

“How to Live a Life that’s Great”

(according to Romans 8)

Romans 8:18-30

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 3rd 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 because Life is Hard!

1. _____ is the lot of all who would follow Christ Jesus...have you accepted that _____?!
 - 1) Jesus Himself suffered...and learned _____ through the things that He suffered! (see Hebrews 5:5-10)
 - 2) Jesus’ followers are assured of His _____ now and forever as well as His glory being revealed is us.

Do you anchor your life in the truth that “God is always with me, especially in the midst of hardship”?!
2. Holy Spirit is _____ you in the challenges of life, especially by _____ for you according to the _____ of God!
 - 1) Holy Spirit is the _____ of Jesus within our lives.
 - 2) Holy Spirit _____, _____, and _____ the _____ for us to live _____ and look _____ Jesus.

When was the last time you praised Holy Spirit for His presence in your life and for providing all you need?
3. _____ is the key to the _____ when life throws its worst at us because God is at _____ in every _____!
 - 1) Best translation of Romans 8:28: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”
 - 2) How can we live with faith in the face of hardship?
 - 1) _____ appropriate emotion.
 - 2) _____ the Lord...always (see Philippians 4:4-8)
 - 3) _____ holiness and _____.
 - 4) _____ as a lifestyle.
 - 5) _____ your attitude & _____ to the sovereign Lord.

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