

## Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008

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

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**Mark Your Observations**


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**Record Observations & Questions**


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<b>Think Context!</b>
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**Romans 16:17-27**

- 17 I appeal to you, brothers,  
     to watch out for those who  
         cause divisions  
         and create obstacles  
                     contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught;  
                     avoid them.
- 18 For such persons  
     do not serve our Lord Christ,  
         but their own appetites,  
     and by smooth talk and flattery  
         they deceive the hearts of the naive.
- 19 For your obedience is known to all,  
     so that I rejoice over you,  
         but I want you to be wise as to what is good  
         and innocent as to what is evil.
- 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.  
     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- 21 Timothy,  
     my fellow worker, greets you;  
     so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater,  
     my kinsmen.
- 22 I Tertius, who wrote this letter,  
     greet you in the Lord.
- 23 Gaius,  
     who is host to me  
     and to the whole church, greets you.  
     Erastus, the city treasurer,  
     and our brother Quartus, greet you.
- 25 Now to him who is able to strengthen  
     you according to my gospel  
     and the preaching of Jesus Christ,  
         according to the revelation of the mystery  
             that was kept secret for long ages  
 26              but has now been disclosed  
             and through the prophetic writings  
             has been made known to all nations,  
         according to the command of the eternal God,  
         to bring about the obedience of faith—
- 27 to the only wise God  
     be glory forevermore  
     through Jesus Christ! Amen. (ESV)



Think about it



Talk about it

## Introduction

Do you know what you believe and why?

Have you tried to boil down your belief system into a core group of truths?

Do you know how much of your belief system is grounded in the Bible and how much you picked up through your cultural upbringing?

Can you explain it?

Can you defend it?

Why would it be important to do so?

## Romans 16:17-20 Warning

What are the results of false teachers?

What are the motivations of false teachers?

**Interaction:** Is it possible to balance being knowledgeable about the “ways” of the world and the beliefs and practices of differing worldview yet innocent about what is evil or immoral?

## Romans 16:21-23 Greetings from Associates

## Romans 16:25-27 Benediction/Doxology

**Interaction:** Sentence prayers in praise of God’s wonderful gift of salvation.

*Main Point:*

Know what you believe and why, live it and be able to defend it.

Our goal is not just “knowledge” or information. Our goal is transformation. Romans has taught us about *the transforming power of the gospel*.

Though knowledge can cause us to get puffed up, knowledge of God and the gospel should result in humble humility and passionate submission leading to life and lifestyle of worship.



What do we learn  
About God?

God deserves our worship!



Act on it

Based on the Warning~

Know what you believe and why

Seek to deepen your understanding and develop clarity in your core belief system.

Live it

Make sure the reality of your belief system impacts your life.

Be able to defend it

Defend with grace and courage.

Based on the Doxology~

We need to be regularly reminded of the wonder of the gospel.

A message that is simple yet profound.

A message that through faith gives life.

A message that sustains life.