

Bible Book Outlines

Outline of the Book of Romans

The Book of Romans is a profound theological treatise written by the Apostle Paul. It systematically presents the core doctrines of the Christian faith, emphasizing salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Here is an exhaustive outline of Romans, highlighting the dangers facing believers:

I. Introduction (1:1-17)

- A. Salutation (1:1-7)
 - 1. Paul's identity and mission (1:1-5)
 - 2. Greeting to the Roman believers (1:6-7)
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 - 1. Thanksgiving and prayer (1:8-10)
 - 2. Longing to impart spiritual gifts (1:11-15)
- C. Theme of the Epistle: The Gospel as the Power of God for Salvation (1:16-17)

II. The Universal Need for Righteousness (1:18-3:20)

- A. The Gentiles' Sinfulness (1:18-32)
 - 1. God's wrath against ungodliness and unrighteousness (1:18-20)
 - 2. Idolatry and moral decline (1:21-32)
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 - 2. The Law and accountability (2:12-29)
 - 3. Objections and God's faithfulness (3:1-8)
- C. The Universality of Sin (3:9-20)
 - 1. No one is righteous (3:9-18)
 - 2. The purpose of the Law (3:19-20)

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- A. Righteousness Through Faith (3:21-31)
 - 1. The righteousness of God apart from the Law (3:21-22)
 - 2. Justification by grace through faith (3:23-26)
 - 3. Exclusion of boasting (3:27-31)
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 - 1. Abraham's faith counted as righteousness (4:1-5)
 - 2. David's testimony to righteousness apart from works (4:6-8)
 - 3. The promise through faith (4:9-25)
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 - 1. Peace with God through Christ (5:1-2)
 - 2. Joy in suffering and hope of glory (5:3-5)
 - 3. God's love demonstrated through Christ's death (5:6-11)

- D. Contrast Between Adam and Christ (5:12-21)
 - 1. Sin and death through Adam (5:12-14)
 - 2. Grace and life through Christ (5:15-21)

IV. Sanctification: The Process of Becoming Holy (6:1-8:39)

- A. Freedom from Sin (6:1-23)
 - 1. Dying to sin and living for God (6:1-14)
 - 2. Slaves to righteousness (6:15-23)
- B. Freedom from the Law (7:1-25)
 - 1. Released from the Law (7:1-6)
 - 2. The Law and sin (7:7-13)
 - 3. The struggle with sin (7:14-25)
- C. Life in the Spirit (8:1-17)
 - 1. No condemnation in Christ (8:1-4)
 - 2. Living according to the Spirit (8:5-11)
 - 3. Heirs with Christ (8:12-17)
- D. Future Glory (8:18-30)
 - 1. Present suffering and future glory (8:18-25)
 - 2. The Spirit's intercession (8:26-27)
 - 3. God's purpose and predestination (8:28-30)
- E. God's Everlasting Love (8:31-39)
 - 1. God's provision for believers (8:31-34)
 - 2. The inseparable love of Christ (8:35-39)

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- A. Paul's Sorrow Over Israel (9:1-5)
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- B. God's Sovereign Choice (9:6-29)
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 - 3. The potter and the clay (9:19-29)
- C. Israel's Unbelief and the Gentiles' Inclusion (9:30-10:21)
 - 1. The stumbling stone (9:30-33)
 - 2. The righteousness based on faith (10:1-13)
 - 3. The necessity of preaching (10:14-21)
- D. The Remnant of Israel (11:1-10)
 - 1. God has not rejected His people (11:1-6)
 - 2. Israel's hardening and the remnant (11:7-10)
- E. The Inclusion of the Gentiles (11:11-24)
 - 1. Salvation to the Gentiles through Israel's trespass (11:11-15)
 - 2. Warning against Gentile pride (11:16-24)
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 - 1. Mystery of Israel's salvation (11:25-27)

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- A. A Living Sacrifice (12:1-2)
 1. Presenting bodies as a living sacrifice (12:1)
 2. Transformation through renewing of the mind (12:2)
- B. Humble Service in the Body of Christ (12:3-8)
 1. Humility and sober judgment (12:3)
 2. Diversity of gifts in the body (12:4-8)
- C. Love in Action (12:9-21)
 1. Sincere love and abhorrence of evil (12:9-13)
 2. Blessing and living in harmony (12:14-16)
 3. Overcoming evil with good (12:17-21)
- D. Submission to Governing Authorities (13:1-7)
 1. Authority instituted by God (13:1-2)
 2. Role of rulers (13:3-4)
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- E. Love Fulfills the Law (13:8-10)
 1. Debt of love (13:8)
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- F. The Day Is Near (13:11-14)
 1. Awakening from spiritual slumber (13:11-12)
 2. Putting on the armor of light (13:13-14)
- G. The Weak and the Strong (14:1-15:13)
 1. Acceptance without passing judgment (14:1-4)
 2. Living for the Lord (14:5-9)
 3. Avoiding stumbling blocks (14:10-23)
 4. Pleasing others for their good (15:1-6)
 5. Unity and hope in Christ (15:7-13)

VII. Paul's Ministry and Plans (15:14-16:27)

- A. Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles (15:14-21)
 1. Paul's confidence in the Roman believers (15:14-15)
 2. Paul's priestly service to the Gentiles (15:16-21)
- B. Paul's Plan to Visit Rome (15:22-33)
 1. Paul's travel plans (15:22-29)
 2. Appeal for prayer (15:30-33)
- C. Personal Greetings (16:1-16)
 1. Commendation of Phoebe (16:1-2)
 2. Greetings to various individuals (16:3-16)
- D. Final Instructions and Doxology (16:17-27)
 1. Warning against divisive people (16:17-20)
 2. Greetings from Paul's companions (16:21-23)

3. Doxology (16:25-27)

Dangers Facing the Believer Highlighted in Romans

1. Suppressing the Truth (1:18-32):

- **Danger:** Ignoring and suppressing the truth of God leads to idolatry and moral degradation.
- **Application:** Acknowledge and live according to the truth revealed by God.

2. Judging Others Hypocritically (2:1-11):

- **Danger:** Hypocritical judgment can lead to self-condemnation.
- **Application:** Be self-aware and repentant, avoiding a judgmental attitude.

3. Reliance on the Law (2:12-29):

- **Danger:** Relying on the Law and outward rituals without true heart change.
- **Application:** Seek genuine inward transformation by the Spirit.

4. Universal Sinfulness (3:9-20):

- **Danger:** Believing one is exempt from sin's effects.
- **Application:** Recognize universal sinfulness and the need for God's grace.

5. Boasting in Works (3:27-31):

- **Danger:** Boasting in personal righteousness rather than in God's grace.
- **Application:** Trust solely in God's grace for justification.

6. Underestimating the Role of Faith (4:1-25):

- **Danger:** Failing to see the importance of faith exemplified by Abraham.
- **Application:** Emulate Abraham's faith and trust in God's promises.

7. Misunderstanding Grace (6:1-23):

- **Danger:** Misinterpreting grace as a license to sin.
- **Application:** Live a life of holiness, understanding that grace leads to righteousness.

8. Struggling with Sin (7:14-25):

- **Danger:** Being overwhelmed by the struggle with sin.
- **Application:** Rely on Christ for deliverance from the power of sin.

9. Living According to the Flesh (8:1-17):

- **Danger:** Living a life dominated by sinful nature.
- **Application:** Walk according to the Spirit and set your mind on spiritual things.

10. Despair in Suffering (8:18-30):

- **Danger:** Losing hope in the midst of suffering.
- **Application:** Trust in God's purpose and future glory.

11. Boasting Against Israel (11:17-24):

- **Danger:** Gentile believers becoming prideful and dismissive of Israel.
- **Application:** Remain humble and recognize God's continuing plan for Israel.

12. Conforming to the World (12:1-2):

- **Danger:** Being conformed to the patterns of this world.
- **Application:** Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

13. Pride and Division in the Church (12:3-8):

- **Danger:** Pride and causing division within the body of Christ.
- **Application:** Serve with humility and unity, recognizing diverse gifts.

14. Overcoming Evil with Evil (12:17-21):

- **Danger:** Retaliating and repaying evil for evil.
- **Application:** Overcome evil with good, leaving vengeance to God.

15. Rebellion Against Authority (13:1-7):

- **Danger:** Rebelling against governing authorities.
- **Application:** Submit to authorities as they are established by God.

16. Neglecting Love (13:8-10):

- **Danger:** Failing to fulfill the law through love.
- **Application:** Let love guide all actions, fulfilling God's commands.

17. Spiritual Apathy (13:11-14):

- **Danger:** Spiritual apathy and moral laxity.
- **Application:** Wake up and live as children of light, putting on Christ.

18. Judging One Another in Matters of Conscience (14:1-12):

- **Danger:** Judging others on disputable matters.
- **Application:** Respect each other's convictions and avoid passing judgment.

19. Causing Others to Stumble (14:13-23):

- **Danger:** Causing a fellow believer to stumble through one's freedom.
- **Application:** Act in love, prioritizing others' spiritual well-being.

20. Selfishness and Division (Romans 15:1-7):

- **Danger:** Selfishness and causing division within the church.
- **Application:** Seek unity and build each other up in the faith.

Well-known Passages from Romans

[Romans 1:18-21 ESV] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known

about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

[Romans 5:6-8 ESV] For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

[Romans 6:22-23 ESV] But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Romans 8:26-30 ESV] Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

[Romans 12:1-2 ESV] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Conclusion for Romans

By understanding these dangers and applying Paul's exhortations, believers can safeguard their faith, foster unity within the church, and live lives that reflect the transformative power of the gospel.