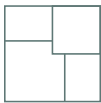


ROMANS 4-8
LESSONS



NOTES, INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.

Read the passage and write down any observations, insights, or questions.



STRUCTURE

What themes or topics is Paul addressing in this passage?
Is there any one theme that seems to be most important in the passage?

How does Paul organize this section? Try to come up with a simple outline that reflects how this passage might break down into different parts.

What is Paul's main point? Try to summarize the emphasis of this passage in 1-2 sentences.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE

Paul is providing evidence from the Old Testament to make his point about righteousness as it relates to faith. How, in particular, does his Old Testament evidence support his argument?



SURROUNDINGS

BORDERS

In what ways do the verses immediately before and after this section impact your understanding of what Paul is saying?

BOOK

Consider the theme of the book of Romans. How does this passage help to support and develop Paul's main theme?

BIBLE

When we consider this passage in light of the larger story of the Bible, how does this passage relate to God's big plan to save sinners?



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SURROUNDINGS

In what ways might Paul's teachings here about Abraham impact and deepen our understanding of 3:27-31?

Read Hebrews 11. What insights can that passage add to our understanding of Paul's teaching here?



SIGNIFICANCE

How does the good news of the gospel impact how you respond to this passage?

What part of the gospel can you see in this passage? Please describe.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE

Why is it necessary that the promise is realized by faith? Why not by works?

What critical aspects of the gospel message do we see in verses 24,25?

GOING DEEPER

Why do you think Paul uses Abraham as his example of justification by faith alone?

Psalm 32 is cited in verse 7. Read through that Psalm, how might it deepen your understanding of this chapter?

Look up Genesis 12:1-3 and 15:1-6. What is the promise that was made to Abraham? In what ways can we see this promise fulfilled in the gospel?

How would you define "faith?" In what ways might this passage challenge or further define your definition of faith?

ROMANS 4:1-25

How does a biblical view of faith differ from how the world might view the concept of faith?

How is our faith like Abraham's? How is it different?¹

NOTES

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

¹ St. Helen's Bishopsgate. (1999) *Read/Mark/Learn: Romans*. Christian Focus, 87.



"Abraham wasn't saved by just believing in God.

Verse 3 reminds us:

'Abraham believed God;'

he is the man of verse 5,

who 'trusts God who justifies the [ungodly].'

Saving faith is not believing that God is there.

Further, it is not believing in a God who saves.

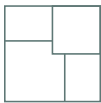
***It is believing God when he promises
a way of salvation and grace."***

TIMOTHY KELLER



NOTES, INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.

Read the passage and write down any observations, insights, or questions.



STRUCTURE

What themes or topics is Paul addressing in this passage?
Is there any one theme that seems to be most important in the passage?

How does Paul organize this section? Try to come up with a simple outline that reflects how this passage might break down into different parts.

What is Paul's main point? Try to summarize the emphasis of this passage in 1-2 sentences.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE

What is the new status that is enjoyed by Christians through their faith in Christ?

What are the implications of this status change listed by Paul here in this passage?



SURROUNDINGS

BORDERS

In what ways do the verses immediately before and after this section impact your understanding of what Paul is saying?

BOOK

Consider the theme of the book of Romans. How does this passage help to support and develop Paul's main theme?

BIBLE

When we consider this passage in light of the larger story of the Bible, how does this passage relate to God's big plan to save sinners?



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SURROUNDINGS

What is the significance of the “therefore” in 5:1?

Where else in the Bible do we see faith that leads to rejoicing in suffering? (V. 3)



SIGNIFICANCE

How does the good news of the gospel impact how you respond to this passage?

What part of the gospel can you see in this passage? Please describe.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE

Why is “peace with God” (v. 1) good news for unrighteous people? What is the alternative to this reconciled relationship with God?

In what ways should verses 6-8 humble us?

In what ways does v. 10 give a Christian hope for the present and the future?

GOING DEEPER

What does it mean to “rejoice in hope of the glory of God?” (V.2a)

What does it mean to stand in the grace of Jesus? (V.2b)

In what ways in this passage can we see the proof of God's love towards us?

ROMANS 5:1-11

In what ways does Paul's perspective on suffering differ from your typical perspective on suffering? How is it different from the world's typical view of suffering?

Imagine that tragedy strikes in the life of a Christian friend. She starts to doubt that God loves her and then worries that she is not a real Christian because if she were, God's wouldn't have let this happen. How would you begin to answer her?²

NOTES

²St. Helen's Bishopsgate. (1999) *Read/Mark/Learn: Romans*. Christian Focus, 105.



"We should be the most positive
people in the world.

We cannot mooch round the place
with a dropping, hang-dog expression.

We cannot drag our way through life,
moaning and groaning. We cannot always be
looking on the dark side of everything,
as negative prophets of doom.

No, "we exult in God."

Then every part of our life becomes
suffused with glory. Christian worship
becomes a joyful celebration of God
and Christian living a joyful service of God.

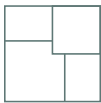
So come, let us exult in God together!"

JOHN STOTT



NOTES, INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.

Read the passage and write down any observations, insights, or questions.



STRUCTURE

What themes or topics is Paul addressing in this passage?
Is there any one theme that seems to be most important in the passage?

How does Paul organize this section? Try to come up with a simple outline that reflects how this passage might break down into different parts.

What is Paul's main point? Try to summarize the emphasis of this passage in 1-2 sentences.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE

What does Paul compare/contrast in this passage?

Count how many times Paul uses the word "grace" in chapter 5.



SURROUNDINGS

BORDERS

In what ways do the verses immediately before and after this section impact your understanding of what Paul is saying?

BOOK

Consider the theme of the book of Romans. How does this passage help to support and develop Paul's main theme?

BIBLE

When we consider this passage in light of the larger story of the Bible, how does this passage relate to God's big plan to save sinners?



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SURROUNDINGS

What similarities can you see between what Paul says in 1-11 and what he says here in 12-21?

Read Genesis 3. How does that passage impact your understanding of this passage?



SIGNIFICANCE

How does the good news of the gospel impact how you respond to this passage?

What part of the gospel can you see in this passage? Please describe.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE

What kind of a reversal takes place for mankind because of the obedience of Jesus?

Why does "the obedience of the one man," Jesus, matter to us?

GOING DEEPER

In what ways is Jesus similar to Adam? In what ways is he completely different?

How does this passage reinforce the doctrine that we are justified by faith alone?

What does it mean that "death reigned from Adam to Moses?" (v. 14)

ROMANS 5:12-21

Define "mercy." What aspects of this passage show us the mercy of God?

Define "grace." What aspects of this passage show us the grace of God?

How could Romans 5 encourage someone who is struggling with assurance of their salvation?

NOTES



“In Christ, sons of Adam can be redeemed, restored, and renewed, and they will one day gain the paradise God destined them to dwell in for all eternity.

There is a lot of emphasis on Adam’s fall, sin, and death, but we must not miss

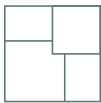
Paul’s overriding concern here:
to share the good news of Christ’s triumph.
The major emphasis is not on Adam’s failure
(Paul is assuming people know about that)
but on Christ’s triumph over sin and death.”

TONY MERIDA



NOTES, INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.

Read the passage and write down any observations, insights, or questions.



STRUCTURE

What themes or topics is Paul addressing in this passage?
Is there any one theme that seems to be most important in the passage?

How does Paul organize this section? Try to come up with a simple outline that reflects how this passage might break down into different parts.

What is Paul's main point? Try to summarize the emphasis of this passage in 1-2 sentences.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE

What question is posed by Paul? How does he go about answering this question?

What kind of transition do we see in v. 12?



SURROUNDINGS

BORDERS

In what ways do the verses immediately before and after this section impact your understanding of what Paul is saying?

BOOK

Consider the theme of the book of Romans. How does this passage help to support and develop Paul's main theme?

BIBLE

When we consider this passage in light of the larger story of the Bible, how does this passage relate to God's big plan to save sinners?



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SURROUNDINGS

Paul's rhetorical question in v. 1 is anticipating a potential misunderstanding or misapplication of what he writes in 18-21. What kind of thinking is he addressing and how does 6:1-14 challenge that kind of thinking?



SIGNIFICANCE

How does the good news of the gospel impact how you respond to this passage?

What part of the gospel can you see in this passage? Please describe.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE

What does it mean that Christians are “united” with Christ? What implications does that have for us in this passage?

In what ways does Paul show us how the death and resurrection of Jesus have practical relevance for our lives?

GOING DEEPER

What does it mean to “die to sin?” Verse 2

If we have died to sin, why is it that we still struggle with sin and temptation?

What are some ways that we might present our members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness? Verse 13a

IV ROMANS 6:1-14

What are some ways that we might present our members to God as instruments for righteousness? Verse 13b

What does it mean that we are no longer under law, but under grace? Verse 14

How might you use this passage to help new believers?⁴

NOTES

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....



"Only grace sets people free not to sin.

Law shows them they ought not to sin,
and makes their sin clearer than ever,
but it cannot set them free from slavery to sin.

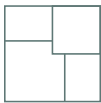
Only grace does that.

CHRISTOPHER ASH



NOTES, INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.

Read the passage and write down any observations, insights, or questions.



STRUCTURE

What themes or topics is Paul addressing in this passage?
Is there any one theme that seems to be most important in the passage?

How does Paul organize this section? Try to come up with a simple outline that reflects how this passage might break down into different parts.

What is Paul's main point? Try to summarize the emphasis of this passage in 1-2 sentences.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE

What does Paul compare and contrast in this passage?

What question does Paul pose here and how does he go about answering it?



SURROUNDINGS

BORDERS

In what ways do the verses immediately before and after this section impact your understanding of what Paul is saying?

BOOK

Consider the theme of the book of Romans. How does this passage help to support and develop Paul's main theme?

BIBLE

When we consider this passage in light of the larger story of the Bible, how does this passage relate to God's big plan to save sinners?



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SURROUNDINGS

In the previous section, Paul addresses the topic of sin in the life of the believer. How does that section impact our understanding of what he says about sin here in 15-23?

Where else in the Bible can we see this concept of spiritual slavery?



SIGNIFICANCE

How does the good news of the gospel impact how you respond to this passage?

What part of the gospel can you see in this passage? Please describe.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE

What does this passage tell us about our sanctification?

What are the benefits of being slaves to righteousness and Jesus being our master?

GOING DEEPER

A friend tells you, "I can sin as much as I want because I'm a Christian and I know all my sins are forgiven by Jesus." How might you use this passage to respond to that idea?

If Christians are saved by grace alone and not by works, what is the point of obedience?

Read Colossians 3:1-11. What parallels can you see between that passage and chapter 6 of Romans?



ROMANS 6:15-23

What differences are there in how a Christian relates to their sin and how an unbeliever relates to their sin?

Focus on verse 23. How would you explain it to a 10-year-old child?⁵

NOTES

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

⁵Stott, John. (1998) *Romans: Encountering the Gospel's Power*. IVP, 38.



"But the free gift of God is life everlasting!

What a marvelous climax!

What a comforting truth!

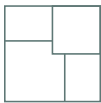
***The sinner who has fled to God in Christ
for refuge receives the most for the least:
life everlasting for nothing!"***

WILLIAM HENDRICKSON



NOTES, INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.

Read the passage and write down any observations, insights, or questions.



STRUCTURE

What themes or topics is Paul addressing in this passage?
Is there any one theme that seems to be most important in the passage?

How does Paul organize this section? Try to come up with a simple outline that reflects how this passage might break down into different parts.

What is Paul's main point? Try to summarize the emphasis of this passage in 1-2 sentences.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE

*What analogy is Paul making in this passage?
In what ways is this analogy reflected in the structure of the passage?*



SURROUNDINGS

BORDERS

In what ways do the verses immediately before and after this section impact your understanding of what Paul is saying?

BOOK

Consider the theme of the book of Romans. How does this passage help to support and develop Paul's main theme?

BIBLE

When we consider this passage in light of the larger story of the Bible, how does this passage relate to God's big plan to save sinners?



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SURROUNDINGS

How does to these words concerning the Law connect to Paul's previous words regarding the Christian's relationship to sin?



SIGNIFICANCE

How does the good news of the gospel impact how you respond to this passage?

What part of the gospel can you see in this passage? Please describe.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE

What are the benefits of dying to the Law?

*What does it mean to “serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code?” (V. 6)
What has Jesus done to make this possible?*

GOING DEEPER

In what ways does getting married mean being less free? But why is a good marriage still a joy?⁶

How might this passage convict us of sin?

How might this passage comfort us?

⁶Keller, Timothy. (2014) *Romans 1-7: The Gift of God*. The Good Book Company, 41.



If we have died to the law, does that mean the law doesn't matter anymore? Why or why not?

What do you think it means that, "our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death?" (V. 5)

NOTES



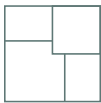
A debtor to mercy alone,
of covenant mercy I sing.
Nor fear with thy righteousness on,
my person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God with me
can have nothing to do;
My savior's obedience and blood
hide all my transgressions from view.

"A DEBTOR TO MERCY ALONE"
AUGUSTUS TOPLADY



NOTES, INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.

Read the passage and write down any observations, insights, or questions.



STRUCTURE

What themes or topics is Paul addressing in this passage?
Is there any one theme that seems to be most important in the passage?

How does Paul organize this section? Try to come up with a simple outline that reflects how this passage might break down into different parts.

What is Paul's main point? Try to summarize the emphasis of this passage in 1-2 sentences.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE

*In which verses is Paul explaining the nature of sin?
In which verses is he illustrating sin through personal experience?*



SURROUNDINGS

BORDERS

In what ways do the verses immediately before and after this section impact your understanding of what Paul is saying?

BOOK

Consider the theme of the book of Romans. How does this passage help to support and develop Paul's main theme?

BIBLE

When we consider this passage in light of the larger story of the Bible, how does this passage relate to God's big plan to save sinners?



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SURROUNDINGS

How does Paul's previous teaching about the Law impacts how we understand this passage?

In what ways would the following verses in chapter 8 be a comfort to those who live in the struggle Paul addresses in chapter 7?



SIGNIFICANCE

How does the good news of the gospel impact how you respond to this passage?

What part of the gospel can you see in this passage? Please describe.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE

How can Paul be wretched but not hopeless?⁷

How might Paul's attitude in this passage be an example to us in the way that we wrestle with our own sin?

GOING DEEPER

Do you think this passage is referring to the struggle of a believer, or is it referring to the struggle of an unbeliever before they come to faith? Faithful pastors, scholars, and Christians have found themselves on either side of this difficult question. What aspects of your own study would cause you to come to one conclusion or the other?

How might this passage be an encouragement to someone who is struggling with a particular sin?

⁷ Keller, Timothy. (2014) *Romans 1-7: The Gift of God*. The Good Book Company, 46.

ROMANS 7:7-25

How might this passage confront someone who has become complacent about their sin?

How is it that Paul can be thankful, even in the midst of this struggle? (V. 25)

NOTES



“This is a description of what every believer will go through many times in his experience because sin has the power to deceive us and to cause us to trust in ourselves, even when we are not aware we are doing so.

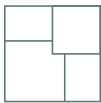
The law is what will expose that evil force and drive us to this place of wretchedness that we might then, in devotion of spirit, cry out, ***'Lord Jesus, it is your problem, you take it.'***

RAY STEDMAN



NOTES, INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.

Read the passage and write down any observations, insights, or questions.



STRUCTURE

What themes or topics is Paul addressing in this passage?
Is there any one theme that seems to be most important in the passage?

How does Paul organize this section? Try to come up with a simple outline that reflects how this passage might break down into different parts.

What is Paul's main point? Try to summarize the emphasis of this passage in 1-2 sentences.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE

What contrasts do you see in this passage?



SURROUNDINGS

BORDERS

In what ways do the verses immediately before and after this section impact your understanding of what Paul is saying?

BOOK

Consider the theme of the book of Romans. How does this passage help to support and develop Paul's main theme?

BIBLE

When we consider this passage in light of the larger story of the Bible, how does this passage relate to God's big plan to save sinners?



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SURROUNDINGS

What is the significance of the “therefore” in verse 1?

What connections are there between what Paul writes about sin and “the flesh” in chapter 7 and what he writes here in the opening verses of chapter 8?



SIGNIFICANCE

How does the good news of the gospel impact how you respond to this passage?

What part of the gospel can you see in this passage? Please describe.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE

In what ways does this passage show us how desperately we need the gospel?

What benefits do we enjoy when we are living life in the Spirit?

GOING DEEPER

What does it mean to be "in Christ Jesus?" Verse 1

Verses 1,2 tell us that Christians have been set free. In what ways have we been freed? What does that freedom entail?

Since Jesus is perfectly sinless, what does Paul mean when he writes that Jesus was sent "in the likeness of sinful flesh?" Verse 3

What do verses 9-11 teach us about the Holy Spirit?

What does it mean to be an heir (v. 16,17)? What are the benefits of being fellow heirs with Christ?⁸

In what ways might we be tempted to neglect the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

NOTES

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

⁸ Wilson, Jared C. (2013) *Romans: A 12-Week Study*. Crossway, 53.



“Let us thank God that the Apostle
was not content just to say,
'If children, then heirs;' but went on to say,
moved and led by the Spirit,
'and joint-heirs with Christ.'

***His Name is on the prospectus with ours,
it is there on the document,
He has sealed it with His own blood,***
He has conquered all the enemies that could ever
rob us, and He is now seated
at the right hand of all glory and power.

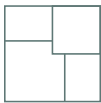
All power is His,
and He will exercise it on our behalf;
and nothing and no one shall ever be allowed to
stand between us and what
'God hath prepared for them that love Him.'"

D. MARTYN LLOYD JONES



NOTES, INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.

Read the passage and write down any observations, insights, or questions.



STRUCTURE

What themes or topics is Paul addressing in this passage?
Is there any one theme that seems to be most important in the passage?

How does Paul organize this section? Try to come up with a simple outline that reflects how this passage might break down into different parts.

What is Paul's main point? Try to summarize the emphasis of this passage in 1-2 sentences.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE

According to what Paul writes here, what is the relationship between suffering and glory?



SURROUNDINGS

BORDERS

In what ways do the verses immediately before and after this section impact your understanding of what Paul is saying?

BOOK

Consider the theme of the book of Romans. How does this passage help to support and develop Paul's main theme?

BIBLE

When we consider this passage in light of the larger story of the Bible, how does this passage relate to God's big plan to save sinners?



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SURROUNDINGS

In what ways could v. 28 be taken out of context and misconstrued?

What context in Romans and in the rest of Scripture would prevent us from making those mistakes?



SIGNIFICANCE

How does the good news of the gospel impact how you respond to this passage?

What part of the gospel can you see in this passage? Please describe.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE

What various aspects of the gospel does Paul address in v. 29-30?

In what ways is this passage good news for sufferers?

GOING DEEPER

Sometimes you hear, "That person is so heavenly minded that he/she is no earthly good." Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?⁹

What does it mean that "the whole creation has been groaning?" v. 22

Define "hope." Why is hope such an important aspect of the Christian gospel?

⁹ Merida, Tony. (2021) *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Romans*. B&H, 144.



ROMANS 8:18-30

In what way are we awaiting our adoption? V. 23

What does this passage tell us about what the Holy Spirit does for us?

NOTES



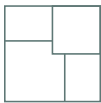
"God is pouring us into the mold
of Christ's perfect greatness."

TIMOTHY KELLER



NOTES, INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.

Read the passage and write down any observations, insights, or questions.



STRUCTURE

What themes or topics is Paul addressing in this passage?
Is there any one theme that seems to be most important in the passage?

How does Paul organize this section? Try to come up with a simple outline that reflects how this passage might break down into different parts.

What is Paul's main point? Try to summarize the emphasis of this passage in 1-2 sentences.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE

What questions does Paul pose in this section?

How do these questions help drive home his main point?



SURROUNDINGS

BORDERS

In what ways do the verses immediately before and after this section impact your understanding of what Paul is saying?

BOOK

Consider the theme of the book of Romans. How does this passage help to support and develop Paul's main theme?

BIBLE

When we consider this passage in light of the larger story of the Bible, how does this passage relate to God's big plan to save sinners?



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SURROUNDINGS

How do these verses relate to what Paul wrote about suffering in the previous section?

How do these verses connect with what Paul says in chapter 6 about being freed from sin's power?

Paul quotes Psalm 44:22 in verse 36. How does that Psalm impact your understanding of this passage?



SIGNIFICANCE

How does the good news of the gospel impact how you respond to this passage?

What part of the gospel can you see in this passage? Please describe.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE

In what ways does this passage give us confidence if we are in Christ?

What does this passage tell us about what Jesus has done to redeem us?

GOING DEEPER

What are some of the ways that we might be tempted to think we have been separated from the love of Christ? What does this passage teach us that can combat those doubts?

In what ways should v. 32 cause us to trust God in all circumstances?

What does it mean that Jesus is interceding for us? V. 34b



ROMANS 8:31-39

What does Paul mean when he says "we are more than conquerors through him who loved us?" V. 37

*In your own words, describe what it means that God is for us. Verse 31b
In what ways does this idea relate to what we've studied in the entirety of Romans 1-8?*

NOTES



"What will he not bestow?
Who freely gave this mighty gift unsought,
Unmerited, unheeded, and unsought,
what will he not bestow?"

*It's this that silences each rising fear,
Tis this that bids the hard thought disappear.
He spared not His Son!"*

HORATIUS BONAR

SMALL GROUP CONTACT INFO

Leader:

.....

Participants:

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....



**FIND DIGITAL RESOURCES
& FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

W parksidechurch.com/mensbiblestudy OR parksidechurch.com/womensbiblestudy

I [instagram.com/parksidechurch](https://www.instagram.com/parksidechurch)

F [facebook.com/parksidechurchbainbridge](https://www.facebook.com/parksidechurchbainbridge)

Y [youtube.com/c/parksidechurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/parksidechurch)