

ACTS

EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

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Part 47 | Romans: What to Believe & How to Behave

Romans (Acts 20:2-3)

We're all **SINNERS**
who deserve **GOD'S WRATH**, (1:1-3:20)

we've chosen sin 1:21; 3:20, 23; 7:18-19

God's standard is "perfect" 1:16-17; 1:18ff; 3:10-12 (Matthew 5:48)

but **JESUS** took it for us (3:21-5:21)

 **perfect is a gift** 3:21-22; 4:4-5; 5:15-17; 6:23

propitiation → justification 3:24-26; 5:8-9; 8:1-2

so we can have and **CHOOSE** new life. (6:1-16:27)

saved 5:8-9 / **being saved** 8:1-2; 10:9 / **will be saved** 8:23-25ff; 10:11-13; 13:11

 **leave the old, live the new** 6:4, 11; 12:1-2; 13:12; 14:8; 15:1-2

 Have you had some Gospel Conversations? Tell us about it!
Text **"CONVERSATION"** to **833-271-8805**, then follow the prompts.
You can also text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, **"Pray for..."** followed by your request.



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE

Romans

Each time Paul wraps up his ministry to a church or individual in Acts whom he later writes a letter to, we'll take a week to give an overview of what he wrote to them. **This week we're in Romans.** In the case of Rome, Paul had not been there yet when he wrote to the church there. He wrote the letter from Corinth when he stayed there for three months (likely in the winter; Acts 20:2-3). Paul would eventually make it to Rome, but as a prisoner rather than by his own plans.

Where in Acts?	Acts 20:2-3 (Paul gets to Rome in Acts 28:16.)
Why did Paul write them?	Paul was writing to introduce himself as he had not yet been to Rome. In the book, he gives them an overview of what he likely taught in every city: what Christians should believe and how they should live in light of it. It's a book of gospel doctrine.
Key Verses	1:16-17; 5:1 — God's righteousness is given by faith 3:20, 23 — All have sinned and lack righteousness 5:8 — Christ died for us 6:23 — Salvation, righteousness, eternal life is a free gift 8:1 — There is no condemnation in Christ 12:1-2 — Live like a follower of Jesus!
Basic Outline	1: The problem: our sin and lostness. (1:1-3:20) 2: The answer: Jesus paid our debt. (3:21-5:21) 3: The response: choosing faith & Christ (Chapters 6-11) 4: How to Live after Believing in Christ (Chapters 12-16)
Key Topics	• Gospel • God's Righteousness • Sin • Faith • Hope • Law & Grace • Israel • Salvation • Justification

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

life groups

Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? — Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You
Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, here's two totally *random* questions to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer at least one:

- What's your favorite breakfast?
- What TV host would you want to interview you?

Priming the Pump...
• As you think back on this week's message, what one or two statements or points are most important for you to remember and why?

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Digging Deeper

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. .

- The theme verse for the book of Romans is 1:16-17, where we read *"For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'* Can you remember when you first began to hear and/or understand this concept of "living by faith" in regard to following Jesus? Talk about it.
- The book of Romans is our foundational book of the Bible that clarifies our need for Jesus and defines what living by faith looks like. As Pastor Josh said, *"it's a book of doctrine applied. . . it tells us what to believe and how to behave!"* Romans 1-7 explains our need for Jesus, while Romans 8 is the pivot point in the book showing us the new life God's Spirit provides for us. As you **read Romans 8:14-39**, underline in your Bible all that has to do with what the Spirit offers us as followers of Jesus, then make a list below..

(Study Guide continues on back panel...)

Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR VALUES

These are things you'll see to be true about us...



1. It's All About Jesus!
You'll hear us say this often.—Why? Because *it's all about Jesus!*
Apart from his death, burial, and resurrection we're wasting our time.



2. God Wrote it All Down
God wrote a book—and we are to believe the Bible in all that it teaches,
obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.



3. All People Matter
No matter who you are, where you're from, what you've done,
or what's been done to you—you *matter to Jesus and you matter to us!*



4. We All Need Friends
You were designed to belong, not to go through life alone.
Jesus created each of us desiring friendship and to live in community.



5. No Sacred Cows
Jesus is sacred, God's Word is sacred, *but our opinions, methods, and traditions are not*—
we'll let go of any of them if more people can experience life change through the Gospel!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Romans 1:16-17 (NIRV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹⁶ I am not **ashamed** of the **good news**. It is God's **power**. And it will **save everyone** who **believes**. It is **meant first** for the **Jews**. It is **meant also** for those who aren't **Jews**. ¹⁷ The **good news shows** how God **makes people right** with himself. From **beginning** to end, **becoming right** with God **depends** on a **person's faith**. It is written, "Those who are **right** with God will **live by faith**."

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- Looking back at your list, which one or two are the most affirming for you to live out your faith confidently?
 - Is there one that is more challenging than the others?
 - "Living by faith" is an action statement. In light of what the Spirit is doing or wants to do in your life, is there anything you need to move forward on, pause, rest in or stop doing, in regard to your list?
3. One of the benefits of a Spirit-led life is that God is still at work during difficult times. **Romans 8:28** (go read it in your bible) is one of the most misunderstood verses when life is difficult. How do **Romans 5:3-5** and the rest of what you just read in Romans 8 help us to better understand 8:28??

³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:3-5 (ESV)

- Is there a situation in your life where you need help seeing how God is at work even though it may seem he is not?

Close

As you close, take time to pray for each other. Consider **dividing into separate groups of men and women** as you pray for one another.

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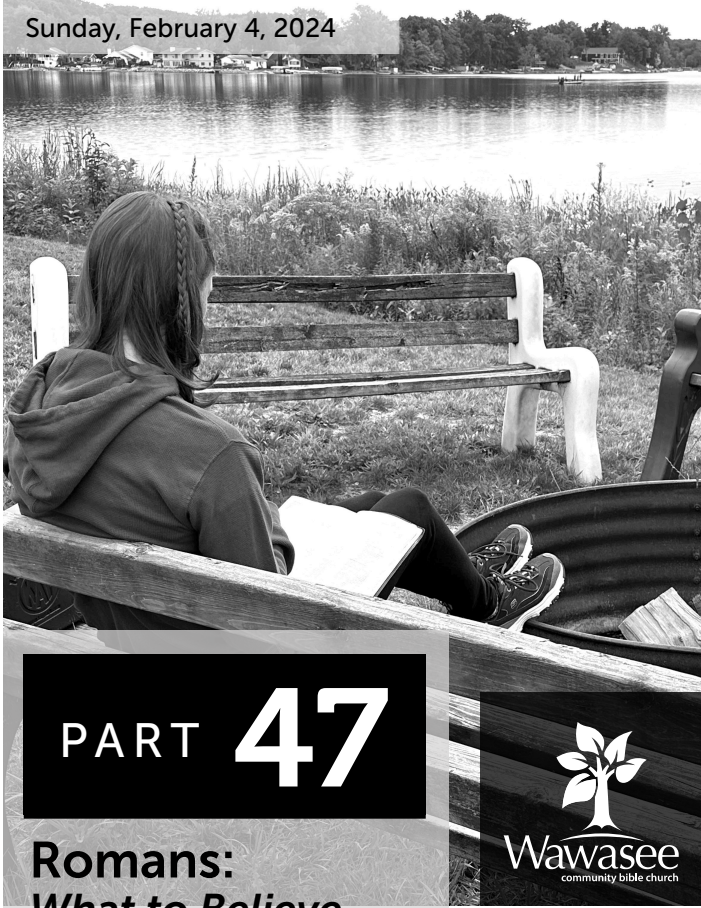


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