

Romans Class 9

Recap Weeks 1-8

Romans: Written to address issues between Jews and Gentiles in Rome
The gospel brings Jew and Gentile together.

The gospel brings righteousness by faith
Both Jews and Gentiles saved from sin by gospel
Therefore

- Living sacrifices
- Transformed lives
- Live to serve
- Live in harmony
- Submit to authorities
- Love one another

Salvation is nearer than ever!

Accept One Another

Weak and Strong

Rom 14:1 Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

- Eating meat (Jewish dietary laws)
- Observing special days

What might be the issues for us?

- Music, worship style, “the way it used to be”, etc.

Weak: Jews (observing Jewish traditions)

Strong: Gentiles (recognized their freedoms)

Rom 14:5 One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. **Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.**

Rom 14:6 He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

Rom 14:10 You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

Rom 14:11 It is written:

" 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord,
'every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will confess to God.' "

Rom 14:12 So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

- Each person responsible according to his own conscience

Instructions for the strong

Rom 14:13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another.

Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.

Rom 14:14 As one who is in the Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for him it is unclean.

Rom 14:15 If your brother is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died.

Rom 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Rom 14:20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble.

Rom 14:21 It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall.

Instructions to both

Rom 14:22 So whatever you believe about these things **keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves.**

Rom 14:23 But **the man who has doubts** is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

Rom 15:1 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.

Rom 15:2 Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

Rom 15:3 For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

Rom 15:5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you **a spirit of unity** among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,

Rom 15:6 so that with **one heart and mouth** you may **glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Rom 15:7 **Accept one another,** then, just as Christ accepted you, in order **to bring praise to God.**

- Different views on certain things
- Accept one another anyway
- This is the way of unity

Christ came so that both Jews and Gentiles would glorify God.

- Jews and Gentiles together!
- Not just for the Jews

Rom 15:8 For I tell you that Christ has become **a servant of the Jews** on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs

Rom 15:9 **so that the Gentiles** may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written:

"Therefore **I will praise you among the Gentiles;**
I will sing hymns to your name."

Rom 15:10 Again, it says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

Rom 15:11 And again,

"Praise the Lord, **all you Gentiles,**
and sing praises to him, all you peoples."

Rom 15:12 And again, Isaiah says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
the Gentiles will hope in him."

Rom 15:14 I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

- Paul was not there to teach them
- They were competent
 - full of goodness
 - complete in knowledge

Concluding comments

Paul's ministry

Rom 15:19 by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. **So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.** [everything east of Italy]

- Therefore prevented in past from coming to Rome
- Now, no more new territory remaining in eastern Mediterranean
- Plans to come to Rome on the way to Spain
- First, bringing contribution from Macedonia and Achaia to Jerusalem

Rom 16:1-16 Personal greetings

Rom 16:17 I urge you, brothers, to **watch out** for **those who cause divisions** and put **obstacles** in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. **Keep away from them.**

Rom 16:18 For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

Rom 16:19 Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

Rom 16:20-23 more greetings

Where is verse 24?

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

- missing in many manuscripts
- compare verse 20

Rom 16:25 Now to **him who is able to establish you by my gospel** and the **proclamation of Jesus Christ**, according to the revelation of the **mystery hidden for long ages past**,

Rom 16:26 but **now revealed** and made known through the **prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God**, so that **all nations** might **believe and obey him**--

Rom 16:27 to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ!
Amen.

Mystery once hidden, now revealed:

- All nations (Gentiles)
- “Believe and obey” --- obedience that comes from faith
- Writings = graphe, Scripture.
 - Paul knew he was writing Scripture

Paul leaves the Roman church in the hands of God.

- Able to establish them
- To him be glory forever.
- Amen