

# Romans

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## Lesson 1—the book of Romans

### **Section 1. Read Romans Chapters 1, 2, and 3**

1. Give some characteristics of the author of the letter to the Romans. Who were the recipients of the letter?
2. Paul was from what city? What had he been religiously before he became a Christian (Acts 9:6, 23:6)?

### **Section 2. Read Romans Chapters 4, 5, and 6**

3. How had Paul's earlier training prepared him for his writing career (Acts 22:2,3)?
4. What had prevented Paul from visiting Rome (Romans 15:17-22)?
5. Give three reasons why Paul wished to go to Rome (Romans 1:11-15; 15:24).

### **Section 3. Read Romans Chapters 7 and 8**

6. One of Paul's objectives as he wrote the letter to the Romans was to show that the Gospel, not the Mosaic Law, was the most important. What was Paul's opinion of the gospel of Christ (I Corinthians 15:1-4)?
7. Give some examples from the book of Romans to show that one of Paul's purposes was to motivate the Roman Christians to a higher standard of Christian living (Romans 12:9,10,13,14; 17-21).

### **Section 4. Read Romans Chapters 9, 10 and 11**

8. The work "doctrine" is usually defined as the teachings or principles of a religion. The first eleven chapters of Romans presents many great Christian doctrines. Give three doctrines, or truths, from these chapters.

9. Romans includes many lessons regarding relationships with god and people. Give one example.

### **Section 5. Read Romans Chapters 12, 13 and 14**

10. The last five chapters of Romans include practical suggestions for living the Christian life as servants of God. What must we do before we can become great servants of God? What are some ways we may serve others?

11. There are various themes that permeate the book of Romans. What is the overall theme of the book (Romans 1:17)?

12. Another overall theme is that freedom acts in love. List three objects of this love.

### **Section 6. Read Romans Chapters 15 and 16**

13. Why did Paul use so many Old Testament passages in this letter to the Romans (Romans 1:7; 2:17)?

14. How did Paul express his deep concern for the Jews (Romans 9:1-4)?

15. Reflect on how the reading of Romans has helped you in your appreciate of Christ, salvation and the gift of grace. How will you live this week in response to the redemption that is presented in the book of Romans?