

# “How to Live a Life that’s Great”

(according to Romans 8)

Romans 8:12-25

## Background of the Book of Romans:

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel”

1. A letter written by Paul to the church in Rome, a group of believers he had not seen personally, and the most complete, logical, and clearest presentation of the Christian faith in the New Testament.
2. Probably written about A.D. 57 while he was on his 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey (possibly in Corinth) and this book has been a powerful influence on many great Christians through the centuries: St. Augustine was converted while reading Romans; Martin Luther’s theme of the Reformation was Romans 1:17, and John Wesley (founder of Methodism) “felt his heart strangely warmed” while someone read from Luther’s commentary on Romans.
3. Paul’s purpose was to prepare the way for his coming to Rome personally and his proposed mission to Spain (1:10-15 and 15:22-29), to present the basic tenets of the Christian faith and salvation (it contains one of the most used methods for sharing the Gospel—The Romans Road in 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, and 10:9-10), and to provide an explanation of the relationship between Jew and Gentile in God’s great plan of redemption (this church was mainly Gentile but would also have a large minority of Jewish members—see 14:1-6 for a possible reference to conflict over dietary laws and sacred days).
4. The Outline
  - a. Introduction and the Purpose (1:1-17)
  - b. Receive Jesus’ Love (1:18-11:36)
  - c. Reflect Jesus’ Life (12:1-15:33)
  - d. Inclusion of the People (16:1-27)
5. Key Teachings
  - a. The Need and Nature of Salvation (chapter 1)
  - b. God’s Faithful Righteousness and Man’s Salvation by Grace through Faith (chapters 3-6)
  - c. The Salvation Struggle and Life in the Spirit (chapters 7-8)
  - d. The Place of Israel in God’s Plan of Redemption (chapters 9-11)
  - e. The Christ Life (chapters 12-15)
  - f. “When the Roll is Called Down Here” (chapter 16)

The Power to Live a Life that’s Great is found only through faith in Jesus Christ and in the power of Holy Spirit!

1. When we believe “in Christ Jesus” and submit to Holy Spirit, we enjoy the truth that God is always \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us!

- 1) Our \_\_\_\_\_ assures His \_\_\_\_\_ presence.
- 2) His indwelling Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ purpose.

Do you live in the reality of the truth that  
“God is for me, not against me?”!

2. When we believe “in Christ Jesus” and submit to Holy Spirit, we can embrace the peace of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and the assurance of being His \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Holy Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our adoption.
- 2) Holy Spirit testifies to our \_\_\_\_\_ in His family.

How well do you know Holy Spirit? Does your life reflect your intimacy with Him?

3. When we believe “in Christ Jesus” and submit to Holy Spirit, we can expect the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_ since we live with \_\_\_\_\_ in the God works His will for His glory.

- 1) Suffering is a “\_\_\_\_\_” part of the believer’s life on this earth because the “world” is most often under Satan’s control.
- 2) Hope is the response of the \_\_\_\_\_ because we know His glory is being, and will be, revealed in and through us for His glory! (See 2 Corinthians 4:7-18)

Are you revealing the glory of God through living your life full of faith and hope?

Live for Jesus a life that is true and strive to please Him in all that you do!