

# Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008

## Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

**Main idea:** The key sessions and topics of Romans—The Big Picture

**Objectives:** The student will be able, by the end of this lesson, to:

1. Have a map to help them keep the big picture in mind as they study the book of Romans
2. They will be able to see how the book flows

**Key Focus:**

Romans is not a series of isolated verses to be used for evangelism (though the verse are there), but a purposeful well organized letter for a specific group of people in Rome with application to us today.

**Outline:**

See Chart

**Resources:**

Articles:

Handout and Overheads: See the last two pages of this document

**Introduction**

Overview of Romans

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## The Righteousness of God

Central thought or thesis of the book of Romans is the righteousness of God, appropriated by His grace, through faith and the subject of justification by faith, which is revealed by godly living.

So, in our study of Romans, we need to . . .

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*He doesn’t condone our sin, nor does he compromise his standard.*

*He doesn’t ignore our rebellion, nor does he relax his demands.*

*Rather than dismiss our sin, he assumes our sin and, incredibly, sentences himself.*

*God’s holiness is honored. Our sin is punished . . . and we are redeemed.*

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## Key Passages

### *The Flow of Romans*

Chapters 1:1-3:20 First he gives the bad news: The world is condemned—no exceptions

Chapter 3:21- 31 The Good News: God apart from the Law, in Christ made all provisions necessary for man to stand with God.

Chapter 4 Free faith, declared righteous

Chapter 5 Adam as our representative provided death for all, we are all dead in Adam. God in Christ escorts you back into the garden. In Christ you get all you lost in Adam plus.

Chapter 6-7 All the problems are not solved. It depends on our reliance on God, we must yield to or obey God.

Chapter 8 God didn’t leave us helpless. Our help to win the battle is the Holy Spirit. He is the representative that guarantees success. If you fail, it’s your choice.

Chapter 9-11 If this salvation/righteousness/mercy is so great, why doesn’t Israel have it? They don’t believe. But God is sovereign and we must surrender to His ways.

Chapter 12:1 "Therefore" TOTAL DEDICATION

Chapter 12-13 How to relate in love to each other

Chapter 14-15 How to relate to each other when there is conflict

Chapter 16 Greetings

### *The Romans Road*

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Romans 6:23a For the wages of sin is death,

Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (ESV)

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