

# the power of the Gospel

A FIVE-WEEK READING PLAN OF ROMANS



SILVERDALE WOMEN  
SUMMER NIGHTS



# Overview & Structure

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The book of Romans is one of the longest and most significant books written by the Apostle Paul, formerly known as Saul of Tarsus. Paul was a Jewish rabbi belonging to a group called the Pharisees, and he passionately devoted his life to observing the Torah of Moses and the traditions of Israel. He viewed Jesus and his followers as a threat to these traditions, so he persecuted them. His life was changed, however, when he had a radical encounter with the risen Jesus himself. Paul was commissioned to become an apostle for Jesus, an official representative to the world of non-Jewish people (or Gentiles).

As part of this new vocation, he started going by his Roman name, Paul, and he traveled about the ancient Roman Empire telling people about the risen King Jesus. These new converts would form communities called churches, and Paul would occasionally write letters to these churches to foster their faith, address specific problems, or answer questions. The book of Romans is one of these letters written later in his career.

We know from Acts 18:1-2 that the church in Rome had existed for some time and was made up of both Jewish and non-Jewish followers. The crisis for this church began when the Roman emperor Claudius expelled all of the Jewish people from Rome. About five years later, all those Jews, including many who followed Jesus, were allowed to return. When they did, they found a church that had become non-Jewish in its customs and practices. This culture clash created lots of tension, and by Paul's day, the Roman church was divided. They disagreed about how to follow Jesus, debating about whether or not non-Jewish Christians should observe the Sabbath, eat kosher, be circumcised, and so on.

**Paul wrote this letter to accomplish a few things.** He wanted this divided community to become unified once again. For a practical purpose, he hoped that the Roman church could become a staging ground for his mission to go even further west, reaching to Spain. These tense circumstances motivated Paul to write out his fullest explanation of the Gospel, the good news that announces Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

While the letter is designed to have four main movements, it is also unified as one long, flowing exploration of the Gospel, which "reveals God's righteousness" (Rom. 1-4), "creates a new humanity" (Rom. 5-8), and "fulfills God's promise to Israel" (Rom. 9-11). As a result, it is this Gospel alone that can "unify the Church" (Rom. 12-16).

more info



# reading the envelope

**author:** Who is the author? - *the Apostle Paul*

**audience:** Who is the audience? - *the Church in Rome, both Jews & Gentiles*

**age:** When was it written? Where does this take place in the Biblical timeline?  
*Paul wrote the letter around AD 56-58, likely from Corinth, at the end of his third missionary journey.*

**angle:** What is the artistic angle or the genre? - *a letter*

**agenda:** What is the agenda or central theme? - *the power of the Gospel*

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"Paul knew that good news has to be shared. His goal throughout the letter to the church in Rome was to reveal the need for the Gospel (1:18-3:20), unveil the power and beauty of the Gospel (3:21-11), show his readers how the Gospel transforms lives (12-14), and then compel believers to share the Gospel with others (15-16).

# wk 01.

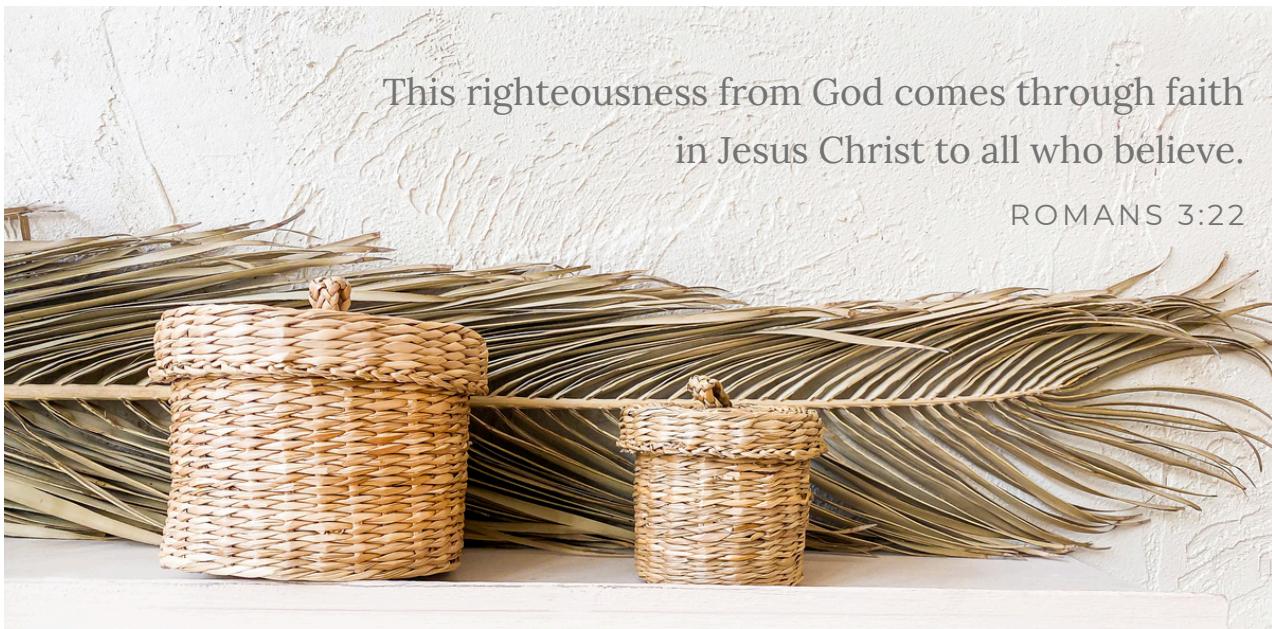
JUNE 10 - JUNE 16

Read one passage each day,  
taking time to observe and reflect.

- ROMANS 1:1–17
- ROMANS 1:18–32
- ROMANS 2:1–16
- ROMANS 2:17–29
- ROMANS 3:1–20

This righteousness from God comes through faith  
in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

ROMANS 3:22



# WK 01. ONE THING

After each week's reading is completed, take time to record your response.

## ONE THING

I learned or was reminded of this week:

## ONE THING

I was convicted of and need to confess:

## ONE PERSON

I can share the good news of Jesus with:



## ONE THING

I need God's help to put into practice:

# wk 02.

JUNE 17 - JUNE 23

Read one passage each day,  
taking time to observe and reflect.

- ROMANS 3:21–31
- ROMANS 4
- ROMANS 5:1–11
- ROMANS 5:12–21
- ROMANS 6:1–14



Therefore since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 5:1

## WK 02. ONE THING

After each week's reading is completed, take time to record your response.

### ONE THING

I learned or was reminded of this week:

### ONE THING

I was convicted of and need to confess:

### ONE PERSON

I can share the good news of Jesus with:



### ONE THING

I need God's help to put into practice:

share.

Work through your 15-Second Testimony. Practice sharing with your group. Pray and plan a time to share this with someone who needs to hear the Good News.

## 15-SECOND TESTIMONY

## **Before Jesus** (5 seconds):

*“There was a time in my life....”*

## Turning Point (5 seconds):

*“Then I decided to follow Jesus. I asked Him to forgive me, and He did.”*

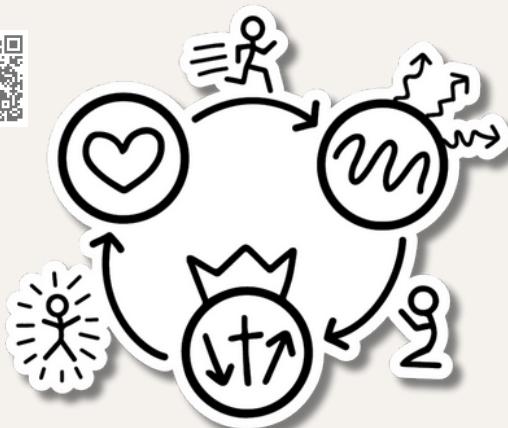
## **After Jesus** (5 seconds):

*“Now I have peace, direction, and I know I’m saved.”*

## Do you have a story like that?

If you confess with your mouth, "**Jesus is Lord**," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

ROMANS 10:9



## SHARE THE THREE CIRCLES



# Summer Tea WITH ALMOND & MINT

1 can of pineapple juice (46 oz.)  
1 can of frozen lemonade concentrate  
(plus 3 containers filled with water)  
46 oz. of unsweetened iced tea  
1 tbsp of pure almond extract

- Pour all ingredients into a large pitcher & stir.
- Serve over ice, adding a few sprigs of fresh mint leaves.

## Watermelon Feta Salad

### DRESSING

2 tbsp. olive oil, 3 tbsp. lime juice,  $\frac{1}{2}$  minced garlic clove,  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. salt

### SALAD

5 cups of cubed watermelon  
1 heaping cup of diced English cucumber  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup thinly sliced red onion  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup crumbled feta cheese  
1 avocado, cubed  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  cup torn fresh mint or basil leaves  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  jalapeno pepper, thinly sliced  
salt to taste

Arrange watermelon, cucumber, and red onion on a platter. Drizzle with half the dressing. Top with feta, avocado, mint, and pepper before drizzling remaining dressing. Season to taste & serve.

*share with  
a friend!*



# wk 03.

JUNE 24 - JUNE 30

Read one passage each day,  
taking time to observe and reflect.

- ROMANS 6:15–23
- ROMANS 7
- ROMANS 8:1–17
- ROMANS 8:18–30
- ROMANS 8:31–39



The mind set on the flesh is death, but  
the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

ROMANS 8:6

## WK 03. ONE THING

After each week's reading is completed, take time to record your response.

### ONE THING

I learned or was reminded of this week:

### ONE THING

I was convicted of and need to confess:

### ONE PERSON

I can share the good news of Jesus with:



### ONE THING

I need God's help to put into practice:

# wk 04.

J U L Y 1 - J U L Y 7

Read one passage each day,  
taking time to observe and reflect.

- ROMANS 9:1-18
- ROMANS 9:19-33
- ROMANS 10
- ROMANS 11
- ROMANS 12:1-8



## W K 04. ONE THING

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### ONE THING

I learned or was reminded of this week:

### ONE THING

I was convicted of and need to confess:

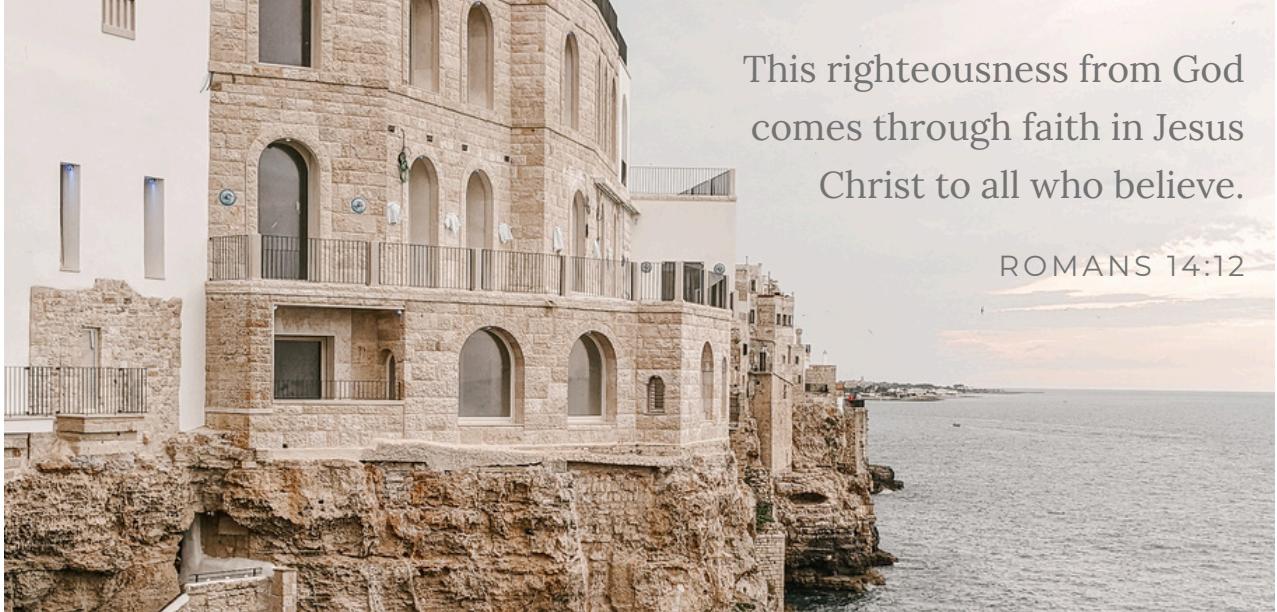
### ONE PERSON

I can share the good news of Jesus with:



### ONE THING

I need God's help to put into practice:



This righteousness from God  
comes through faith in Jesus  
Christ to all who believe.

ROMANS 14:12

# wk 05.

JULY 8 - JULY 14

Read one passage each day,  
taking time to observe and reflect.

- ROMANS 12:9-21
- ROMANS 13
- ROMANS 14
- ROMANS 15
- ROMANS 16

# WK 05. ONE THING

After each week's reading is completed, take time to record your response.

## ONE THING

I learned or was reminded of this week:

## ONE THING

I was convicted of and need to confess:

## ONE PERSON

I can share the good news of Jesus with:



## ONE THING

I need God's help to put into practice:

# resources.

Check out some of Silverdale Women's favorite resources.

## TO READ

Deeper - Dane Ortlund

Ten Words to Live By - Jen Wilkin

I'm Praying for You: 40 Days of Praying the Bible for Someone Who Is Suffering - Nancy Guthrie

The Wiersbe Bible Study Series: Romans - Warren Wiersbe

## TO LISTEN

The Deep Dish - The Gospel Coalition Podcast with Melissa Kruger and Courtney Doctor

Women of the Word Podcast - How to Study the Bible with Jen Wilkin

She Reads Truth Podcast

Summer Nights Playlist - Silverdale Women



## TO STUDY

The Bible Recap - Reading Plan & Podcast

In View of God's Mercies - Lifeway Women's Bible Study by Courtney Doctor

New Testament Overviews - bibleproject.com

Flourish - One Year Mentorship Bible Study by Passion City Church

**The Book of Romans** - J.D. Greer on RightNow Media  
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