into what Paul says here?

15. Chapter 15:13 – As you understand it, what is the role of the Holy Spirit in your faith life?

16. Chapter 16:20 – Paul’s words about Satan relate back to 16:17-19. As you continue to study God’s Word, how is Satan crushed?

Your question on Romans...

Begin to read 1Corinthians