

Synopsis of Romans 1-11

1. Romans 1—The Gospel Is the Power of God
 - a. We sinned, we experience death, and God abandoned us to our sin and death. 1:28
2. Romans 2—God’s Righteous Judgment
 - a. Neither the moral nor the religious person is exempt from the disease of sin. No one can be justified by keeping the law. 2:13
3. Romans 3—Righteousness Apart From the Law
 - a. We can be justified by trusting that God will forgive us and make us holy because of Jesus’ death on the cross. 3:23-24
4. Romans 4—Justified by Faith
 - a. Abraham & David were justified by their faith, not by their works. Because justification is based on a promise it is guaranteed, and open to everyone who believes. 4:16-17
5. Romans 5—The Results of Justification by Faith
 - a. Justification by faith gives us a reason to rejoice because we have been singled out by God to be made holy. Our hope is guaranteed because our receiving the promise is up to God, not us. 5:2-5
 - b. Adam created the problem (sin & rebellion) and Jesus provided the solution (grace).
6. Romans 6—Freedom from Sin
 - a. We should not continue to sin in order to glorify God because grace involves not only forgiveness for our sins but also setting us free from bondage to sin. 6:5-6
7. Romans 7—The Law
 - a. The Law is holy and good. Without the Law, I would not have known how utterly sinful I am and how much I need a savior. 7:9
8. Romans 8—Life in the Spirit
 - a. Faith in Jesus solves the problem of my sinfulness (when the Law couldn’t) because God gives me His Spirit by faith through grace. 8:3-4
9. Romans 9—Children of the Promise through Faith in Christ
 - a. Salvation is not based on natural advantages; nor does it depend on how “good” or “bad” we are. Rather salvation is based on divine promise. 9:8
 - b. God is perfectly justified in choosing some because he is sovereign, and none of us deserve salvation.
10. Romans 10—Salvation in Christ
 - a. The Jews sought God’s favor through self-effort while Gentiles sought God’s favor on the basis of grace. 10:34
11. Romans 11—A Remnant of Israel
 - a. God did not reject His people, rather He sought to arouse their jealousy through inclusion of the Gentiles. 11:11-12