

Romans Overview

Introduction.

- A. Possibly the most important book of the Bible.
 - 1. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, pastor of Westminster Chapel in London.
 - a. Taught *Romans* weekly for an hour to an audience of 1200 for 12 years, getting to chapter 14 before health forced his retirement.
 - b. Wrote a 14 volume commentary on *Romans*.
 - 2. Contains all the important theological themes of Christianity.
- B. Author, place, and time.
 - 1. The Apostle Paul.
 - 2. From Corinth.
 - 3. About spring of AD 58.
 - 4. Roman church probably established by converts from Pentecost.
- C. Purpose.
 - 1. Planning to visit them on the way to Spain.
 - 2. Explain the gospel that he preached.
 - 3. Show the effects of the gospel on Xn living.
- D. Two divisions.
 - 1. The gospel of grace: 1-11.
 - 2. Practical Xn living: 12-16.

I. Ro. 3: 21-26: Sin and Grace.

- A. The world is lost in sin.
 - 1. Pagans.
 - 2. Righteous.
 - 3. Jews.
- B. Exposition.
 - 1. Man's righteousness is no good.
 - 2. There is another righteousness -- from God.
 - a. Through faith in Jesus Christ.
 - b. For all who believe.
 - c. All have sinned.
 - d. By grace, all can be justified.

II. Ro. 5: 12-21: Sin and Salvation.

- A. Sin entered the world through one man.
 - 1. Death came upon all.
 - 2. Passed from Adam to all his descendants.
- B. The gift of God.
 - 1. "Gift" 5x and "grace" 3x in 15-17.
 - 2. Brings justification.
- C. Disobedience brought condemnation; obedience brings righteousness.

III. Ro. 7: 7-25: The Xn struggle.

- A. Law reveals my sin.
 - 1. The law itself is good.
 - 2. By the law, I know I am a sinner.
- B. Dilemma.
 - 1. I do what I don't want to do.
 - 2. I fail to do what I want to do.
 - 3. My spirit delights in obedience to God.
 - 4. My flesh wars against my spirit.
- C. X delivers me from that wretchedness.

IV. Ro. 12:1-8: Xn service.

- A. Presenting my body as a living sacrifice is my spiritual worship.
- B. Gifts of the HS.
 - 1. Sober self-judgment.
 - 2. With various gifts, we serve God by serving his Church.
- C. Gifts always followed by love.

V. End thoughts.

- A. Grace, grace, grace: DO vs. DONE.
- B. The Roman Road.
 - 1. 3:23.
 - 2. 6:23.
 - 3. 10:9-10.
- C. Verses to memorize.
 - 1. 1:16-17.
 - 2. 3:23.
 - 3. 4:4-5
 - 4. 6:23.
 - 5. 8:1-2.
 - 6. 10:9-10.
 - 7. 12:1-2.