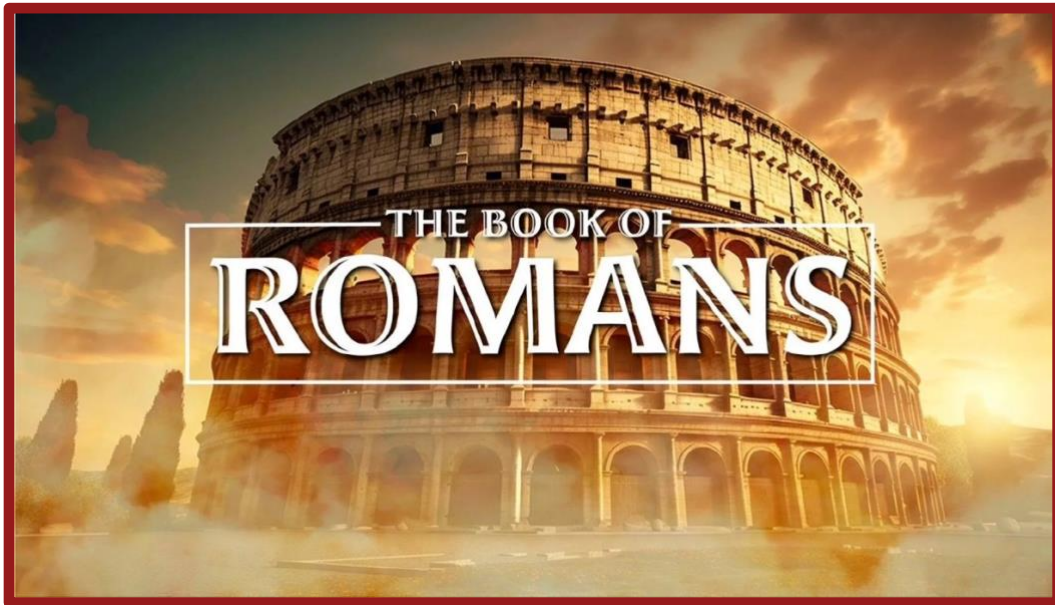




ROMANS, PAUL'S MAGNUM OPUS, is placed first among his thirteen epistles in the New Testament. While the four Gospels present the words and works of Jesus Christ, Romans explores the significance of His sacrificial death. Using a question-and-answer format, Paul records the most systematic presentation of doctrine in the Bible. But Romans is more than a book of theology; it is also a book of practical exhortations. The good news of Jesus Christ is more than facts to be believed; it is also a life to be lived—a life of righteousness befitting the person “justified freely by His [God’s] grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (3:24).

Key Word: The Righteous

Key Verses (1:16-17; 3:21-25) – “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (1:16-17).

“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (3:21-25).

Key Chapters (6–8) — Foundational to all teaching on the spiritual life is the central passage of chapters 6–8. The answers to the questions of how to be delivered from sin, how to live a balanced life under grace, and how to live the victorious Christian life through the power of the Holy Spirit are all contained here. Many consider this to be the principal passage on conforming to the image of Jesus Christ.

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Divisions	Condemnation: Need for God's Righteousness	Justification: Inspiration of God's Righteousness	Sanctification: Need Demonstration of God's Righteousness	Israel's Past: Election	Israel's Present: Rejection	Israel's Future: Restoration	Christian Duties	Christian Liberties	
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Topics	Sin	Salvation	Sanctification	Sovereignty			Service		
	Doctrinal						Behavioral		
Place	Probably Written in Corinth								
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