

ROMANS - The Gospel Of God

Martin Luther called this book "daily bread for the soul". His study of Romans and Galatians became the spark that birthed the Reformation. Calvin wrote that whoever gained knowledge from Romans, had opened to them "all the most hidden treasures of Scripture." Paul's treatise letter to the Romans offers a penetrating look at God's covenant love, the provision of a righteousness from heaven, that becomes ours by grace alone, thru faith alone, in Christ alone.

Dig into this letter, filled Spirit-given reflections on the power of God to rescue fallen humanity from sin, and the resulting life in the Spirit that empowers us to live a life of service & obedience before the Lord...

CANDID CONFESSION

Text: Romans 7:7-13

Big Idea: THE REAL ENEMY IS SIN

1) THE ROLE OF THE LAW

The Law Defines Sin By Establishing Lines

The Law Stirs Up Sinful Passions Within Us

The Law Is Not The Problem

The Law Is True To God

2) SIN IS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH

Sin Uses The Law To Create A Beachhead

Sin's Great Power Is In Its Deception

Sin Is The Death Of Us

3) IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS

The Law Is Not The Enemy

The Law Exposes Sin's Absolute Depravity

TAKE AWAY/NEXT STEPS

ROMANS 7:7-13 → NEXT STEPS...

Dig deeper into the teachings of Romans, to grow deeper in the grace & knowledge of Jesus Christ...

In your understanding of the make-up of the church in Rome, why is the discussion about the law and how it interacts with sin, such a sensitive topic? See Romans 3:8, 6:1 and 7:7

What is it within us, that is bent toward desiring and pursuing the very thing that is prohibited and harmful to us? See Exodus 20:1-17; Leviticus 5:17, 2 Kings 17:12, Proverbs 9:17 and Romans 8:5-8.

How does Satan deceive us into deliberate rebellious actions against God's moral laws? See Genesis 3:13; James 1:13-16; Titus 3:3, 2 Corinthians 4:4

Living Out Our Faith

Ponder your response to these questions, to keep growing in the obedience that comes from faith...

How easy or hard is it for you, to battle back against sin's deceitfulness and the pull of sinful desires? What have you learned about this struggle?

In what way is "your spirit willing" but your "flesh is weak?"

If you were to give a candid confession on how you're doing at keeping the top Ten Commands of God, which one is the most difficult to keep? Why might that be so?