

“How to Live a Life that’s Great”

(according to Romans 8)

Romans 8:31-39

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 (16:1-2)
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 in Jesus Christ and is Possible only because of God’s Great Love!

1. Since God is ___ you, what is _____ you back from _____ a great life?
 - 1) Have you made _____ with your _____?
 - 2) Are you making the _____ of your _____?
 - 3) Will you _____ out your _____?

Enjoy the great life God has for you right now!

2. Since God has _____ given His one and only Son, why won’t you _____ that He will graciously provide all you _____?
 - 1) Trust Him because He is more than _____ to meet your _____ need in Christ Jesus.
 - 2) Trust Him because _____ is _____ for you right now.

See Ephesians 3:14-21 for a prayer worth praying for yourself and others!

Believe and receive the grace and wisdom and strength and peace and hope you need to live a great life!

3. Since God ___ love, enjoy the _____ and _____ that comes from being _____ and _____ loved!
 - 1) You are never _____ from the love of Christ!
 - 2) You are more than _____ because of the love of Christ!

Live for Jesus a life that is true because He loves you!