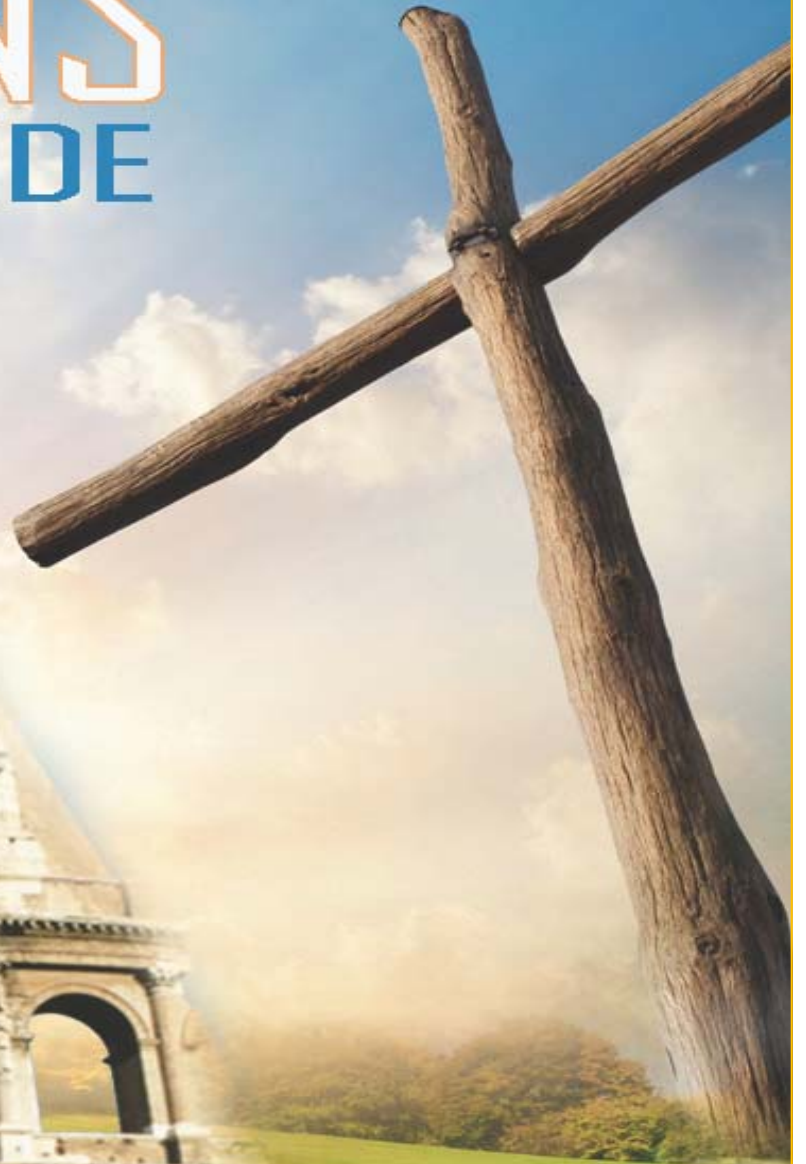


THE BOOK OF
ROMANS
STUDY GUIDE



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Romans – An Introduction

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PAUL, the apostle (1:1)

PLACE OF WRITING:

CORINTH

TIME:

57-58 A.D.; on his 3rd journey (Ac 20:1-3).

BACKGROUND OF THE CHURCH AT ROME:

Little is known as to the start of the church in Rome.

The first we read of Christians from Rome is possibly that of Aquila and Priscilla, who along with all Jews were expelled from Rome by Claudius and were found by Paul at Corinth during his second journey (Ac 18:1-2). After travelling with Paul to Ephesus and working with the church there (Ac 18:18-19, 24-26; 1Co 16:19), we find them back at Rome and hosting a church in their house (16:3-5).

From the greetings given by Paul in chapter sixteen, it appears that there were several churches in Rome meeting in various homes (16:5,14,15). The names of individuals would suggest that the Christians were primarily Gentiles, with a smaller number of Jews.

PURPOSE OF WRITING:

To prevent the spread of the false teachings of the "*Judaizers*," Jewish Christians who were legalistic in their theology.

THEME VERSE: Romans 1:16-17

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'"

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INTRODUCTION (1:1-17)

I. JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (1:18-11:36)

A. SIN - THE "NEED" FOR SALVATION

1. For the Gentiles (1:18-2:16)
2. For the Jews (2:17-3:8)
3. The universal need for salvation (3:9-20)

B. THE "PROVISION" MADE FOR SALVATION

1. God's Righteousness Through Faith (3:21-31)
2. Abraham As An Example (4:1-25)

C. FREEDOM - THE "RESULT" OF SALVATION

1. Freedom From Wrath (5:1-21)
2. Freedom From Sin (6:1-23)
3. Freedom From The Law (7:1-25)
4. Freedom From Death (8:1-39)

D. JEW AND GENTILE - THE "SCOPE" OF SALVATION

1. God Chooses To Save Believers (9:1-33)
2. Israel Trusted In Their Own Righteousness (10:1-21)
3. All Can Have Salvation Through Faith (11:1-36)

II. THE TRANSFORMED LIFE (12:1-15:13)

- A. In conduct (12:1-21)
- B. In respect and submission to authority (13:1-7)
- C. In relationships with others (13:8-14)
- D. In the church (14:1-15:13)

III. CONCLUDING REMARKS and INSTRUCTIONS,

IV. BENEDICTION (15:14-16:27)

Material Booklet References:

Segments of the outline adapted from:

http://executableoutlines.com/ro/ro_16.htm

Several Prayer Excerpts from:

Romans: Life Lessons by Max Lucado.

Happy New Year!

As we enter a brand new year, we look forward to all that God has in store for ourselves, our families and our church. In 2012, we prepare to face new opportunities in our journey to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world near and far.

As so many of you resolve to become physically fit in 2012, I ask that you remember that just as exercising our muscles builds strength, exercising our giving in 2011 has built our faith and trust in God's provision. With our giving of 15% we have been able to make a significant dent in the land debt while continuing in our commitment to care for "the widows and the orphans." I encourage each of you to continue in our goal to pay off the land this year. We anticipate the building of a church that will welcome many to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. I also invite those of you who have not participated to join us as we look forward to realizing the New Life Covenant home on the corner of Division & Homan.

You have heard me make reference to our Daniel fast scheduled to begin on January 8th and continue for 21 days. I anticipate at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the church will participate in the fast this year. Moving into our new sermon series, *Make Me Like...* will give us a closer look at the lives of Daniel, David, Joshua and Jesus. In preparation for our Wednesday Bible studies please read the book of Romans from beginning to end. We will be examining the book one chapter each week.

As we continue in our vision, *SPEAK, 2020...* remember to have *Staying Power*.



Your pastor and friend,

Rev. Wilfredo & Elizabeth De Jesús

Announcements:

- On **January 8th** we will be starting our corporate fast until January 28th. We will be doing the **Daniel Fast for 21 days**. If you are doing the fast with us, please sign up at the Get Connected Table and pick up your fasting booklet. You can also download a copy of the booklet as well as the Kids Fasting Schedule from the website at www.mynewlife.org.
- Wednesday Night **Kidz Bible Study** and Junior Bible Quiz resumes Wednesday January 4, 2012.
- **Kidz Church** resumes Sunday January 8, 2012 with the Happy Hearts Clown Ministry at 11am and 12:45 pm at the CC building 2704 W. North Ave 2nd floor.
- **Nursery, Toddlers, Preschool and Kindergarten ministries** resume Sunday, January 8, 2012 on the 2nd floor of Clemente High School at 9:30, 11am and 12:45 pm services.
- **Mpact** resumes Friday January 13, 2012.
- If you are interested in becoming a member, **Membership Classes** begin on Wednesday, February 1st. Please contact Iris at the church office 773-384-7113 to register, or send an e-mail to iris@mynewlife.org.
- If you are interested in being baptized, **Baptism Class** will be held on Saturday, February 4th, 10am at the Mother Church. Please contact Iris at 773-384-7113 or send an email to iris@mynewlife.org to register. Baptism Service will be Saturday, February 18th at 4 pm.