

Adult 2 Class – Oct. 6, 2019

Romans chapters 1 - 2 (Pre-class study & preparation)

1. No one knows how the church in Rome began. Paul likely wrote the epistle when he was at Corinth (Acts 20:2-3) toward the end of his 3rd missionary journey. He knew of the “saints” (1:7) in Rome to whom he wrote. How might the beginning of the church in Rome be connected with the following:

- a) Acts 2:5-13 & 8:1-4
- b) Acts 18:1-3 & Romans 16:3-5
- c) The saying, “All roads lead to Rome.”

2. What do the highlighted words mean? “Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,” (Romans 1:1 NAS 1977)

3. What do verses 2-3 emphasize about the gospel Paul refers to in verse 1?

4. According to verse 4, what event declared Jesus to be the Son of God? _____
(Acts 13:32-34 shows the fulfillment of Psalms 2:7 by this event & also Acts 2:29-36.)

5. Study and be prepared to discuss Romans 1:11-12, including:

- a) The “spiritual gift” of verse 11.
- b) What is the point of verse 12 being added to the sentence beginning in v. 11?

6. The gospel is the power of God for saving souls according to Romans 1:16-17.

- a) Does the power of the gospel pertain to one’s initial salvation, or one’s eventual salvation, or both?
- b) Think of your soul’s value (cf. Mark 8:36-37) & personal conclusions relative to Rom. 1:16-17.

7. Romans 1:18-32 pertains to the sinfulness of the Gentiles. Romans 1:20 shows that “since the creation” God’s attributes were _____ and _____ by man through the created world. Romans 1:21 takes this even further saying they _____ God through the testimony of creation. (Psalms 19:1-6)

8. From 1:18-19, describe how to avoid God’s wrath:

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9. How does Romans 1:20 refute the idea that mankind evolved over millions of years? (See also Mark 10:6)

10. Some versions of Romans 1:25 have the phrase “served the creature.” Identify the creature:

11. Romans 1:26-32 gives a dark depiction of those apart from God. How does 2:1-11 relate?

12. What can lead us to assume we can escape God’s judgment? (Rom. 2:1-3)

13. THE “final exam” will come! Note 3 standards of judgment God uses in 2:2, 6 & 11.

14. Romans 2:17-32 speaks to the overconfident Jewish Christians. What are the 5 advantages listed in verses 17-18 that are called to witness against such Jewish Christians in verses 21-24?

15. How is the connection made to blasphemy among the Gentiles in Rom. 2:24?

Application 1: Consider carefully the basic error that leads to the pride of the Jews over the Gentiles. Rather than confidence in God and humility to recognize their own shortcomings, this confidence in themselves renders their hearts as stones (cf. Ezekiel 36:26-27). We should take great notice of the pitfall of overconfidence! Meditate upon 2nd Peter 3:17, Luke 8:18, 1st Tim. 4:16 & Philippians 2:12.

Application 2: Reflect personally upon Romans 2:28-29 – has my “heart” been “circumcised by the Spirit” or is it still fleshly? What things are given in this text to rid ourselves of?